

Catholic Parish of St Mary's

Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Acle & Caister

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – 16th DECEMBER 2012

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 15 th Dec	Third Sunday in Advent – Vigil Mass		
	Caister	5.30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th Dec	Acle	9.15	Holy Souls
	GY	11am	Djonato D'Abreu & Lauriana Fernanades
Monday 17 th Dec	Advent Feria – O Sapientia		
	GY	-	No Mass Today
Tuesday 18 th Dec	Advent Feria – O Adonai		
	GY	7pm	Tom Mannall RIP
Wednesday 19 th Dec	Advent Feria – O Radix Iesse		
	GY	10am	Fr Paul Trinder (PP's Int)
Thursday 20 th Dec	Advent Feria – O Clavis David		
	GY	10am	Holy Souls
Friday 21 st Dec	Advent Feria – O Oriens		
	GY	10am	For expectant mothers
Saturday 22 nd Dec	Advent Feria – O Rex Gentium		
	GY	10am	Holy Souls

Please remember in your prayers:

All those in the parish who are ill; that the Lord, in his Goodness, might heal and comfort them: Julie Horan, Teresa Appleton, Doreen Bracken, John Bracken, Jane Christie, Stephen Christie, Anthony D'Arcy, Maura Davitt, Arnie Dougal, Reg Elwin, Jose Fina Florida, Alice Fraher, Ray Gordon, Beryl King, Miriam King, Glenn Nudd, Joe Paton, Joyce Platt, Catherine Styles, and Suzan Whitelock.

And those who have died especially **Miquelina Xavier** or whose anniversaries occur around this time. *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace, Amen.*

Prayer of the week:

Lord, protect me from being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. I hold firmly to the faith with the confidence and joy which comes by grace. Today, Lord, help me not to harden my heart

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A Warm Welcome to all our Visitors this weekend

Information

Parish Priest

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Parish Deacon

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Parish Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am - 1pm

Schools

St Mary's Primary School
Tel: 01493-445117

Notre Dame High School
Norwich
Tel: 01603-611431

Sacraments

Baptism

2 months notice required

Marriage

6 months notice required

First Holy Communion

Registration by July each year.
Applications from Yr 3 children

Confession

Each Saturday 10.30am

Other Services

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Saturday in month 10-11am

Emergency Number

If you need a priest in an emergency and cannot reach Fr David, please contact 01493-662239 (St Peter's, Gorleston)

Parish Stewardship

Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving

Weekly Offertory Collection

Gift Aid	£137.24
Planned Giving	£114.50
Standing Orders	£263.15
Loose	£364.95
TOTAL	£879.84

Special or retiring collections

This Sunday's Second collection will be for the **Dependant Priests Fund** (formerly known as the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund)

I commend it to your generosity

Last week's collection for the **The Restoration Fund** raised **£93.01 - Thank You!**

Restoration Funding stands at:
£23,000 + (exact figure next week)

With a target of £130,000 still to reach

More Counters:

I am grateful to the 6 pairs who have agreed to help with counting the money but I need 2 more so that this work does not become onerous to a few. Please help!!!

Chapel of All Nations:

To date I have collected 46 nations and ordered the appropriate flags in time for Christmas. Each flag cost £8. If you would like to offset this cost by buying the flag of your nationality, give your donation to Fr David

Setting up the Crib:

This will take place on 22nd Dec after morning Mass and will include some decorating of the Church. Please lend your support (especially the men of the parish!!)

Activities which need your support:

Raffle in aid of Christmas flowers

This Sunday we will be seeking your support in order to provide flowers for the Church over Christmas. Your support is gratefully appreciated

Crib Offering: Fr David would welcome suggestions as to which charity we could send this year's crib offering.

Holy Hour:

At St Mary's 3-4pm on Sunday 23rd Dec with confessions

+Penitential Services

20th Dec – Gorleston at 7.30pm

22nd Dec – Lowestoft at 12.30pm

Doorway to Faith: after the 7pm Mass, Tues. The theme this week is: **Incarnation to Crucifixion – the plan of Salvation unfolding.** The Programme is open to all.

Christmas offering:

By ancient custom, the offering you make at Christmas is your gift to Fr David. It forms an essential part of his income and reflects your love and concern for him not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Envelopes for this are either with your newsletter or at the back of the Church. If you are going away you may wish to give your offering early.

