



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

4th Sunday of the Year - 1st February 2026

Monday 2nd: Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday 3rd: St Blaise

Thursday 5th: St Agatha

Friday 6th: St Paul Miki & Comps.

✦ **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, John Mehan, Lynn Hockley, Patrick Parker, Juliet Streeter, Joss de Groot, Pat Bampton, Erik Borthwick, Arlette Sell, Philip Poels.

Kevin Dalton died on Tuesday 20th January. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

✦ **Last Sunday's Collection:** £1026.00

Thank you for your generosity.

✦ **First Communion will take place on Sunday 7th June 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 as your child will need a level of Catechesis (teaching).

On Sunday 8th February at the 10 o'clock Mass we will present our young people who will be receiving their First Communion.

✦ **Augustinian Student Appeals:**

We currently have 4 students in Formation and there will be more. The intent is for all our students to join our Province. So from now on annual student appeals will be necessary – these will be retiring collections. **The first taking place 21st/22nd February.**

✦ **RCDA Catechist Formation Day** – 21st February 9.00am to 5.00pm at Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda. Newmarket. Come and join us for our 2nd day of formation as the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph Priory share their rich experience of faith formation to help us grow in faith, hope and charity, RSVP to: stjohnfhc@gmail.com

✦ **Urgently needed:** Can you help with the church cleaning please – we need one more person. This is carried out on a Thursday or Friday and there is 5 week rota. Please have a word with Kathy.

✦ **Joining the synodal conversation.**

This Saturday

Synodality has its roots in Communion, Participation and Mission

It was an initiative started by Pope Francis and is very much a part of our current Holy Father's mission. At its basis we are called to share and journey our faith together enabling each of us to deepen our awareness of who it is God is calling us to be.

We plan to form a group called 'Church Without Walls'

If you want to find out why this name and more about the synodal process join us at **our first inaugural meeting on Saturday 31st January in the Priory Library at 3.00pm**

Please feel free to come along.

✦ Are you or someone you know hurting from past abortion(s)? **Rachel's Vineyard is a healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion.** The healing weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment where women and men can deal with painful post-abortive emotions and receive healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend in our diocese will take place on **March 6th – 8th 2026.**

For more information about this retreat or to arrange a time to chat please contact Helen on 0772 118 2521; or send an email to suffolk@rachelsvineyard.org.uk

✦ **Pilgrimage Opportunities for Young People**

Summer 2026 Lourdes and Summer 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul. Find out more at our Launch on February 22nd 2026 at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT. The afternoon starts at 1pm (please bring a packed lunch) and will end by 3:00pm. www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Retreats at Clare Priory

February 3rd & 4th Icon Workshop

February 18th & 19th Icon Workshop

February 20th to 22nd "Renew" Rom 12:2

Led by Transform Ministries Team *

March 10th to 13th Spring Walking Retreat led by Mary Handforth.

March 17th Way of Silence Day

March 20th to 22nd "Redeemed" Eph 1:7

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April 24th to 26th "Revive" Ps 85:6

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* For more information and to book please go to Transform Ministries website: transformministries.uk