

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

18th week of the year – 2nd August 2026



Tuesday 4th: St John Vianney

Thursday 6th: The Transfiguration

Saturday 8th: St Dominic

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

Larry Cullen died on 8th July. Please keep Sarah and their family in your prayers. Larry's funeral will take place here on Wednesday 5th August at 11.30am.

✦ Gwen Harding sends her thanks to everyone for the lovely cards and messages that were sent to her. She is feeling much better now and is recovering at home.

✦ **Last Sunday's Collection:** £948.00.

Thank you for your generosity

✦ **Lectio Divina:** On Thursdays at approximately 10.40 in the Oratory we will be participating in this ancient and special way of meditating on the coming Sunday's Gospel. Please feel free to join us. We would love to see you there.

✦ **Discover Augustinian Spirituality: Laity Conference 2026**

St. Augustine and his spirituality have shaped Pope Leo XIV's spiritual life and thinking, and is centred on interiority and community life, as well as care for our neighbour. Interested in learning more? Come and join us for this inspiring day event.

- **When:** Saturday, 22nd August
- **Where:** St Mary's Church, Harborne, Birmingham.
- **Cost:** Free (Car-sharing options are available)
- **Who:** Open to the laity of all houses of our Province of England and Scotland, including our parish.
- **Deadline for registration:** 2 August, after the 10:00am Mass

For more information, please contact Luis Arana, either in person after any Mass on the weekend of **25 and 26 July**, by e-mail (luis.arana@gmail.com) or WhatsApp (07443 950446). There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Old Church.

✦ **Are you interested in local history?** On Sunday 9th August at 3.30pm Fr Anthony Foreman will give a talk about the famous graffiti in St Mary's Church, Lidgate. He looks forward to welcoming you there. This will be followed by the challenge for you to explore and find them. Lidgate has an important link with Clare. £5 entry including refreshments and CAKE. Please bring L.E.D torch.

Contact Fr Anthony on 01638500078 if necessary.

✦ Further to Catherine's talk the other Sunday regarding helping out the Church if you find that you have some time spare. Whilst not committing yourselves to a definite regular basis but still wishing to help and be involved with the assisting of the any of the following tasks:

Cleaning of the Church

Flower arranging

Tending to the garden

Please contact Kathy at the Priory who will point you in the right direction.

With regards to the refreshments after Mass, if you arrive early to Church, and are able, please give a hand putting chairs and cups out in the Parish Room.

Also, as refreshments after Mass are still a continuation of us getting together and supporting each other as a community, it is important that we use the time to celebrate some congregation members' achievements. e.g. passing exams, moving homes, new job, welcoming new Parishioners, hearing from our youngsters of how they would like to become more involved and what we can do to support them. Therefore if there are any special occasions coming up please let Catherine know on 07776687712 so that we can mark the occasions.

✦ **Thinking of becoming a Catholic?**

From mid-October we run a course for anyone who wishes to join the church on the following Easter. It is called the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). If you think you might be interested please talk to Fr George between now and then.

Retreats at Clare Priory

August 12-13 Icon Workshop led by Annette Ashton

Sept 1-4 Time to Ponder, reflect and pray led by Mary Handforth

Oct 7-8 "Rescue" (Dan 6-27) *

Oct 31- 1 Nov: Finding the Gospel of Christ in Modern Culture. Film, songs and literature. Led by Fr George Donaghy.

Nov 20-22 "Courage" (Phil 4:13) *

* Led by Transform Ministries Team. For more information and to book please go to Transform Ministries website: transformministries.uk or email: info@transformministries.uk