



Saint Clare of Assisi



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 23rd August 2026

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

Readings

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc, R8bc

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Masses & Services

Sat *Our Lady, Mother & Q***22** 4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Eileen & William Prendergast RIPSun *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time***23** 9.00am Confession & Rosary**9.30am Mass: People of the Parish**Mon *St Bartholomew, Ap***24** *Note No Mass*Tue *Ferial***25** 6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Confession

7.00pm Mass: Betty Wilmott RIPWed *Ferial***26** 9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary**9.30am Mass: Debbie Dwyer Birthday**Thu *St Monica***27** 5.30pm Adoration**6.30pm Mass: Angela Walshe RIP**Fri *St Augustine, B, D***28** *Note Day of abstinence from meat*

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Peter Charles Byrne RIP

10.00am Adoration

Sat *The Beheading of St John the Baptist***29** 4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Chris & Helen Brown Wedding Celebration and Florence Cordelia Humphries RIPSun *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***30** 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

Dorothy Penlington, John Hughes, M Farrimond, June Atherton, Sylvia Margaret West, Felice Sapio, Emily Marsh

Message from Fr Patrick

It was great to have the baptisms this month of Faith Littler, and of Michael Ashbourne. A big congratulations to the families!

The first OMT project, removing all the asbestos from the garage, will take place in a few days. This will involve removing the roof and installing a replacement roof.

This Sunday, we will hear the passage of the keys being given to Saint Peter and his confession of faith, which will last through the ages.

25th Anniversary of Fr Martin's Ordination

Everyone is welcome to join Mass on Sunday, 6 September, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady and the Apostles Church, Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BQ. There will be a reception buffet at the back of the church following the celebration.

There is a card at the back of St Clare's. All are welcome to sign it and add their messages for Fr Martin Onuoha.

St Clare's SVP Conference

Another St Clare's family completed their holiday last Saturday and had a wonderful time. Your generosity to our appeals helps us to provide this help. Raffle tickets for the annual SVP National Raffle (main prize £5,000) are now for sale from SVP Conference members.

Money raised from this raffle goes to the National Office finances and locally to our conference. Thank you to those who have already bought tickets. Many are still available. £1 only. Please keep those in need in your prayers.

God bless, Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

This week, Catherine and Elaine will organise the tea and coffee, with proceeds to St Clare's Conference. Next week, Mike and Veronica will organise it, with proceeds to the Holiday Home funds.

Tea & Coffee after Wednesday 9:30 AM Mass

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

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese is advertising several vacancies, including a Programme Coordinator and a Team Member with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team, an Accounts Assistant at the Curial Office in Birkenhead, and an Administration Assistant with the Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management department, also based in Birkenhead.

The Administration Assistant role offers £27,000 to £28,000, depending on experience, for 35 hours per week. More details available on their website.

Please send a CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date: 18 September 2026. More details at <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

Community Volunteer Car Scheme: Drivers Needed

Many charities need volunteer drivers, and transport is often the biggest challenge. If you have a car and some time to spare, you may be interested in supporting the car scheme at <https://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk/>. For more information, please email Sarah Jolliffe at Sarah.Jolliffe@changing-lives-together.org.uk.

Pat Riddell, Chair of Chester Parkinson's UK
Thank you.

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, Sedgemoor Road, Liverpool.

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

Annual Blessing in Honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux

Come and honour St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, at the Annual Blessing at the Carmelite Monastery in Birkenhead. This special afternoon will include veneration of a First-Class Relic of St Thérèse, offering a beautiful opportunity to draw closer to this beloved saint and ask for her heavenly intercession.

Join us on Sunday 27 September, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and entrust your prayers and intentions to St Thérèse, who promised to spend her Heaven doing good on earth. All are warmly welcome!

Contact Your MP on Assisted Suicide

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill returns to the House of Commons for its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026.

The Bishops' Conference is urging Catholics to ask their MP to oppose the Bill. Even if you have contacted your MP previously, please consider doing so again. The charity Right to Life UK also provides a simple online facility to contact your MP by entering your postcode.

Visit cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide or righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote.

Aphra Brandreth is the Conservative MP for Chester South and Eddisbury. Email: aphra.brandreth.mp@parliament.uk

Choir Singers Needed

Would you like to help worship our Lord and give Him glory through music? Our choir would love to welcome some new voices. You do not need an amazing voice or any choir experience, just a love of singing and a desire to serve the Lord.

If you are interested, please give Fr Patrick your number, and we will add you to the WhatsApp group.

Come and join us!

Sunday Music

830 The Church's one foundation
502 Kyrie XVI
1002 Gloria
1003 Gospel Acclamation
909 Be still and know that I am God
1005 Holy, Holy, Holy
1008 Memorial Acclamation 3
1009 Amen
1011 Lamb of God
788 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

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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