

# Catholic Parishes of St Mary's and St Peter's Great Yarmouth and Gorleston

*Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Gorleston, Acle & Caister*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT – 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Advent – Vigil Mass</b>		
	Acle	17.00	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Gor	09.00	Ellen Kersey RIP
	GY	11:00	Domingos Aleixo Dos Santos & Rosa Maria Rente
	Caister	17:00	Sheila O'Regan RIP
<b>Monday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	Gor	10:00	Requiem Mass-Kathleen Turner
<b>Tuesday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	<b>S Francis Xavier P Mem.</b>		
	GY	19:00	Terry Glasheen RIP
<b>Wednesday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	Gor	16:30	Mass James Paget Hospital-open to all
<b>Thursday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	GY	10:00	Nina Davis Annv
<b>Friday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	Gor	09:45	Mass at St Mary's School-open to all
<b>Saturday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>S Ambrose B Mem.</b>		
	GY	10:30	Confessions

### Please remember in your prayers:

All those in the parish who are ill; that the Lord, in his Goodness, might heal and comfort them: Teresa Appleton, Doreen Bracken, John Bracken, Jane Christie, Stephen Christie, Anthony D'Arcy, Arnie Dougal, Jose Fina Florida, Alice Fraher, Beryl King, Joe Paton, Suzan Whitelock, Joyce Hastings, Dolcie Barnard, Rosemary Wright, Chris & Chloe Doherty, Molly Able, Nora Norton and Rosemarie Hawkins.

And those who have died, especially Tracy Steventon and Alice Semple, 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 our God, grant me the grace to prepare for the coming of Christ your Son, the Light of the World, with an expectant, hopeful heart and joyful prayer, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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**A Warm Welcome to all our Visitors this weekend**

## Information

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Office Hours

Tues, Wed, 9am-2pm

Thurs 9am – 11am

### 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 10.30 GY

Sunday after 9:00 Mass Gorleston

### Other Services

#### Exposition of the

#### Blessed Sacrament

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month 6:30-7pm

### Emergency Number

If you need a priest in an emergency and cannot reach

Fr David, please contact

01502 572453

(OLSS, Lowestoft)

# Parish Stewardship

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

## **Weekly Offertory Collection – St Mary’s**

Gift Aid	£102.00
Planned Giving	£46.23
Standing Orders	£200.00
Loose	£297.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£646.19</b>

## **Weekly Offertory Collection – St Peter’s**

Gift Aid	£189.30
Loose	£295.24
Standing Orders	£184.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£669.31</b>

## **Special or retiring collections**

Last Sunday’s Collection for the Diocesan Youth Service: <b>Gt Yar £38.21 Gor £180.37</b>
<b>This week’s Appeal Collection is for the GY Restoration Fund</b>
Restoration Funding stands at: <b>£44,556.77</b> (This excludes English Heritage Funding) - With a target of £130,000 still to reach – look out for ways you can support the Restoration Project in 2013

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:30-7:00pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at St Mary’s. All are welcome to attend and use this time for prayer and reflection.

## **Toothbrushes for Cambodia:**

Ian Boast, a parishioner of many years, is visiting our twin Diocese of Battambang in Cambodia in January 2014 and is appealing for toothbrushes, as the majority of people in Cambodia lack access to basic dental care & many suffer from an early age as a result of poor dental hygiene. A simple way to begin tackling this problem is to explain & provide the means of regular brushing of teeth. If you could purchase just 1 toothbrush (medium stiffness) adult or child & bring to any Mass this weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov/1<sup>st</sup> Dec, to give to Ian it would be a great start. Last November Ian collected 500 toothbrushes so lets see if we can help beat this number, this year – thank you in advance

## **Activities which need your support:**

**Advent Prayer Book–Walk with me:** Available now at the back of Church priced £1.00 It is really a good investment for your spiritual preparation for Advent and journey of prayer to Christmas.

**Understanding the Sunday Scriptures** – this course will start on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7:30pm (following 7pm Mass) at St Mary’s Great Yarmouth. Please feel free to come and join us!

**Please support the Repository**  
Both St Mary’s & St Peter’s have well stocked repositories including a range of cards for all occasions, 2014 diaries, rosaries, keyrings & much more. Please support them.

## **Advent Penitential Service – 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

The parishes of Great Yarmouth, Gorleston & Lowestoft will be combining to hold a joint Advent Penitential Service on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm at St Peter’s. A special leaflet will be available - note this in your diary!

## **Festive Concerts:**

Presented by The Chorus Of St Cecilia with musical director Matthew Hardy at 7:30pm on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Peter’s & Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at St George’s Theatre, Gt Yarmouth. For tickets please call 01502 733625 or see Joan in St Peter’s Hall after Sunday Mass.

