

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year B Psalms Wk 4**

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER IN THE PARISH

Masses

Clare

Sunday: 8.00am and 10.00am

Weekdays: 10.00am

Confessions - Saturdays 10.45 - 11.45am in the Priory,
or at any time

The Rosary

Every Wednesday after Mass at the Priory

Christian Meditation Group

Meeting every Wednesday from 7.00 until 8.00pm

Lectio Divina

Every Thursday, after Mass,
in the Library

Friday Quiet Prayer

10.45am (after Mass)

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIMES

(Not Sunday)

9.40am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Mass
12.50pm	Mid-day Prayer
6.00pm	Adoration & Evening Prayer

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Working with love

All work is empty save when done with love.
And what is it to work with love?
It is to weave the cloth with threads drawn from your heart,
even as if your beloved were to wear that cloth.
It is to build a house with affection,
even as if your beloved were to dwell in that house.
If you cannot work with love but only with distaste,
it is better that you should leave your work,
and sit at the gate of the temple
and take alms from those who work with joy.
For if you bake bread with indifference,
you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half of a man's hunger.
And if you grudge the crushing of grapes,
your grudge distils poison in the wine.
Work is love made visible.

Kahlil Gibran

THOUGHTS FROM AUGUSTINE

How to Love God

Unite with the good - whom you will easily find if you are the same yourself - to worship and love God together without recompense. For he himself will be our reward, so that in the life to come we may enjoy his goodness and beauty. However, we must love him not as something we see with our eyes, but as we love wisdom, truth, sanctity, righteousness, charity, and the like, not as they appear in us but as they exist in the very source of incorruptible and unchangeable wisdom.

The Instruction of Beginners 27,55

Prayer: O God, you are only certain delight.

Confessions 8,5

Traidcraft goods are on sale **today** after each Mass. Nuts, cereals, socks, olive oil, coffee, chocolate... the selection is tantalisingly wide. Come and see!

Saints of the Week

Monday April 23rd St George England's Patron Saint

Known as a soldier and martyr. His final resting place thought to be in Lydda, Palestine. With all the good points attributed to his character, chivalrous, countering evil, strong faith, generosity, bravery, by the 15th century his feast was as popular and important as Christmas.

Tuesday April 24th Conversion of St Augustine. The feast of St Augustine's Conversion (which came about in 386) is a lovely feast, giving us all the comforting testimony of the persistent nudge of God's grace leading Augustine and us to full acceptance of God's will. With Augustine, let us pray that all our restless hearts may find the way to God.

Wednesday 25th St Mark, Evangelist

Believed to be the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested (Mark 14: 51-52). Disciple of Saint Peter the Apostle who travelled with him to Rome and was referred to as "my son Mark" by the first Pope. Travelled with his cousin Barnabas, and with Saint Paul through Cyprus. Evangelised in Alexandria, Egypt, established the Church there, served as its first bishop, and founded the first famous Christian school. Martyred in Alexandria c. 68. Author of the earliest canonical Gospel.

Thursday 26th Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel

In the 13th century when the first friars at Clare dedicated their priory and church, they gave it the title of 'conventus sanctae Mariae', St Mary's Priory. On their return in 1953, after an absence of four centuries, they extended the original title of the priory and church as we have it today, **Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel.**

During a 1957 restoration of the Augustinian church in the village of Genazzano where the original image is found, scientific tests gave evidence of the origins of the small (12 inches by 17 inches) fresco. It was painted sometime between 1417 and 1431, possibly by the Italian artist Gentile da Fabriano. It appears to have been part of a larger fresco that covered most of the church wall. .

As you gaze at the image of our Mother of Good Counsel you may reflect on the good advice that Mary gave to the wine waiters at Cana, 'Do whatever my Son tells you.' Mary's intercession on our behalf is certain, and we shall celebrate our **patronal feast at Mass on Thursday at 10 a.m.**

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brian David Hye (friend of Lucy Woodhouse), Karen Minns, Joan Perry, Gill Pardoe, Celia Poels, Karen Lane, Joan Lally (Irene's sister), Kathleen Flemming, Anthony Stammers (relation of Sue Negus), Fr Ben, Angela Hudson-Evans, Tony Ranzetta Jr, David Sowerby (husband of Teresa Vitoria-Sowerby), Andrew McCullough, Michael Kingston, Kathleen Taplin, Michael Cronin, Pat Moroney, Donna (Pat's daughter), Auriol Lamb-Cubitt, Brian Young (Lorna Quick's brother), Richard Lucking (Kate Davy's father), Sarah Booth, Kath Bullen, Shirley Kennedy, Jane Brown, Sheila Green, Jack, Lali and Orlando Cardozo, Patricia MacBride, Mark Lunn, Maura Kingston, Donna Wilson (Maria's daughter-in-law), Michael Farndon, Don Fitzgerald, Mary-Rose Henderson (Jean's sister), Abbey Joyce, Pauline Wilkinson, Vivienne Hay's son Matthew, Jack Britton, Luke Twentyman, Ivan Smithet, Fred Taylor, Pat Dowson, Debbie Baloki.

If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound, and would like a visit, please let Fr. David know.

R.I.P. Please pray for Emilie Lambert whose funeral will take place on Thursday the 3rd of May. Requiem Mass at 1.30 p.m.

Collection

15th April - £771.40

Thank you for your continuing generous collection

Second Collection

Today, the 22nd April, is Vocations' Sunday. There is a Second Collection for the Diocesan Priests Training Fund and there is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan.

