



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

30th Week of the Year - 26th October 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, Antony Hackett-Jones, Mary Nash, Jason Parker, Laurent Dohagon, Sarah Ince, Jenny Ince, Margaret Foreman, Kevin Dalton, John Mehan, Lynn Hockley, Patrick Parker, Juliet Streeter, Joss de Groot, Pat Bampton, Erik Borthwick.

❖ **Last Sunday's Collection:** £492.00

World Missions collection: £150.00

Thank you for your generosity

❖ **Craft Fair 2025/26. Invite to Presentation evening on 13th November at 7.00pm.** Invitations have been sent to everyone who helped at this year's Craft Fair but some people may have been missed – but if you haven't received the invite please add your name to the list in the church entrance. Planning for next year (11th and 12th July) is already under way and we are again looking for volunteers to help. Please consider helping or if you would prefer to help in a different area or have any other thoughts please have a word with the team.

❖ **Original Priory Church walls:** Work started this week and will continue through to May/June next year. This will be an extremely expensive project which we have no choice but to undertake. We are applying for grants to, hopefully, offset some of the cost. However we will need to also do fundraising and relying on your support to help us with this endeavour.

❖ **Inviting young people (Year 7+) especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE 2025!**

HOPE 2025! Is a special event organised by the Diocesan Ignite Team to prepare to celebrate World Youth Sunday later in November in your parishes. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food! Held at St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex from 2:00pm - 8pm (to include joining the parish vigil Mass) on Saturday 8th November. Entry: £5 on the door. www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

❖ **Becoming fully catholic:** This is a course run for people who wish to be fully received into the catholic church. Its proper name is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – RCIA. If you have not been baptised or you haven't been confirmed, or both, this is a course on which you could attend. It will run from **6th November at 7.15pm** through to Holy Week 2026 with time off for holidays etc. Please let Fr George know or contact Kathy to let Fr George know.

❖ **SHOE BOX APPEAL:** We will be donating **20 boxes so far. Thank you for your contribution.** They will now be taken to the Baptist church in Clare where they will be loaded onto lorries and sent to their final destination. **This weekend is the last opportunity to bring in your boxes**

❖ **Vacancy at Montana Care Home, Great Barton, Bury St Edmunds.** This is for a double flat in Oakhampton House which is adjacent to Montana. It offers independent living with on-site care support if needed. Please contact Sr Thaya on 01284 787321 for more information.

❖ We are looking at doing a First Communion Service in the Spring of next year for people aged 7 to 8 years old. If you think you know of someone who is eligible please talk to their families and get them to talk to Fr George.

❖ **Readers at the 5.30pm Mass** There is a new list taking us to the end of December. Please begin to fill in the slots.

❖ **We will say goodbye to Fr Stefan after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday 2nd November**

❖ **Memorial Service:** We will hold a Memorial Service on Saturday 29th November – details to follow.

❖ **Date for your diary: Thursday 18th December Over 80's Christmas Lunch.** Don't be shy in letting us know if you are now 80 and over as we would love to invite you to join in this celebration.

Retreats at Clare Priory

November 14-16th 'Beautiful' (Song of Songs 4:7) Retreat for Ladies. Led By Fr Gladson and Team.

November 18th Way of Silence Day: How is interior silence prayer and productive?

December 5-7th "Rescue" (Gal 1:4) led by Fr Gladson and team.