## **Carol Concerts:**

To help us prepare for Christmas, St Mary’s School will be holding a Carol Concert, one at St Peter’s on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10:15am & one at St Mary’s on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1:45pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **St Mary’s SVP Xmas Appeal:**

Will be made at all masses on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Dec (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent). We hope you will be able to respond with your usual generosity.

## **Mass cards for your intentions at VERY reasonable prices:**

Can be purchased from the repository in St Peter’s Hall after Sunday Mass – large cards **£3** for a pack of **12**, small cards **£3** for a pack of **25** – keep Fr David busy & have Masses said for YOUR intentions. If you would like further info for yourself or church group contact Dorothy on 01493 444320.

## **“Come to set us Free”:**

An Advent service with music & meditation on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4pm at Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lowestoft – all welcome

## **“Come and See – a Journey of Faith”:**

For those who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith – a friendly series of 90 min sessions open to all. Everything is provided, even the refreshments! Just bring yourselves. Next session Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:00pm at St Peter’s Church Hall entitled “Great Expectations!” – It’s what Advent is really about!

If you are free during the week, why not come to weekday Mass and get into the habit of making daily Mass part of your routine.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent:

**God of majesty and power, amid the clamour of our violence your Word of truth resounds; upon a world made dark by sin the Sun of Justice casts his dawning rays. Keep your household watchful and aware of the hour in which we live. Hasten the advent of that day when the sounds of war will be for ever stilled, the darkness of evil scattered, and all your children gathered into one.**

#### **Confirmation 13+:**

In consultation with the Council of Priests, the bishop has revised the age at which Confirmation can be administered, to 13+. In light of this, Fr David would be interested to hear from any young person 13+ who would like to be confirmed in 2014. Those 15+ who have already submitted their names need not re-apply & they will be contacted in due course. An application form is at the back of Church.

#### **Calling all Wednesday Club Members:**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm Christmas tea & carols at Wroughton School – please will all members who wish to attend be at the school at 1:30 – bring a friend – it's free!!

#### **St Peter's Wed Club Xmas Bazaar:**

We will be setting up the tables for the bazaar on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am. Please bring any items for the stalls between 10:30-12:00 or on the day (Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9:00am). We still need bottles for the bottle stall & prizes for the raffle & help to man the stalls. Please see Bridget if you can help – thank you

#### **Readers and Lay Ministers Rotas:**

A reminder to readers & lay ministers at St Peter's that new rotas will need to be prepared soon. If there are any names to be added/taken off please speak to Margaret Higgs asap 01493 602023.

#### **St Peter's Greeters:**

The current rota will finish on 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to be on the new rota please see Michael or Jean C or Fr David – thank you

#### **Newsletter from Diocesan Youth Service:**

Please take a copy of this newsletter from the back of Church, which includes a picture of our very own WYD 2013 representatives, Abraham & Issac with Bishop Alan.

#### **Diary Dates:**

1. **GY SVP** – next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am St Ignatius, Caister
2. **GOR SVP** – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 7:00pm in the Committee Room, St Peter's
3. **St Peter's Prayer Group** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2:30-4:30 St Peters Church Hall
4. **St Peter's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** – Thursdays 9:30-10:30 with morning prayer
5. **St Peter's Walsingham Rosary Group** – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am in Our Ladies Chapel
6. **Notre Dame High School Prize Giving** – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm
7. **Schools Carol Concert** – this annual event takes place Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm at the Hippodrome, Gt Yarmouth
8. **St Peter's Family Prize Bingo** – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm. Proceeds to CRY (Cardiac Research in the Young) - all welcome
9. **St Peter's Bingo** – Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Proceeds towards helping Matthew journey to Lourdes as HCPT helper.

#### **Preparing for Christmas:**

Following positive comments/feedback the Advent & Christmas Schedule will be as follows.

#### **Christmas Eve Masses:**

Caister	5pm (youngsters Mass)
St Peter's	8pm
St Mary's	11pm

#### **Christmas Day Masses:**

Acle	9:15am*
St Peter's	9:00am
Caister	11:00am*
St Mary's	11:00am

(\*help from another priest!)

#### **Matthew's HCPT Appeal – message of thanks:**

Last Sunday Matthew one of our young parishioners appealed for help so he can go to Lourdes as a helper next Easter. The generous amount of £218.58 was raised – thank you.

#### **St Mary's 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. Each light costs £2.50 (£10 for all four) and will burn for a week. ***The lamps burn in memory of the Vaughan Family this week.***



**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 this coming and he prepared for it specifically 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. (CCC 522-524).**