



Saint Clare of Assisi



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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year A) — 16th August 2026

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Readings

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

Ps 132(131):6-7, 9-10, 13-14. R8

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57

Luke 11:27-28

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Masses & Services

Sat *Ferial*

15 4.00pm **Misa en Español**
 4.30pm Adoration
 5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Janet Orange RIP

Sun *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

16 9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Mon *Ferial*

17 Note No Mass

Tue *Ferial*

18 6.00pm Adoration
 6.30pm Confession
7.00pm Mass: Robert Green RIP Anniversary

Wed *Ferial*

19 9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: Peter Charles Byrne RIP

Thu *St Bernard, Ab, D*

20 5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass: Judy Kearney RIP

Fri *St Pius X, Pp*

21 Note Day of abstinence from meat
 9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Kerry Prendergast RIP
 10.00am Adoration

Sat *Our Lady, Mother & Q*

22 4.30pm Adoration
 5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Eileen & William Prendergast RIP

Sun *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

23 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, and Tricia Cannon.

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

Pray for the Departed on their Anniversaries

Gladys Joinson, Robert Hugh Green, Lesley Ann Joinson, Eileen Teresa Griffiths, Sean Farrell, David Roberts, Hilda Evans, Peter Charles Byrne, Paul Starmer, Elsie Kelly, Cecil James Stinson

The Assumption of Mary

Pope Pius XII defined the formal dogma of the Assumption of Mary on 1 November, 1950, in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*: "We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Thank You to Bernise & St Clare's School

A big thank you to Bernise from St Clare's Primary School for lending us the statue of Saint Clare, so we could have the relic out for veneration in this special Franciscan Year.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Raffle Tickets for the annual SVP National Raffle (Main Prize £5000) are now for Sale from SVP conference members. Money raised from this raffle goes to the National Office finances and locally to our conference to allow us to help those in need. Your generosity is welcomed. Good luck. We have had winners in the past. Please also keep in mind those in need in your prayers. God bless. Steve

Thank You from the Dignon Family

The family of Peggy Dignon would like to thank all parishioners who supported them at her funeral this week with music, singing, prayer, and kind words.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

This week Steve and others will organise the tea and coffee with proceeds going to CAFOD. Next week Catherine and Elaine will organise the Tea and Coffee with proceeds to St Clare's Conference.

Tea & Coffee after Wednesday 9:30 AM Mass

There will be no Wednesday tea and coffee after Mass until 9 September.

Parish Fundraising

A collection bottle for unused foreign currency is now in the lobby. Proceeds from this collection will go to the parish funds.

Diocesan Vacancies

Exciting new vacancies have arisen within the Diocese. The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) is recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and a Team Member. Both roles are full time and based in Stockport. The Curial office is also looking to recruit an Accounts Assistant, full time, based in Birkenhead.

CVs should be sent to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date: Friday 18 September. Further details for all vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website using this link: <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

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 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.

Community Volunteer Car Scheme: Drivers Needed

Many charities like ours organise and fund wonderful activities for our members, but our main difficulty is always transport. Before my diagnosis of Parkinson's, I volunteered as a driver for Lache Day Centre and more recently for Macmillan, and I found both very rewarding.

If you are a driver with your own car and some time to spare, you may be interested in volunteering for <https://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk/>, where they are trying to set up a car scheme for the most vulnerable in our community. If you are interested, please email Sarah Jolliffe, the Community Transport Manager at Changing Lives, with your contact details and a little information about yourself.

Sarah.Jolliffe@changing-lives-together.org.uk

Thank you.

Pat Riddell, Chair of Chester Parkinson's UK

Jesus Heals Prayer Evening

Come and experience the healing love of Christ at Jesus Heals Liverpool on Friday, 25 September, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St Teresa of the Child Jesus Church, Sedge-moor Road, Liverpool.

The evening will include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, inspiring preaching, and prayers for healing, led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew. Admission is free.

Walk The Cross 2026

Walk the Cross 2026 will take place in Wales (our closest event) on 26 and 27 September 2026. Please join this pilgrimage in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Join for as much or as little as you're able—we welcome all ages. For more information, visit <https://www.walkthecross.ie> or contact Martin on +44 7513 590858.

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

Sunday Music

365 Immaculate Mary
1002 Belmont Gloria
Offertory 600 - All That I Am
1005 Holy
1011 Lamb of God
Exit: 356 - Hail Queen of Heav'n

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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