

Catholic Parish of St Mary's

Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Acle & Caister

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – 2nd DECEMBER 2012

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 8 th Dec	Second Sunday in Advent – Vigil Mass		
	Caister	5.30	Peter Roberts RIP
Sunday 9 th Dec	Acle	9.15	Holy Souls
	GY	11am	For the People of the Parish
Monday 10 th Dec	Martyrs of East Anglia Mem		
	GY	-	No Mass Today
Tuesday 11 th Dec	Advent Feria		
	GY	7pm	Tom Mannall RIP
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Advent Feria		
	GY	10am	Fr Tony Sketch (PP's Int)
Thursday 13 th Dec	St Lucy, VM. Mem		
	GY	10am	Holy Souls
Friday 14 th Dec	St John of the God PD., Mem		
	GY	10am	Migrants Int
Saturday 15 th Dec	Advent Feria		
	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 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 Jesus, teach me to sit at your feet
and learn from you for you are humble
and gentle of heart, and your Spirit
pours out wisdom that I may grasp ever more
deeply the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven

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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	£153.24
Planned Giving	£98.50
Standing Orders	£263.15
Loose	£340.21
TOTAL	£855.10

Special or retiring collections

Next Sunday's Second collection will be for the Dependant Priests Fund (formerly known at the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund) I commend it to your generosity
Last week's collection for the SVP realised: <u>£593.20</u> The SVP also received £175.00 raised by a special raffle taken at Acle- Thank You!
Restoration Funding stands at: £23,000 + (exact figure next week) With a target of £130,000 still to reach

Upgrading the Rectory Hot water system

If you've ever been in the rectory you will realise that the hot water system is quite antiquated with it failing to reach the top floor of the house (each bedroom having its own mini immersion heater). I have felt it prudent to set in motion phase one of upgrading the present system and for it to run off the newly installed boilers. Early next year we will replace those mini immersions (phase 2) with hot water fed from the main boiler

Activities which need your support:

Raffle in aid of Christmas flowers

Over the next 2 Sundays we will be seeking your support in order to provide flowers for the Church over the Christmas period. There will be a raffle to raise the necessary funds. Please buy a ticket as you either enter or leave Church. Your support is gratefully appreciated

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

Tuesday December 11th

First Holy Communion Parents Meeting with Fr David will take place in the Parish Centre at 5.45pm.

We ask you to pray for all our children at St Mary's and Acle who will be making their First Holy Communion in 2013

Doorway to Faith Programme continues after the 7pm Mass. The theme this week is: **Jesus Christ – true God and true man.** The Programme is open to all.

Parish Centre Kitchen:

A cursory look at the kitchen in the parish centre reveals a sorry state of affairs. Like every kitchen it is the heart of the family home – ours no less so – but we need to undertake some urgent renovation in order to make it fit for purpose. I am currently having a costing estimate undertaken to see what needs doing and, yes, how much it will cost. Some Grant Funding will be sought

More Counters:

I am grateful to the 5 pairs who have agreed to help with counting the money but I need 3 more so that this work does not become onerous to a few. Please help!!!

Feast of the week:

Blessed Brian Lacy, John Robinson, Thomas Tunstall, Montford Scott, Thomas Hunt, Henry Heath and their companions – Martyrs of East Anglia (Dec 10th)

Chapel of All Nations:

As I stood outside at the end of the various Masses last Sunday asking people their nationality, I was amazed at the multicultural nature of our parish family. To date I have collected 45 nations and ordered the appropriate flags in time for Christmas. A list will follow next week. You will be pleasantly surprised!: 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. This year the crib will be in the Lady Chapel Please lend your support (especially the men of the parish!!)

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th December

"I Have Done all These Things From my Youth"

An Advent Retreat for young adults aged 18-35 who are asking questions regarding choice-making, the meaning of life, etc. Led by Fr Seamus Mulholland OFM, a lecturer at the Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury. We invite a donation of £95-£115 or £60-£70 (students) for the weekend. For further details please call us on **01277 373848** or visit the events page of www.free2become.org

Prayer for Week two of Advent:

***God of our salvation,
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts
and smooth the paths made rough by sin.***

***Make our conduct blameless
Keep our hearts watchful in holiness
And bring to perfection the good you have
begun in us.***

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

Parish email change:

From this week we have changed the Parish's email address to : stmarysrcgy@gmail.com Please note this when sending emails to the parish in future 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 Wednesday 12th December from 10.30am – 12noon

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.

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 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.

Sanctuary lamps

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be introducing two additional sanctuary lamps; one blue lamp will burn in front of the shrine of Our Lady of Yarmouth, and one red lamp burn before the statue of the Sacred Heart. This, together with the Blessed Sacrament light and the Peace candle, will make 4 lamps that burn 7 days a week. 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 will be available soon.

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.

Parish Administrator

St Mary's Catholic Parish, Great Yarmouth is seeking to appoint a Parish Administrator for 12-hours per week. You will have excellent secretarial and organisational skills; be confident in using your initiative; be comfortable at managing a varied and consistent workload to specific deadlines; and have some experience of desktop publishing, booklet design and layout.

This permanent post is offered on a self-employed basis.

For an application form and supporting documentation, contact Parish Office, phone 01493 842001 or email

frdavidjennings@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is **Friday Dec 14th**

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!!



The Catholic Church teaches:

God prepared for the coming of his Son over the centuries. He awakened in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of his coming and he prepared for it especially through the Old Testament, culminating with John the Baptist who was the last and greatest of the prophets. We relive this long period of expectancy in the annual liturgical celebration of the season of Advent (CCC102)