



# Saint Clare of Assisi



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Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) (Year A) — 12th Apr 2026

If you wish to make a donation — Sort Code: 30-15-52, Account Number: 54579560

## Readings

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

*The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit*

## Masses & Services

*Easter Saturday*

Sat 4.30pm Adoration  
**11** 5.30pm Rosary & Confession  
**6.00pm Mass: Kathleen Flaherty RIP**

*Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)*

Sun 9.00am Rosary & Confession  
**12** **9.30am Mass: People of the Parish**

Mon *Monday of the 2nd week of Eastertide*

**13** Note No Mass

*Tuesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide*

Tue 6.30pm Confession  
**14** **7.00pm Mass: Souls in Purgatory**

*Wednesday of the 2nd week of Eastertide*

Wed 9.00am Adoration & Rosary & Confession  
**15** **9.30am Mass: Private Intention**

*Thursday of the 2nd week of Eastertide*

Thu 5.30pm Adoration  
**16** **6.30pm Mass: Private Intention**

*Friday of the 2nd week of Eastertide*

Fri Note Day of abstinence from meat  
**17** 9.00am Rosary  
**9.30am Mass: People of the Parish**

*Saturday of the 2nd week of Eastertide*

Sat **4.00pm Misa Española: People of the Parish**  
**18** 5.30pm Rosary & Confession  
**6.00pm Mass: Ann Brennan RIP**

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

Sun 9.00am Rosary & Confession  
**19** **9.30am Mass: Rajeer & Mily Special Intention**

## Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including: Rosemary Roberts, Judy Kearney, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns, and Tricia Cannon.

**If anyone is in need of a visit or Holy Communion, please let Fr Patrick know.**

## Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Foxall Tom, Gibbons Mildred, Elliot Jean Mary, Brather-ton Kathleen Mary, Spereall Mabel Irene, Fr Eric Jones OFM

## St John Henry Newman

*"To live by faith is my necessity, from my present state of being and from my sin but Thou has pronounced a blessing on it. Thou has said, that I am more blessed if I believe in Thee, than if I saw Thee – My Lord and my God"* St John Henry Newman Parochial and Plain Sermons

St John Henry Newman lived between 1801 and 1890, studied at Trinity College Oxford and taught at Oriel College. He became a Catholic in 1845 at Littlemore and went on to become a Priest. He is the most recent doctor of the Church and his life and writings are an inspiration to many across the world life who seek to live the Christian life.

## Mary's Meals

Please note that Hannah Moore from Mary's Meals will be speaking at each Mass next weekend about the work of the Charity which helps provide school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. A collection in support of Mary's Meals will also be held at each Mass next weekend.

## Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team Vacancies

Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a **Programme Coordinator** and **Youth Mission Team Member**. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. Interested parties should send their CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) **Closing date Friday 29 April 2026.**  
<https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

## Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week the proceeds go to CAFOD, and next week it's Catherine and Elaine, with the proceeds going to St. Clare's Conference.

## St Clare's SVP Conference

Our District meeting this week showed that the SVP locally is in good heart. St Werburgh's, Ellesmere Port, and Hooton have recruited six new members each. Both conferences support a wide range of beneficiaries. Lonely visiting is common at St Werburgh's, and cost-of-living support is the most common need in Ellesmere Port. We at St Clare's Conference are here to help in our parish if there is anyone in need. God bless, Steve.

## Foodbank Donations

Recently, 20 and 27 kg of food have been taken to the warehouse. Please continue to bring items in and place them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the warehouse when the trolley is full. Regards, Steve.

## St Clare's School PTA

We are trying to raise £20,000 to purchase a new climbing frame for the School playground. Our target this year is £10,000. If you would like to help, then donations can be made at our just giving page <https://gofund.me/5aac10635>. Every little helps. Thank you. St Clare's School PTA.

## St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are having two weeks off during the Easter holidays. Next session will be with Francesca on 19th April. Children of any age are welcome.

*Jeremiah 15:16 I discovered your words and I consumed them. And your word became to me as the gladness and joy of my heart. For your name has been invoked over me, O Lord, the God of hosts.*

## Children's Rosary Group

Our next meeting is 14 April at 6:25 p.m. The Children's Rosary helps children grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This is done through prayer groups in which the children lead the Rosary. Children of any age are welcome to join us.

## Heating System

Contractors recently came out to fix the fan gas heaters. Please feel free to bring a coat with you to church, as despite the sunny weather outdoors it can still be cold in church.

## Regular Giving to the Parish

For those parishioners who have used planned giving envelopes during 2025/26, new boxes of envelopes to be used from Sunday 12th April are now available in the porch. If you wish to set up a Standing Order in favour of the Parish, or have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so, then please either see Mike Russell after Mass or contact him on

07883 199628. Please also contact Mike if you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme.

## MFL Retreat Day

For all those interested in supporting the Vocation of Marriage and Family you are invited to attend our Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry (MFL) Retreat Day to help you find out more about what is involved and what help is needed. There will be presentations on the Mission of Marriage, a Reflection on the Book of Tobit and Holy Mass at Midday.

**When: 18th April 2026, 9.30am – 4pm**

**Where: St. John Vianney Parish Hall, St Wilfrid's Church, Witton Street Northwich Cheshire, CW9 5NP**

**Please Register with Monika Golembiewska** on 07549 226794 or email: [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality – 2026 Members Focus Group

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 7 p.m.

**Venue:** St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL

**Open to:** All hospitality members, even those who have not attended previous sessions

The inaugural 2026 Hospitality Members Focus Group will review last year's collaboration-improvement commitments and set priorities for the coming year. Fr Sean Henry will join the discussion.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk).

## Encountering Jesus in the Gospels

*How to lead groups in reflective prayer*

Join us for a short online formation course building the skills and confidence needed to hold and guide groups of those who wish to deepen their relationship with Jesus, in conversation with others, through reflectively praying with gospel texts.

**Time: Tuesday evenings, 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.**

**Dates: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 9**

[www.jesuitinstitute.org/events](http://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events)

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