



Saint Clare of Assisi



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 20th September 2026

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

Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Ps 145(144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18, 18a

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Masses & Services

Sun 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 9.00am Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Mon St Matthew, Ap, Ev

21 Note No Mass

Tue Ferial

22 6.00pm Adoration

6.30pm Confession

7.00pm Mass: Kate Hughes Intentions

Wed St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), P

23 9.00am Adoration & Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: Kim Wilson

Thu Our Lady of Walsingham

24 5.30pm Adoration

**6.30pm Mass: Private Personal Intention
RIP**

Fri Ferial

25 Note Day of abstinence from meat

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass: Joan Wilkinson

10.00am Adoration

Sat Ferial

26 4.30pm Adoration

5.30pm Confession & Rosary

6.00pm Mass: Janet Orange RIP

Sun 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 9.00am Confession & Rosary

9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Pray for the Departed on their Anniversaries

Edith Wilding, John Peter Nicholas, Hilda Theresa Baker, Francis McGovern, Winifred Mary Bell, Lou McBride, Margaret Bate, Robert Seaton, Catherine Penlington, Mary Sullivan, Marlene Hall, Ellen McAteer, Beatrice Randles, George Shone

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.

Message from Fr Patrick

I would like to invite parishioners to a new Lectio Divina group here at the parish. Lectio Divina is a meditative and prayerful way to reflect on our Sunday Bible readings, and it includes five parts: reading, meditation, prayer, contemplation, and actio. This practice can enrich our spiritual lives and strengthen our community.

I hope to meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., immediately following coffee and tea time in the Parish Room, starting in October.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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

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St Clare's SVP Conference

This week, our St Clare's SVP meeting showed that visiting and beneficiary support is well underway in our conference. There is also a new coffee club to join. It is virtual, so not face to face, but considers Noetics. More later, but anyone can join. 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 it is Rosemary and Charlotte, with the proceeds going to St Clare's SVP Conference. Next week it is Mike and Veronica, with the proceeds going to the holiday home funds.

Tea & Coffee after Wednesday 9:30 AM Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with tea and coffee after Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Mass, particularly during the third and fourth weeks of the month. Please see Father Patrick for details.

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 theprofamillyfoundation.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.

Roman Catholic Chaplain Vacancy at HMP & YOI Styal

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We are seeking a compassionate and committed Roman Catholic Chaplain (priest or lay) to join the multi-faith chaplaincy team at a women's prison.

This is a one-day-a-week post (8 hours). The role supports women in custody and prison staff through spiritual leadership and pastoral care. You will work with colleagues to meet the needs of people of all faiths and none.

We are looking for someone who is empathetic, resilient, and committed to serving others with respect and integrity.

For further information, please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst on 01625 553015 or email [Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk](mailto:hirst1@justice.gov.uk).

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting this Sunday, 20 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 Francesca. The following week, we will meet with Samantha. Children of any age are welcome.

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.

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

The children have all settled back into school beautifully, and our newest youngest pupils have made an excellent start to their educational journey with us. It was a joy to celebrate the Holy Mass last week to bless the start of a new school year. Our Year Five pupils have enjoyed a residential experience this week at the Conway Centre in Anglesey. They loved all the different outward-bound activities, whilst still engaging in moments of prayer.

Mrs Lucy Ward

<https://www.stclares.cheshire.sch.uk/contact>

Sunday Music

683 O worship the King

501 Kyrie

529 Glory to God

536 Gospel acclamation

806 The Lord is my shepherd

553 Holy, Holy, Holy

554a Memorial acclamation 1

555 Amen

591 Lamb of God

942 Lord, for the years

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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