



**Saint Clare
of Assisi**



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) — 18th October 2026

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Readings

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Ps 96(95):1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a, c. R7b

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Masses & Services

Sat *St Ignatius of Antioch, B, M*

17 5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Ann Finn RIP

Sun *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

18 9.00am Confession & Rosary
9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

Mon *St Peter of Alc ntara, P*

19 *Note No Mass*

Tue *Ferial*

20 6.00pm Adoration
6.30pm Confession
7.00pm Mass: John Andrews RIP/Mike Fisher Birthday

Wed *Ferial*

21 **12.00pm Funeral Mass: Kate Hughes RIP**

Thu *Ferial*

22 5.30pm Adoration
6.30pm Mass: Renatas Birthday

Fri *Ferial*

23 *Note Day of abstinence from meat*
9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass: Peter Cook RIP
10.00am Adoration

Sat *Ferial*

24 *Note Clocks go back one hour tonight*
4.30pm Adoration
5.30pm Confession & Rosary
6.00pm Mass: Davies Family (KC), Evans Family

Sun *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

25 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

Mary Sykes, Peter Desmond Walsh, Dermot John Quirk, June Brenda Newell, Richard Griffiths, Ron Chaloner, Tommy Dowd, Mary Gentile, John Andrews, Elizabeth Mary Weston, George Artell, Mary Veronica Williams, Mary (Maisie) McCarthy, and Michael John Burgess.

Message from Fr Patrick

Please keep the late Kate Hughes and her family in your prayers at this time, and pray also for Pope Leo XIV as he recovers from his operation.

World Mission Sunday Collection

This collection will be taken at each Mass this weekend. Please place your donation in the basket in the porch.

Clocks Go Back Next Saturday

Please remember to put your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday 24 October, 2026.

St Clare's SVP Conference

This week, we have our final fundraiser for the year: **Our Sponsored Walk on Sunday, 18 October (this Sunday)**. Please help us raise funds for the Holiday Home by either sponsoring someone taking part or joining in yourself. Please keep those in need in your thoughts, and let us know of anyone who needs help. God bless, Steve.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

This week, proceeds will go to St. Clare's SVP Conference, and next week, to the Holiday Home.

Foodbank Donations

140 kg from the School's Harvest Festival and 30 kg from the parish were recently taken to the warehouse. Thank you for your generosity. Steve

St Clare's Catholic Children's Group

We are meeting with Francesca this Sunday after Mass in the sacristy for about 10 minutes. Our next meeting will be 8 November due to half-term. Children of any age are welcome.

Kate Hughes: A Life of Faith, Music, and Service

By Lucy Hughes, Kate's daughter.

Kate was born Catherine Mary Gaughan in May 1939 in Uttoxeter, where her parents were teaching. The youngest of four children in a family with a strong Catholic faith, Kate learned the importance of service at a young age. She grew up in Freshfield, Formby, near Liverpool, living at St George's approved school, where her father was head teacher and her mother fulfilled the role of matron. After university at Bedford College, London, Kate decided to join her sister Margaret in Aden (the country now known as Yemen) and took a job teaching biology in a girls' school. There she met a charming young Welshman called John, and they fell in love, already knowing that he had signed up for a five-year contract in the Australian Survey Corps. The second time he asked her to marry him, she accepted and went out to Australia (six weeks by boat) to join him. Sadly, their baby Margaret Ann died soon after birth, but a year later David arrived safe and sound, followed by me, just after the family had arrived back in the UK in 1969.



After eight years in London, John's work took him to the Wirral, and Kate came to Chester to scout the area. She wanted to find a house near St Clare's precisely because of the church and the newly opened Catholic primary school. Kate continued her life of service to God and to the parish by developing a thriving choir and music group, managing to balance the demands of teaching and family life. She taught guitar, led the music every Sunday, and soon the parish was well known for the quality of its music and liturgy.

John died unexpectedly in August 1987, just before David and Lucy left home to go to London for work and university, leaving Kate suddenly alone in the house. Her faith and her friends sustained her in those difficult years, and when asked how she had coped, she answered very matter-of-factly, "It wasn't me; it was the Holy Spirit!"

Over the next 30 years, Kate got involved in ecumenical work, prayer groups, the Third Order of St. Francis,



and many other groups, always bringing her deep faith, expertise, and sense of humour. Just a few days before she died, Kate reminisced about the 16 parish priests she had worked with over her 48 years in the parish. Having valued her support and leadership, many stayed in touch after they moved on. As Kate used to say, "Your friends are the family you choose," and she was grateful to have found such good friends here in St. Clare's. This was truly her spiritual home. David and I thank you for all the love, support, and bottles of sherry!



Sunday Music

Magnificat (Mode 6-alt)
Entrance antiphon
704 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him
501 Kyrie XI (Orbis Factor)
1002 Gloria
Psalm
1003 Gospel Acclamation
466 All people that on earth do dwell
1005 Holy, Holy, Holy
1006 Memorial Acclamation 1
1009 Amen
1010 Our Father
1011 Lamb of God
Communion antiphon
744 Christ is the world's light

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