

# Mother of Good Counsel Church, Clare Priory

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Mass times: Weekdays 10.00am. Saturday 10.00am and Vigil 5.30pm. Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am  
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 4.30 to 5.15pm, or available any time by appointment

12<sup>th</sup> week of the year – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026



**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>: SS John Fisher & Thomas More**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>: St Etheldreda**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Nativity of St John the Baptist**

✦ **Prayers requested:** William Marston, Teresa Vitoria-Sowerby, Felicie Parsley, Paul MacGowan, Sheila Graham, Dorothy Mudge, Jim Coe, Larry and Sarah Cullen, Antony Hackett-Jones, Mary Nash, Laurent Dohagon, John Mehan, Lynn Hockley, Juliet Streeter, Joss de Groot, Pat Bampton, Erik Borthwick, Arlette Sell, Philip Poels, Tom Lowe, Francis Wayman, Chris Kenny. *Please remember to let us know if you have recovered and would like your name taken off this list.*

✦ Billy Burnie died on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers. Billy's funeral will take place here on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 o'clock

✦ Fr David was having his third procedure this Friday. After this his return to us will not be too long hopefully. He is recovering well and is able to do a bit more each day. Please continue keep him in your prayers.

✦ **Last Sunday's Collection:** £638.15

Thank you for your generosity

✦ **It's nearly Tombola time!** We need your generous help with prizes please. Items should be new and food items should still be in-date by the 11/12<sup>th</sup> July. Bottles, toiletries, toys, unwanted gifts, soft drinks etc.... are all needed. Please mark items clearly for the Tombola and leave them on the small table in the Dining Room in the Priory. Thank you to all who have already donated a wonderful array of prizes.

✦ **And it's nearly Book Stall time!** We shall be pleased to receive any unwanted books that you are able to donate.

✦ **It's also nearly Plant Stall time:** During the Craft Fair the garden volunteers run a busy plant stall in the cloister area. If you have any potted plants, small or large, you might like to donate to the stall your gifts would be much appreciated. The best time to bring in plants would be in the final days before the Craft Fair as we are limited for storage space.

✦ **Can you help with tea/coffee on Sunday morning please?** Another 2 people are urgently needed fill an empty slot in the rota. We run a 7 week rota and so your turn wouldn't come round too often. It would also be helpful to have a reserve who we could call on at short notice. Please have a word with Adam Sharpe or contact Kathy in the office.

✦ We are also looking for a couple more people to help with the **church cleaning**. We run a 6 week rota for this. Please have a word with Kathy if you can help.

## ✦ Day for Life 2026

This Sunday, 21 June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The Bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org) The second collection next week will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

✦ **Space for peace.** This is a permanent space within our Church where we can come and focus on peace in our world, especially in the light of recent wars and acts of violence and unrest in our society. It is by the choir loft and look for the emblem of the Dove of Peace to find it.

✦ **East Anglian Modern Slavery:** Just this week on Chanel 4 it featured '24hours in Police Custody' and showed a man who hid out from his captors for five years, terrified, and his family and everyone thought he was dead. Happily the Police resolved the situation but this gives you an insight into what people are dealing with. Please see the Notice Board for more information on this initiative and ways in which you can help.

✦ **Signs for the Craft Fair** are now available. Please, if you can, take them and distribute them – it is very important that we advertise this worthy cause. There is a sign-up sheet to say where you are going to put them up so please fill it in. There are instructions to help you about the erection of the signs. Please help with this as much as you can.



Our team of gardeners are seeking a few more people to join them. They usually come on a Thursday, but if you can manage any other day they will be pleased to hear from you. Pop in and

have a word with them or phone Kathy on 01787 277326

## *Retreats at Clare Priory*

**July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Icon Workshop Retreat**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Icon Workshop Retreat**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> "Ransom" Peter 1: 18-19 \***

**July 21<sup>st</sup> Way of Silence Day** with Valerie Quinliven

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