Oferta Boże Narodzenie: (Polish)

Przez starożytnego zwyczaj, oferta zrobić na Boże Narodzenie jest Twój dar ks Dawida. Stanowi on istotną część swoich dochodów i odzwierciedla swoją miłość i troskę o niego nie tylko w Boże Narodzenie, ale w całym roku. Koperty to albo z biuletynu lub na tyłach kościoła. Jeśli wyjeżdżasz może chcesz dać ofiarę wcześniej.

Oferta de Natal: (Portugese)

Por costume antigo, a oferta que você faz no Natal é o seu presente para padre David. Ele forma uma parte essencial de sua renda e reflete seu amor e preocupação para ele, não só no Natal, mas durante todo o ano. Envelopes para isso são ou com o seu boletim de notícias ou na parte de trás da Igreja. Se você estiver indo embora você pode querer dar a sua oferta inicial.

Рождественские предложения (Russian)

По древнему обычаю, предложение вы делаете на Рождество подарок отцу Давиду. Он образует существенную часть своего дохода и отражает вашу любовь и заботу о нем не только на Рождество, но в течение года. Конверты для этого либо с вашего информационного бюллетеня или в задней части церкви. Если вы уезжаете вы можете дать вашим предложением рано.

Sunday School at St Mary's

No Sunday School after this Sunday (16th). Restart on 13th January - *Mollie*

Ad Hoc Singers – In preparation for Midnight Mass singers are welcome form an ad hoc choir. Practice after 11am Mass on 23rd Dec – All Welcome

Change of Bank Account

This last week the Parish changed its Bank Account to HSBC. If you pay your parish offering or anything to the parish, please check that your offering has also been transferred. The bank has assured us that this did happen but.....! Our account detail are:

HSBC

Sort Code: 40-22-22

Number: 61604716

Prayer for Week three of Advent:

**Almighty God,
You sent your Son into a world
Where the wheat must be winnowed from chaff
And wickedness clings even to what is good.**

**Let the fire of your Spirit
Purge us of greed and deceit,
As that, purified, we may find our peace
with you and you delight is us**

**We ask this through him whose coming is
certain, whose day draws near – Jesus Christ,
our Lord
Amen**

Parish email change:

We have changed the Parish's email address to :
stmarysrcgy@gmail.com Alternatively emails can
be sent directly to Fr David at:
frdavidstmarysgy@gmail.com

Surgery Time

If you wish to see Fr David without an appointment
he will be available this week on Friday 21st Dec
from 11.30am till 1pm

Meadow Farm Nursery School

Grateful thanks to all who supported and attended
this event. £348.70 was raised of which £175 went
to the SVP Appeal (as mentioned last week). The
remainder went to Acle Sunday School.

Having Mass celebrated for your intention.

One of the most ancient customs of the Church is
having Mass celebrated for a particular intention.
By doing so you are inviting the whole parish
community to join with you in your intention and
pray with you at that Mass. Envelopes for this
purpose can be found at the back of church

Parish Website:

While this is still a work in progress you may gain
access to the new parish website by going on to:
www.stmarysgy.org.uk . Your constructive
comments would be welcome as we prepare to
launch the website officially in the New Year.

Special New Year's Day Mass – details to follow



The Catholic Church teaches:

Through the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only a single Word, his one utterance in whom he expresses himself completely. For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's body (CCC102/103)

Interim Parish Council

We are well on our way to forming the Parish
Interim Parish Council. I am grateful to those who
have accepted the invitation to become members.
The final membership list will be announced at the
beginning of the New Year.

Parish Archivist

I am also grateful that one parishioner has
accepted the invitation to become the Parish
Archivist with the task of collating our parish's
wonderful history. More in the New Year

Sanctuary lamps

4 lamps will burn 7 days a week. Before (1) The
Blessed Sacrament (2) The Shrine of Our Lady of
Yarmouth (3) For Peace and (4) The Sacred
Heart Chapel of All Nations You may contribute
to them by dedicating any or all in memory of
someone or a special intention. Each light costs
£2.50 (£10 for all four) and will burn for a week.

An envelope is available now.

**This week please remember a special intention
for whom all the 4 lamps burn**

**Walk with Me Booklet for
for Advent and Christmastide 2012**

A Journey of Prayer including readings and
prayers for everyday throughout Advent and
Christmastide, available for just £1.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Compendium is available for £6.95.
*It contains all the essential and fundamental
elements of the Church's faith.*

***Fr David adds: Please bear with me at the
moment. With no Secretary all the admin
work of the parish is falling to me. There
will not always be someone to answer the
phone or the door. Better to email me and I
will get back to you – promise!!***

Church is open every day (except Monday) from
8.30am – 1pm (winter time). After the new CCTV
and security systems are installed, we hope to
have the church open for longer.