

Catholic Parish of St Mary's

Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Acle & Caister

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7th WEEK OF EASTER – 12th MAY 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 11 th May	Ascension Of The Lord – Vigil Mass		
	Caister	5.30	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th May	Acle	9.15	Parish Priest's Intentions
	GY	11:00	Reg Partington Annv
Monday 13 th May	Easter Feria		
	-	-	No Mass Today
Tuesday 14 th May	S Matthias Ap. Feast		
	GY	19:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday 15 th May	Easter Feria		
	GY	10:00	Frederick Smith RIP
Thursday 16 th May	Easter Feria		
	GY	10:00	Antonio Araujo RIP
Friday 17 th May	Easter Feria		
	GY	12:00	Holy Souls
Saturday 18 th May	Easter Feria		
	GY	9:30	Holy Souls <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament till 10:30</i>

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, Ray Gordon, Beryl King, Glenn Nudd, Joe Paton, Joyce Platt, Suzan Whitelock, Collette Summerson, Geoffery Davies, Joyce Hastings and Claire Penning.

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:

Heavenly Father, the sacraments are the crowning of your work of creation, for now certain things (water and oil) not only remind us that you are the Creator, but they have become a vehicle of your grace, 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 10.30am

Other Services

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Saturday in month 10-10:30

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	£229.00
Planned Giving	£55.69
Standing Orders	£263.15
Loose	£435.29
TOTAL	£983.13

Please increase your offering and help maintain the parish. (Weekly target of **£1,100**)

Special or retiring collections

Last Sunday's Collection and donations for the Restoration Fund: £906.45
This week's Appeal Collection is for the Catholic Communication Network
Restoration Funding stands at: £33,730.77 (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

Chapel of All Nations:

The Flags of Argentina, United Kingdom, England, Italy, USA, Brazil, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Poland, Vatican, Lithuania, Brazil, Cyprus, Spain, Belgium, E.U. & Ghana have now been purchased. 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

Teaching Positions on Diocesan Website:

www.catholiceastanglia.org links to the Schools Section where teaching jobs are advertised –current posts inc 2 F/T teaching posts at St Laurence's Primary, Cambridge, teaching post at Sacred Heart, Swaffham & Head of School/Deputy Head St Edmunds Primary, Bury St Edmunds.

Activities which need your support:

Newsletter:

You can help cut our parish costs by receiving the Parish Newsletter (and other parish info) on-line each week. Simply go to our parish website (www.stmarysgy.org.uk) & sign up on the front page.

Doorway to Faith: Part 3 booklet is now on sale at back of church £2.50. The Course continues after the 7pm Mass on Tuesdays at 7.30pm All are welcome. The last session will be on the 14th May.

Change of Bank Account

Thank you to everyone who has managed to change their Standing Order to the new Bank. Bank details below.

HSBC – St Mary's RC Parish
Sort Code: 40-22-22
Number: 61604708

Seeking The Face of Jesus:

The next Year of Faith lecture will be held on Wednesday 2nd June 7:30pm at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge – entitled 'The Church in the Modern World' by Fr Alban McCoy, Catholic Chaplain, University of Cambridge.

World Youth Day At Home: National event for all young people age 16+ 26th-29th July. Guest speakers, catechesis, live bands & a satellite link up to World Youth Day Papal Mass – its the next best thing to being there! For more info www.catholiceastanglia.org/youth

8th Diocesan Celebration of Marriage & Family Life:

All are invited to attend the above on Sat 22nd June 2013 11am at St John's Cathedral, Norwich. Mass will be celebrated with renewal of Marriage Commitment followed by a buffet lunch in the Narthex & Cathedral garden. Certificates will be presented to couples celebrating 1st, 5th, 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and above!) anniversaries and to families where there is a baby under 1 year. There is no charge for the event but donations will be welcome on the day. To book please contact Juliet 01603 417355 or email mflc.eastanglia@yahoo.co.uk

Fr. Seelan's Walking Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham:

We began the walk with morning prayer at Holkham Bay. There were 13 people (mostly young except for 2 of us) who walked the Pilgrimage. We walked on the beach for a couple of miles climbing into lovely fields before a lunch at Holkham Hall. Towards the end of the walk I was struggling and my feet were hurting terribly. I was wondering whether I would make it fully but by God's grace I made it in time for Mass. We had walked 15 miles. I lit a candle and prayed for all of you. Special thanks to Mr Roger Hayes for providing me with transport & thank you to everyone for sponsoring me to raise money for the Restoration Fund – any other sponsor money will be greatly appreciated! - Thank you Fr. Seelan.

Prayer for The Ascension of the Lord:

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.

Application Forms are now available for:

1. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013/14**
Children must be 7+ to be eligible to participate in the First Holy Communion Programme. Forms must be returned by 21st July 2013.
2. **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**
Those applying must be 15 by September 8th to be eligible to participate in the Confirmation Programme. Application forms must be returned by 21st July 2013.

Scratch Cards:

These will be available from next weekend **18th/19th May**. Please support this vital fundraising initiative as we seek to raise the **£65k** shortfall on work now started on the Church!

Walk of Thoughts:

Sunday 19th May 8:45am-3:00pm in Acle – an opportunity to walk together to support & remember those affected by cancer & raise money through sponsorship – to register call Les 01603 619900 or www.big-c.co.uk/walk

Tandem Sky Dive for East Coast Hospice:

ECH have arranged a special fundraising tandem Sky Dive for those brave enough to leap into the unknown! Saturday 2nd June at Ellough Airfield nr Beccles - to join the team & book your place go to www.ukparachuting.co.uk/event

Sainsbury's Vouchers for School:

There is a box at the back of the Church – all vouchers greatly appreciated by St Mary's School.

Diary Dates:

1. **SVP** – next meeting Wednesday 15th May 10am at St Ignatius, Caister
2. **FHC** – next meeting 14th May – rehearsal for Gt Yarmouth parents & children at 5:30
3. **Sunday School** no sessions 26th May or 2nd June
4. **First Holy Communion** for St Mary's will take place next Sunday 19th May at 11am & at Acle Sunday 9th June at 9:15am. Please pray for all those children making their First Holy Communion this year.
5. **Seniors Tea with Fr David** – if you are retired come and join Fr David for tea (& cake) in the Parish Hall Thursday 30th May at 3:00pm

Repository:

First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now available from the repository – please come and have a look.

Restoration works:

Just to confirm that work on the Church and Sacristy has now started with the scaffolding having been assembled. Work will start on the church West End and then move to the sacristy area followed by the gullies and drainage system of the Church. This work will last 30 weeks plus. Please also note that while the work is on-going the Crucifix will be removed and restored.

Smileys Cafe:

A coffee morning is being held every Wednesday in term-time at the cafe in Artillery Square, Great Yarmouth from 11:30-2:15 – all welcome!

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.

This week the lights burn for David Willcocks.

Walk with Me Booklets – on sale at the back of the church only £1.00 a copy!



The Catholic Church teaches:

After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and he gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us. (CCC 659-667)