

Catholic Parish of St Mary's

Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Acle & Caister

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1st Sunday of Lent – 17th FEBRUARY 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 16 th Feb	1st Sunday of Lent – Vigil Mass		
	Caister	5.30	Elsa Hacon RIP
Sunday 17 th Feb	Acle	9.15	People of the Parish
	GY	11:00	Francisco Gusmao/Amelia Da Silva
	GY	4:00	Stations of the Cross (SVP led)
Monday 18 th Feb	Lent Feria		
	GY	-	No Mass Today
Tuesday 19 th Feb	Lent Feria		
	GY	7pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 20 th Feb	Lent Feria		
	GY	7:30am	Jovana & Mateus & Oscar Alves RIP
Thursday 21 st Feb	Lent Feria		
	GY	10:00	Holy Souls
Friday 22 nd Feb	The Chair of S Peter Ap Feast.-		
	GY	12:00 7.30pm	Requiem Mass – Reggie Elwin Lent Meditation with Sister Mary Clare
Saturday 23 rd Feb	Lent Feria		
	GY	9:30	Rosa Maria Rente <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, Kevin Marsden, Doreen Bracken, John Bracken, Jane Christie, Stephen Christie, Anthony D'Arcy, Arnie Dougal, Reg, Jose Fina Florida, Alice Fraher, Ray Gordon, Beryl King, Glenn Nudd, Joe Paton, Joyce Platt, Catherine Styles, Suzan Whitelock and Jackie Rope.

And those who have died, especially Reggie Elwin & Gerry Flynn and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace, Amen.*

Prayer of the week:

Father, you promised that if we ask we shall receive. If we knock the door will be opened and if we seek we shall find, through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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A Warm Welcome to all our Visitors this weekend

Information

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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	£87.00
Planned Giving	£67.70
Standing Orders	£263.15
Loose	£319.66
TOTAL	£737.51

Thank you but what a drop from last week. We need to reach our target of **£1,100** each week. Please increase your offering and help maintain the parish.

Special or retiring collections

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

£68.19

Next week's Appeal Collection for CAFOD

Restoration Funding stands at:

£26,243.03 (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

Lent Meditation: Each Friday during Lent we welcome Sister Mary Clare DJ, who will lead us in "A journey with Jesus during these 40 days of Lent." - 7.30pm Friday in the parish Centre. All Welcome

Chapel of All Nations:

The Flags of England Italy, USA, Brazil, Scotland, Ireland and Poland have now been purchased. (That's only 7 out of 45!!) 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

Activities which need your support:

Newsletter:

You can help cut our parish costs by receiving the Parish Newsletter (and other parish information) on-line each week. Simply go to our parish website (www.stmarysgy.org.uk) and sign up on the front page. We will reduce the quantity of newsletters we print each week thereafter.

Doorway to Faith: after the 7pm Mass on Tuesdays at 7.30pm All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross each Sunday at 4pm

Holy Land Pilgrimage (with St George's Parish, Norwich) details in church porch

Diocesan Year Book

On sale at the back of the church priced £3.50 each. Every household should have one!!

Sunday Brunch:

Thank you for your comments regarding an occasional Sunday brunch after Sunday's 11am Mass. Fr David will consider the comments made before reaching a decision

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

Welcome Sundays: As mentioned in a recent homily, we will be introducing Welcome Sundays, when we ask you to invite someone to join you (and us) for the celebration of Mass. Watch out for the first Welcome Sunday

Fr David

The following prayer will be said every day after Mass, please join with us in saying this at home also.

Prayer before the Crucifix

Lord Jesus Christ, You let yourself be nailed to a tree, accepting the terrible cruelty this suffering brings: so much do you love us.

May we in turn, accept the challenge your crucifixion brings by; never fleeing from what we are called to do, holding fast to your Gospel of love, and remaining faithful to you in times of trial.

Help us to draw strength from your cross and resurrection that we may come to share in the victory over sin and death and so gain a place in your Father's heavenly Kingdom, where you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Change of Bank Account

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

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

Prayer for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Lord our God, you alone do we worship, only your word gives life. Sustain your Church on its Lenten journey. When we walk through the desert of temptation, strengthen us to renounce the power of evil. When our faith is tested by doubt, illumine our hearts with Easter's bright promise.

Smileys Cafe:

A coffee morning is being held every Wednesday at the cafe in Artillery Square, Gt Yarmouth from 10:30-1:00 – all welcome!

Catholic Papers :

We seem to be having a number of catholic papers left over each Sunday. If this continues I will have to cancel the order completely & ask individuals to purchase them via their newsagents *Fr David*

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.

An envelope is available now.

Service for Womens World Day Of Prayer

1st march at Christchurch, King St, Great Yarmouth at 2:30pm or at Caister CofE Church at 2pm or Acle Methodist Church at 2pm – all welcome.

Now Is The Time A day of renewal led by Fr Mark White CP Saturday 23rd February at Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Rd, Norwich NR5 9AA 10:00-4:30 – the theme is **Who do you say the Son of Man is?** For further details www.ccr-eastanglia.org.uk (please bring packed lunch)

Items for newsletter

Please could any items for the newsletter be submitted to the parish office, either through the rectory or email stmarysrcgy@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays – thank you (and a quick thank you to all those that have welcomed me & helped me settle into my new role – Jo Kelf)

Marriages in 2013

Those couples wishing to enter into Marriage this year should make contact with Fr David as soon as possible so as to begin their marriage preparation.

Reggie Elwin: The Requiem Mass for Reggie will take place on Friday 22nd February at 12noon. His body will be received into the Church the afternoon before at 4pm

Diary Dates:

1. A Training Session for all Parish Readers will take place on Saturday 2nd March 12noon – 1pm at the Caister Church
2. SVP – next meeting Wednesday 20th February 10am at St Ignatius, Caister

Readers Course:

It is evident that we need to increase the number of readers in the parish. So if you are interested in reading at Mass, please approach Fr David. He may well approach you and ask you to join the team. When we have a sufficient number, a short course will be arranged.

Church Cleaning + Cleaners:

Dora has coordinated this vital work for many years, but is now wanting to retire. We, therefore, need a new coordinator and more helpers. Please offer your services. See Fr David

Friday Lent Meditation: Second Session – At the Well (John 4:1-30,39-42) Fridays in Lent at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre

Parish Pastoral Council

The newly formed PPC had its first meeting last week. Among the issues that were raised included:

- Working towards a better integration of all parish members.
- Recognising gifts and talents within the parish community and using them
- Creating a culture of stewardship within the parish including weekly giving and fundraising.
- The need to increase the number of parish catechists
- Taking another look at the possible merger of Gorleston and Great Yarmouth parishes
- Widening the use of the parish centre to the wider community

The next meeting of the PPC will take place on 14th March. Items for the agenda to Fr David by Friday 8th March at:

frdavidstmarysgy@gmail.com



The Catholic Church teaches:

Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly, when the faithful gather “to listen to the Word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the passion, Resurrection, and glory of the Lord Jesus, and giving thanks to God who ‘has begotten them again, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead’ into a living hope. (CCC1167)