



# 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

❖ **Prayers requested:** William Marston, Teresa Vitoria-Sowerby, Felicie Parsley, Paul MacGowan, Sheila Graham, Dorothy Mudge, Jim Coe, Trefor Williams, Billy Burnie, Larry and Sarah Cullen, Deacon Tony Ranzetta, Tony Sheppard, Antony Hackett-Jones, Mary Nash, Jason Parker, Laurent Dohagon, Sarah Ince, Jenny Ince, Margaret Foreman, Kevin Dalton, John Mehan, Jeremy Shaw.

❖ Tony deGroot died on Tuesday night. Please keep Joss and their family in your prayers.

❖ **Last Sunday's Collection:** £1130.70

❖ **CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal**

Raised: £195.00

Thank you for your generosity.

## ❖ **From Bishop Peter**

As we complete the Nine Days of Official Mourning, days when we have offered our prayers for the eternal repose of our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Universal Church now invokes a particular outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the College of Cardinals. The Cardinals have already been meeting in 'Congregation', including those who are over eighty years of age, to reflect and discuss prayerfully in preparation for the Conclave. The Cardinal Electors, those under eighty years of age, will enter Conclave on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. I call upon every member of this Local Church, the Diocese of East Anglia, to join me over the coming days in offering fervent prayer in support of the Cardinal Electors. We entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267<sup>th</sup> Successor of St Peter

❖ **Craft Fair Volunteer forms:** So far we haven't received that many and still need more helpers. As you can appreciate we need to start to allocate resources.

❖ **Flower Arrangers:** We are in need of more people to help with the flowers in the church. Please see the leaflets giving more information and details on who to contact.

❖ Thinking of becoming a Catholic or being fully received into the church? If you have been inspired by Sarah and Joseph's journey, or if you have been thinking about this for some time, please talk to Fr George at any time. The new course will commence mid October 2025.

## ❖ **Pilgrimage Day Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:**

**There will be one Mass on the day at 2.00pm - this is to encourage attendance. There will be the usual Saturday evening vigil at 5.30pm.** There is a supply of posters for you to distribute around your local area, if possible, please. We need to spread the word. **The day starts at 10.00am and includes Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession to the Shrine.**



As you know we always offer refreshments to guests and so would be grateful to receive any cakes you are able to offer. They can be brought in any time and frozen.

❖ Rev Mark Woodrow of Clare Parish Church is inviting us to join his Pilgrimage to Malta & Gozo at the end of October. Details can be found on the table near the door. Or for more information go to :

<https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/pilgrimages/malta-and-gozo-7-day/>

## ***Retreats at Clare Priory:***

**May 23-25<sup>th</sup>:** Retreat for Men. Courage: Keep Your Guard Up! (1 Corinthians 13:13) Led by Fr Gladson

**June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> :** Icons for beginners, led by Annette Ashton.

**June 20-22<sup>nd</sup>** Retreat for Ladies. Perfected in Love (1 Jn. 4:8) Led by Fr Gladson

**July 4 - 6<sup>th</sup>:** 'Freedom' (Gal. 5.1) led by Fr Gladson

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Way of Silence Day