



Saint Clare of Assisi



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 13th September 2026

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

Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R8

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Masses & Services

Sun 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: People of the ParishMon *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***14**

Note No Mass

Tue *Our Lady of Sorrows***15**

6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Confession

7.00pm Mass: Fr Martin Onuoha Silver Jubilee of OrdinationWed *Ss Cornelius, Pp, & Cyprian, B, Mm***16**

9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: Maureen Pardoe BirthdayThu *Ferial***17**Note *Anniversary of stigmata of St Francis*Note *St Francis, Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2BN is holding 4:00 p.m. Adoration & 5:30 p.m. solemn evening prayer***6.30pm Mass: Kate Hughes**Fri *Ferial***18**Note *Day of abstinence from meat*

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Joanne Prendergast Birthday

10.00am Adoration

Sat *Ferial***19****4.00pm Misa En Español**

4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Angela Walshe RIP

Sun 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.00am Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and Housebound

Including: Kate Hughes, 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

Sheila Mary Fisher, Sybil Powell, Michael Mee, Mabel Hallington, Francis Franchetti, Ann Koushi, Grace Williams

Message from Fr Patrick

Pope Leo XIV will be starting his visit to France at the end of the month. Let us take a moment to pray for his safe travels and for the success of his visit. May his time in France be filled with blessings and meaningful encounters.

Alpha Course at St Francis'

Alpha is a friendly opportunity to explore the Faith. A meal is provided, along with a series of videos. There is also a weekend away for participants during the course. All are welcome.

Monday, 21 September

St Francis Church, 15 Cuppin Street, CH1 2BN

stfrancis.chester@gmail.com

St Francis Stigmata Anniversary

We'll mark the anniversary of the Stigmata of Saint Francis with **4:00 p.m. Adoration at St Francis Church** (Grosvenor Street, Chester, CH1 2BN, UK), followed by Solemn Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Please note that **our usual Thursday adoration at St Clare's has been cancelled.**

St Clare's SVP Conference

Thank you to everyone who brings in ink cartridges. They are a useful addition to our funds. The holiday home schedule still has four vacant weeks before the season ends in October, so if you know of anyone, or a family, in need who would benefit from a holiday at Talacre, please let us know. The autumn half-term is one week. 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 church proceeds go to CAFOD, and next week, they will go to St Clare's SVP Conference.

Parish Fundraising

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

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 theprofamfound.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.

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday, 13 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 Charlotte. The following week, we will meet with Francesca. 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.

Legion of Mary Meeting

The Legion of Mary 'Praesidium' at St Clare's Parish will be meeting this week. The Legion of Mary supports outreach and engagement in the wider community, aiming to offer faith and hope to all who are interested. It was started in Dublin by Frank Duff, a layman, with 14 friends and their local priest on 7 September 1921. Please speak to Kevin or Charlotte for details.

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.

Marriage Preparation Course

An in-person Marriage Preparation Course is available to all diocesan parishes this month for couples planning to marry this year or next. With apologies for the short notice, the course will take place on Saturday, 12 September, and Saturday, 19 September, at St Vincent's, Altrincham, in the Westleigh Parish Centre, 100 Groby Road, WA14 2BJ, beginning at 11 a.m. Booking is essential. Please contact natalie.oreifice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or call 07730 526826.

Sunday Music

756 When I survey the wondrous cross

1001 Kyrie eleison (Belmont)

1002 Gloria

1003 Gospel acclamation

849 Freely, freely

1005 Holy, Holy, Holy

1008 Memorial acclamation 3

1009 Amen

1011 Lamb of God

801 Love divine, all loves excelling

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