



Saint Clare of Assisi



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 6th September 2026

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Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Masses & Services

Sat *Ferial***5**

4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Dave & Kathy Craggs Wedding AnniversarySun *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***6**

9.00am Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: People of the ParishMon *Ferial***7***Note No Mass*Tue *The Birthday of the Blessed V Mary***8**

6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Confession

7.00pm Mass: Peggy Dignon RIPWed *Ferial***9**

9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: Mark MaherThu *Ferial***10**

5.30pm Adoration

6.30pm Mass: Daddy Marks HealingFri *Ferial***11***Note Day of abstinence from meat*

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Callum Davies Birthday

10.00am Adoration

Sat *Ferial***12**

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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

Fr Terry Boylan, Winifred McHugh, Michael Franchetti, Eileen Winifred Hickman, Fr Rudolph Keeler, Sheila Shepard, Thomas Francis Callaghan, Albert Edward Capper, George Farrell

Message from Fr Patrick

We have the assurance that the Lord Jesus is with us when we are gathered in His name, as our Gospel reading indicates this Sunday.

It was great to celebrate this week the days of St. Aidan of Lindisfarne (+651), Pope St. Gregory the Great (+604), and St. Cuthbert of Durham (+687), saints who really gave so much to these lands.

Tuesday the 8th is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass, as usual, is at 7 p.m., with Rosary and Adoration from 6 p.m.

For your attention, Bishop Mark has asked that his letter be placed in church ahead of the debate in Parliament on 11 September concerning the end-of-life bill.

It will be great to welcome all the school community back for their first term at the Mass that I will offer on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Blessings,
Fr Patrick

St Clare's SVP Conference

The raffle stubs will be sent to the SVP National Office on Tuesday. If anyone has ticket stubs still to hand back, please do so by then.

If you give them and any money to an SVP member on Sunday 6th, they will pass it all on to me. Thank you for your generosity in buying these tickets, and good luck. Someone will win £5,000!

Please keep those in need in your prayers, and let us know of anyone who needs help. 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.

ProFamily Coming to Chester

ProFamily supports families through talks and local groups that bring couples and parents together in a practical way. These gatherings help families share ideas and encouragement as they face the challenges of modern life.

If you are interested in the upcoming talks, please join the WhatsApp group using the QR code on the flyer on the notice board at the back of the church. The first two events will be on 12 September, 2026, and 28 November, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The talks are free. If you have any questions, speak to Conor and Francesca, pick up a flyer, and visit theprofamlyfoundation.com.

Pax Christi Vacancy

Pax Christi England and Wales is recruiting a General Secretary to lead its small team. The role is based in London, and some remote working and flexible hours may be considered.

To apply, please send your CV and covering letter, together with your personal statement, to Treasurer@paxchristi.org.uk. For details, visit paxchristi.org.uk. The deadline is midnight on Wednesday, 23 September 2026, and interviews will be held in London on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

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

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday, 6 September, after Mass in the sacristy for about 10 minutes. We will be pondering Scripture and feeding our spirit, as well as including craft related to the Scripture, with Janka. The following week, we will meet with Charlotte. Children of any age are welcome.

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.

Children's Rosary Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8 September, the feast of Our Lady. The Children's Rosary helps children grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. This happens through prayer groups where the children lead the Rosary. Children of any age are welcome to join us.

Fish and Chip Supper

Fish and Chip Supper with Fiddlestone Shanty Band Friday 16 October, 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at St Columba's Church Hall. Tickets are £20, in aid of the RNLI. Tickets are available on Eventbrite or by emailing frances.douglas2@btinternet.com. Thank you.

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.

Sunday Music

466 All people that on earth do dwell

529 New Celtic Gloria

Alleluia IV

643 Gifts of Bread and Wine

553 Holy (New Celtic Liturgy)

Acclamation: We proclaim...

591 Lamb (New Celtic Liturgy)

(quiet prayer during communion)

938 Soul of my Saviour exit hymn

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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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