

Mother of Good Counsel Church, Clare Priory

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2nd week of Lent - 1st March 2026



✦ **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, 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.

✦ On 5th March Fr Laurence Brassill celebrates the 60th anniversary of his Ordination. Please include your greetings on the card which is on the table at the entrance.

✦ **Sunday 8th March – Liturgy Meeting in the Church after the 10 o'clock Mass.** Anyone who has an opinion or is interested in what we are doing over the Easter Triduum is welcome to attend this meeting and also for anything to do with our daily parish life.

✦ **Last Sunday's Collection:** £397.00

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).

✦ **Church Without Walls** – The next meeting of the Synodal Group is **this Saturday 28th at 3.00pm in the Library.** Everyone is invited.

✦ **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 3.00pm during Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the old Church.

✦ **CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day**

Your donation to CAFOD can help families around the world grow food in challenging conditions. Collect a CAFOD envelope or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



Scan this QR code to link to the CAFOD donations page

✦ **CAFOD has a project, The Big Lent Walk, to raise funds for life-saving water.**

The aim is to be sponsored to walk 200km in 40 days, which could be just 5kms a day. Details on how to sign up are on the CAFOD website. Another way to support the essential work of ensuring safe water for those who are without. *Robert Cash with his dog Gwen is currently on this mission to do the Big Lent Walk running up to Easter. A sponsorship form is on the table by the poster. Please sign up if you can! Thank you. Maybe you can be the second person to take up the challenge??*

✦ 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 at Clare Priory.**

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@rachelvineyard.org.uk

✦ **World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March**

Service at 10.30am at the United Reformed Church in Clare. This year the service has been written by the women of Nigeria. Last year more than 7,000 Christians were killed in Nigeria and hundreds more kidnapped or tortured. In the last month there have been 3 attacks with more than 170 killed and a further 170+ abducted. The Christians in Nigeria need all the prayers and support they can get. Do come along and pray together with Christians from all 4 churches in Clare

✦ **Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival 2nd – 3rd May 2026**

Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival! The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. Book before March 30th for Early Bird Prices!

✦ **Student Appeal:** As there was some confusion last weekend about the Bank details there will be another opportunity **next weekend** when there will be amended forms for completion, and the collection box will be out again.



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Retreats at Clare Priory

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*

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

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