



Saint Clare of Assisi



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 2nd August 2026

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

Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3

Ps 145(144):8-9, 15-16, 17-18. R cf. 16

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Masses & Services

Sat *St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, B, D***1** 4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Margaret O'Sullivan RIPSun *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time***2** 9.00am Confession & Rosary**9.30am Mass: People of the Parish**Mon *St Oswald, K & M***3** **11.30am Funeral Mass: Judy Kearney**Tue *St John Mary Vianney, P***4** 6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Confession

7.00pm Mass: Angela WalsheWed *Ferial***5** 9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary**9.30am Mass: Judy Kearney RIP**Thu *The Transfiguration of the Lord***6** *Note Day of special prayer for Europe***12.00pm Funeral Mass: Angela Walshe**

5.30pm Adoration

6.30pm MassFri *Ferial***7** *Note Day of abstinence from meat*

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Abergail Maher Birthday

10.00am Adoration

Sat *St Dominic, P***8** 4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Frederick & Joan Hodson RIPSun *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time***9** 9.00am Confession & Rosary**9.30am Mass: People of the Parish**

10.20am St Clare's Day BBQ

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

Catherine Veronica Sheridan, Edith Wright, William Joseph Rush, John Francis Cavanagh, Charles Henry Evans, Josephine Keegan, Lilian McGovern, Anthony Michael Snell, Albert Edward Paddock, Ann Marie Connolly, Arthur Clayton, Peter Burns, Patrick James Farrelly

Message from Fr Patrick

As we end the month of July, here is a reminder to pray for and support the pro-life cause. Pope Leo XIV's intention for this month is to pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, recognizing life as a gift from God.

On a different note, Wednesday Café after Mass is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy a friendly chat. Please speak with Fr Patrick, Kevin, or Esme if you would like to volunteer to help run this event every Wednesday after Mass.

Funeral of Judy Kearney RIP

Judy Kearney's funeral will be on Monday, 3 August, at 11:30 a.m., here in St Clare's.

Funeral of Angela Walshe RIP

Angela's funeral will be on Thursday 6 August. There will be a reception to remember her life at 10:00 a.m. in the Lache Community Centre next door, followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:00 midday here in St Clare's, and interment at Blaenau Cemetery. All are welcome to come and remember Angela.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Our meeting last Tuesday showed that visiting beneficiaries continues apace and is welcomed by those in need. The conference finances are in good shape, but they are vulnerable to a possible cut in the funding stream. The revenue from the bottle for foreign cur-

rency in the church lobby will go to the parish. Please keep the ink cartridges coming in. Please also keep in mind those in need in your prayers. God bless. Steve.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

This week, the proceeds will go to the church gardening group, and next week they will go to CAFOD.

St Clare's School Fundraising

A big thank you to all who donated to this fundraising. Enough money has been raised to complete the project and obtain the new equipment.

Jesus4UsAll Testimonies

Two of our parishioners, Charlotte and Janka, are part of a healing ministry called Jesus4UsAll.com. In the new magazine, they share testimonies about Jesus calling them to be His disciples. <https://jesus4usall.com/magazine-summer-2026-issue-12a/>

Divine Retreat Centre, Pantasaph – August 2026

Join us this August for a month of prayer, healing, and spiritual renewal at the Divine Retreat Centre, Pantasaph. All are warmly welcome.

Highlights include the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday 1 August, a Young Adults Retreat from Friday 7 August to Sunday 9 August, a Marian Evening on Saturday 15 August for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a St Pio & St Vincent Deliverance and Healing Convention on Saturday 22 August.

For further information, and to register for the Young Adults Retreat, visit www.divinepantasaph.org or contact the Retreat Centre.

A Local Saint to Inspire Us

Join us for this special Fifth Sunday Service at **St Columba's Church** on **Sunday 30 August at 4:30 p.m.**

Come and honour St Edmund Plessington, the Chester priest and martyr who remained faithful to Christ unto death. Through his intercession, let us pray for courage in our faith, perseverance in times of trial, and an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

Flame of Love Conference

The Flame of Love Annual Conference will take place on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 September 2026 at Olton Friary, St Bernard's Road, Solihull, Birmingham, B92 7BL.

Join us for two days of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we explore the message of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The conference will feature inspiring talks, praise and worship, workshops, fellowship, and a healing service.

Everyone is warmly welcome. For further information, visit <https://www.flameoflove.org.uk> or email info@flameoflove.org.uk.

New Dawn Evenings

"Come to Me and drink" — John 7:37–38

Join us each month for an uplifting evening of praise and worship, inspiring teaching, the Sacraments, and personal prayer ministry. It is a time to reconnect with the Lord and with one another, and an opportunity to be renewed, restored, and strengthened in fellowship.

Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., at All Saints Church, Redclyffe Road, Manchester, M41 7LG

Quiet Retreats for Adults

During October half term 2026, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation, and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then plenty of time to explore the area, pray, or simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

Catholic Holidays in the Lake District

During August and September 2026, Castlerigg Manor is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and an evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information, visit castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711.

Sunday Music

466 All people that on earth do dwell
501 Kyrie XI Orbis Factor
1002 Gloria
1003 Gospel Acclamation
977 Lord, thy word abideth
1005 Holy, Holy, Holy
1007 Memorial Acclamation 2
1009 Amen
1011 Lamb of God
945 Now thank we all our God

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 midday Wednesday.

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