Marriage and Family Celebration Mass Saturday 16th June at noon

Bishop Alan warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on Saturday, 16th June 2018, 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email mflc@rcdea.org.uk

Marriage and Family Life Coordinator

An opportunity has arisen within the diocese for the role of MFL coordinator. Duties include managing programmes of support such as marriage preparation and marriage enrichment, organisation of the Annual Marriage Celebration Mass, and involves working with parishes and other diocesan departments. Average of 20 hours per week to include occasional Saturdays, at £13 per hour, based at home. For more information contact Kerry Urdzik on mflc@rcdea.org.uk or 01473 251301

Friends of Augustine Thursday 26th April at 7.30 p.m.

On Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. we continue to journey in faith, as St Augustine did, led by his discovery of God. His prayer becomes ours: 'Lord, let me know myself, and let me know you.' Jenny Wayman leads the meeting tonight.

Safeguarding Update from your Parish Reps

Jane and Desmond Crone, parish safeguarding representatives, would like to carry out DBS checks and rechecks, making a start by checking two groups of parish volunteers:

1. Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to parishioners in their homes and
2. parishioners who have DBS certificates which are 3 or more years old.

If you belong to either of these groups Jane and Desmond will be available to answer questions and hand out forms **TODAY** after 10am Mass and after the 8am Mass on 29th April in the Library

Our Safeguarding representatives, Jane and Desmond Crone, may be contacted by phone at 01787 279049



Winner of Best Short Film Award, Miami January 2018

Congratulations to **Erin Morris** on gaining her honours degree (2017) in Animation and Visual Effects from Falmouth University and on her recent success in winning the Best Short Film Award at the Miami Jewish Film Festival (January 2018), one of the most prestigious film festivals in the USA. Erin's short film, **STRINGS**, was chosen from over 2000 entries from around the world.

The film was inspired by the work of Amnon Weinstein who repairs violins from the concentration camps of The Holocaust so that they can be played again as symbols of hope.

At the presentation ceremony in Miami, Erin said 'The Holocaust is the starkest reminder of man's capacity for evil. Yet we still read everyday of stories of genocide around the world. It is vital that new generations of all faiths understand the roots and ramifications of prejudice, racism and stereotyping.'

Erin, sister of Niall, was a pupil at St Joseph's Sudbury, and St Benedict's, Bury St Edmunds, and has been a Eucharistic minister at Clare Priory for nearly four years. You can find a link to Erin's animated film at <https://vimeo.com/220114594>

Ordinations May 5th These are the names of those who signed up to travel to the ordination of Bro Gladson and Bro Arthur.

Names as follow: Myrtle Foster, Grace Farrant, Helen Farrant, Tony de Groot, George Hopkins, Iris Hopkins, Peter Munns, Felicie Parsley, Christine Patterson, Patsy Richardson, Daphne Smithet, Felicity Stoneham, Michael Walker, Pamela Walker, Maria Wilson, members of the Priory Community and Staff.

Departing from Clare Priory at 7.30 a.m. Expected departure from Hammersmith at 3.15 p.m. for return journey. Please tell me as soon as possible if I have omitted your name or if your circumstances have changed. Fr David.

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Saturday 5th May

Ordination to the Priesthood of Revv Arthur Bolivar and Gladson Dabre. Coach leaves at 7.30 a.m. Return at 6 p.m. approx.

Sunday 13th May Pilgrimage Sunday at Clare Priory

Masses will be at **8.00 a.m.** and **2.15 p.m.**

11.30 Rosary followed by procession to the Shrine.

12.15 Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

2.15 Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel..

Tuesday 22nd The Way of Silence - 'Joy, Delight and Gratitude' led by Valerie Quinlivan. This quiet day will focus on how we can be glad and thankful on every day that the Lord has made, even when there is darkness and terror in the world. Oscar Romero wrote, "Christians cannot be pessimists". *Donation*

Saturday 26th to Monday 28th May : The Priory Flower Festival 'Mary, Mother of Jesus'

Festival times will be: Saturday 26th 11 until 5; Sunday 27th 12 noon until 5; Monday 28th 11 – 5. Free entry. Donations welcomed. Refreshments: tea, coffee, scones and delicious cakes. Plant, produce and book stalls

Thank you for your generous offer of cakes for the Pilgrimage. The signed-up list is a great boost of support for the day. Mind you, on the day, we need you as well! To pray, to help, to guide, to welcome, to take part. There may have been a time (though I doubt it) when 'the community' did all the welcoming, but you know that the community is now reduced in number and counts on everyone sharing the tasks. Please don't find other occupations for the day!

Holiday Club 2018 – Mega Makers 31st July – 3rd August

Planning meetings continue for this year's Holiday Club. The next meeting in on Wednesday 9th May at 11.00 a.m. at Clare Baptist church Hall. The Mega Makers theme comes from the Scripture Union, for holiday clubs: they summarise it as follows: "*Mega Makers!* is a holiday club for children aged 5 to 11, based on Matthew's Gospel. It explores the theme of inventions, and that the more we discover about God, the vaster his love for us may seem."

One of the projects for this Holiday Club is to create a collage of photos. The Holiday Club is an undertaking of our Churches Together. The collage of photos (of all the parishioners of our four churches) would form a backdrop for the final day of the Holiday Club. I am hoping that one of our keen photographers will be able to take snapshots (not glum passport photos, please!) of each of you, head and shoulders, against a variety of backgrounds. Of course, it would be lovely to have photos of our children too, but we would need explicit permission from parents to make use of such photos of young people under the age of 18 years. There is a letter of authorisation which I ask parents to consider for signature.