

# Catholic Parish of St Mary's

*Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Acle & Caister*

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## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – Vigil Mass</b>		
	Caister	5.30	Julie Horan RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Acle	9.15	Holy Souls
	GY	11am	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feria</b>		
	GY	-	No Mass Today
<b>Tuesday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feria</b>		
	GY	7pm	Bob Notarianni (SVP)
<b>Wednesday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>St Fersey, Ab - Mem</b>		
	GY	10am	Adao Amaral
<b>Thursday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>St Anthony of Egypt, Ab - Mem</b>		
	GY	10am	PP's Intention
<b>Friday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feria - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</b>		
	GY	10am	Unity of the Church
<b>Saturday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Votive Mass of the BVM</b>		
	GY	10am	Tom Mannall RIP

### 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, Maura Davitt, Arnie Dougal, Reg Elwin, Jose Fina Florida, Alice Fraher, Ray Gordon, Beryl 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:

Through our baptism  
Bless us as a people of joy and hope  
Bless us as a people of courage and witness  
Bless us as a people of proclamation, beloved of God  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

## Information

### Parish Priest

Fr David Jennings  
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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

1<sup>st</sup> 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	£92.00
Planned Giving	£72.50
Standing Orders	£263.15
Loose	£369.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£797.64</b>

If we are to maintain the parish we need to realise **£1,100** each week. Please increase your offering.

## Special or retiring collections

Last Sunday's Second collection for the Restoration Project raised:

**£93.03**

## This week's Appeal is for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

Restoration Funding stands at:

**£26,066.01** (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

## More Counters:

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

## Can you help?

## Chapel of All Nations:

The Flags of Italy, USA, Brazil, Scotland, Ireland and Poland 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

## Parish Census:

We are in the early stages of preparing a parish census and would welcome those ethnic groups in the parish to help in ensuring all parish members fill it in. A multilingual version of the census will be provided – also on line.

## Diocesan Year Book

A number have asked about the 2013 Diocesan Year Book. They should be here within the week!

## Sunday Brunch:

**Fr David is interested in the idea of holding a Parish Sunday Brunch from time-to-time and inviting groups within the parish to host the cuisine of their respective country. Comments would be welcome**

**2013 Diaries** are now available at the back of Church. They cost **£2.00** each.

## Projects – and works in progress

A number of projects are in their early stages

1. There is a substantial leak to the roof of the Rectory which will need immediate repair
2. The **Parish Hall** is in need of some remedial work – a new kitchen and repainting of the toilets. Work to begin shortly.
3. The **wall paintings in the Church**, which are of some note – are in need of restoration. A report is pending from an Art conservationist. We are grateful to Great Yarmouth Borough Council for their support in this project
4. The **lighting in the Church** is in need of an upgrade – a report is pending and Grant Funding being sought.
5. **Father David's Garage:** the parish has received Grants and gifts amounting to £20K and which will allow this work to begin in early February should Planning Permission be given.

**Weekday Mass:** If you are free most weekday mornings, why not get into the good habit of coming to Mass

## Activities which need your support:

**Crib Offering:** will go to the **East Coast Hospice**. & finishes this weekend.

**SPUC Appeal:** will take place this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**Pax Christi** will take their Appeal on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January.

**Doorway to Faith:** Part 2 booklet is now on sale at £1.50. The Course continues after the 7pm Mass on Tuesdays at 7.30pm All are welcome.

## Sunday School

Restarts at St Mary's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January

## Change of Bank Account

The Parish has changed its Bank Account to HSBC. If you pay your parish offering or anything to the parish, please create a new standing Order asap

Our account detail are:

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

Prayer for Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

**Open the heavens, almighty Father,  
and pour out your Spirit upon your people  
gathered in prayer.**

**Renew the power of our baptismal  
cleansing  
and fill us with zeal for good deeds.  
Let us hear your voice once again,  
that we recognise in your beloved Son  
our hope of inheriting eternal life.**

### Unity Week

This coming week on the 18<sup>th</sup> (and until 25<sup>th</sup>) we begin a week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is important that we join with Christ in praying for the unity of Christians

There is a special Service at the Anglican Church at Caister on 20<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm. I ask that you join me at this service when, as a Catholic community we can show our solidarity in prayer together.

*Fr David*

### Parish email change:

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

### Surgery Time

If you wish to see Fr David without an appointment he will be available this week on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January between 11am – 12noon

### 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

### Spent Ink Cartridges:

Please support the church by putting any spent ink cartridges into the box at the back of church. This raises a further income to the parish.

**Final Hymn:** I note, with some concern, people leaving Mass before the end of the final hymn. This is NOT a habit we should get in to; and is not the custom of this parish - *Fr David*

### Interim Parish Council

I am pleased to announce that the following members of the parish have accepted the invitation to become members of the Interim Parish Pastoral Council:

- **Mrs Maria Brown** - representing Acle and as parish Safeguarding Rep
- **Mrs Julie Porter** representing Caister ,
- **Mrs Paula De Castro** representing St Mary's and the Portuguese Community
- **Mr Paul Secker** representing St Mary's
- **Two further appointments pending**

These, together with Deacon Peter will now meet to discuss issues affecting the Parish. Any issues you may have should be directed through the parish reps or directly to me, as Parish Priest.

*Fr David*

### Diary Dates:

1. A Training Session for all Parish Readers will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12noon – 1pm at the Caister Church
2. A Training Session for all St Mary's Eucharistic Ministers will take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Acle and Caister at another time.
3. The new Pastoral Parish Council will meet on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February (supper 7pm, meeting 7.45pm)

### 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.***

### Church Cleaning + Cleaners:

I am, as always grateful to those who clean the Church; but in particular to Dora, who over a number of years, has coordinated this vital work. Dora is retiring from this and we need a new coordinator and more helpers. Please offer your services. See Fr David

**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.



**The Catholic Church teaches:**

**Through baptism the Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus, who in his own baptism anticipates his death and resurrection. The Christian must enter into this mystery of humble self-abasement and repentance, go down into the water with Jesus in order to rise with him, reborn of water and the Spirit so as to become the Father's beloved son in the Son and walk in newness of life (CCC537)**