



Saint Clare of Assisi



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 19th July 2026

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

Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Ps 86(85):5-6, 9-10, 15-16a, R5a
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Masses & Services

Sat *Ferial*

18 4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: John Brennan RIP

Sun *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

19 9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Mon *Ferial*

20 *Note* No Mass

Tue *Ferial*

21 6.00pm Adoration
6.30pm Confession
7.00pm Mass

Wed *St Mary Magdalen*

22 9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: Elaine Ward Thanksgivings

Thu *St Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe*

23 *Note* Day of special prayer for Europe
5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass

Fri *Ferial*

24 *Note* Day of abstinence from meat
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass
10.00am Adoration

Sat *St James, Ap*

25 4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Kathleen Brennan RIP

Sun *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

26 9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including: Nina Clayton, Joanne Grainger, Rosemary Roberts, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns, Tricia Cannon, and Jeremiah Brennan.

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

Pray for the Departed on their Anniversaries

Albert Waters, Etheldreda Arcari, Christina Callaghan, John Patterson, Harry Aloysius Fitzpatrick, Cyril Walters, Joe Harris

Quote

"Prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body."

St John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

Angela Walshe 1930–2026

It is with sadness that we report the death of Angela, who passed away peacefully on 11 July. Please remember her in your prayers. Funeral arrangements will be announced here shortly.

St Clare's Day BBQ

We will be celebrating St Clare's Day on 9 August with a BBQ after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Missio Red Box Secretary

After more than 20 years as the local Missio (Red Box) secretary, Tony Austin has decided to retire from the role. Mike Russell has kindly agreed to take on the role.

Tony would like to thank all Red Box holders, past and present, for their wonderful support and generosity over the years, and he hopes this will continue in the future.

St Clare's SVP Conference

The Central Council meeting last Wednesday in Shrewsbury showed that the SVP is in great shape across the diocese. Help is given in many quarters, and St Clare's is no exception. Please continue to help us by bringing in ink cartridges and supporting us in other ways. Thank you, as always. Please keep those in need in your prayers. God bless. Steve.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

This week it's Catherine and Elaine, with proceeds to St Clare's SVP Conference, and next week it's Mike and Veronica, with proceeds to the Holiday Home.

Tea & Coffee after Wednesday 9:30 AM Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with the tea and coffee after Wednesday Mass, particularly in the third and fourth weeks of the month. Please see Father Patrick for details.

Foodbank Donations

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 fills.

Regards, Steve.

St Clare's School Fundraising

The PTA is fundraising to provide equipment for the school. Details on how to donate are available at the SVP table in the Church lobby. A £1 donation is all that's needed. We especially need more backers for the project, not just higher amounts. Please help.

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday, 19 July, after Mass in the sacristy for about 10 minutes. We will be pondering the Scripture and feeding our spirit, and we will include a craft related to the Scripture with Francesca. From the following week, we will have a break for the summer holidays and restart on Sunday, 6 September. Children of any age are welcome.

Faith, Fun, and Friendship

Children's Rosary Group

We are now breaking up for the summer holidays. We hope everyone has a relaxing time with their family. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 1 September. The Children's Rosary helps children grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This is done through prayer groups where the children lead the Rosary. Children of any age are welcome to join us.

"The Rosary is a spiritual sword made by God." — Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC, the Marians' vice provincial and vocations director.

Is It True?

<https://www.IsItTrue.net> is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends.

We Believe Festival

The We Believe Festival of Catholic Life takes place at St Mary's College, Oscott, from 24 to 27 July 2026.

There is content for every age. Book a place here: <https://www.webelievFestival.com/>.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Day

As part of the Jubilee Year and in preparation for the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, Franciscan churches have been designated as places of pilgrimage where the faithful may obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions.

We are therefore inviting parishioners from across the Diocese to join us for a special Pilgrimage Day at St Francis Church, Chester, on Thursday 17 September 2026, the Feast of the Stigmata of St Francis.

Sunday Music

830 The Church's One Foundation
501 Kyrie XI
1002 Gloria
1003 Gospel Acclamation
600 All That I Am
1005 Holy, Holy, Holy
1006 Memorial Acclamation 1
1009 Amen
1011 Lamb of God
960 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Sign up for Our Email List

Email newsletter@stclares.co.uk to request to be added to the list. We will send this newsletter weekly, and occasionally some mid-week updates. To include a news item, please send it there by Wednesday.

Pro-Life Helplines

<https://lifecharity.org.uk>
<https://www.goodcounselnetwork.com>
<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

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