

# 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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## 33<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR – 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass</b>		
	Acle	17.00	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gor	09.00	Tom Mannall RIP
	GY	11:00	Paulo De Sousa & Olinda Borges Garcia RIP
	Caister	17:00	Bob Notarianni
<b>Monday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Feria</b>		
	-	-	No Mass Today
<b>Tuesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Feria</b>		
	GY	19:00	Parish Priest's Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>S Edmund, King M Feast Secondary Patron of the Diocese.</b>		
	Gor	16:30	Mass James Paget Hospital-open to all
<b>Thursday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>The Presentation of the BVM. Mem.</b>		
	GY	10:00	Celia Ford – Mass of thanks
<b>Friday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>S Cecilia VM Mem.</b>		
	Gor	09:45	Mass at St Mary's School-open to all
<b>Saturday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	<b>Feria</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 Roy Gordon, 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, help me to keep the Ten Commandments, practise the Beatitudes and witness to the goodness, truth and beauty of the Gospel, 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 10.30 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	£84.50
Planned Giving	£51.91
Standing Orders	£200.00
Loose	£305.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£642.16</b>

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

Gift Aid	£223.12
Loose	£253.37
Standing Orders	£184.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£661.26</b>

## **Special or retiring collections**

Last Sunday's Collection and donations for the GY Restoration Fund: **£149.91**

**This week's Appeal Collection is for the Disaster Victims of the Philippines Typhoon - please give as generously as you can**

Restoration Funding stands at:  
**£44,553.87** (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

## **Alarm Bells are ringing!!**

If you are an observant reader of the Newsletter you will note with some concern the decline in Parish Offertory income over the recent months to an almost critical point. We cannot effectively run either parish on the amounts of money coming in each week. I need to ask you to dip a little deeper into your pockets – each person giving **£1 each extra**.

If you are a tax payer, it is incumbent upon you to join the Gift Aid Scheme so that we can maximise your offering.

For my part, I am looking at ways of reducing the expenditure but, just like the utility bills, some bills I cannot control. Please, do your bit, and help the Parish!!  
*Fr David*

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

### **Doorway to Faith Programme.**

Tuesday evenings 7:30pm at St Mary's, Great Yarmouth. Book 4 is now available at back of Church-£2.50. It really is a good study book & weekday prayer guide-I commend it to you-*Fr David*

### **Today there will be a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection**

– for CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage & suffering caused by the Philippines Typhoon CAFOD is working to provide emergency shelter, food & water.

## **VISIT OF THE BISHOP**

Bishop Alan will be making an informal visit to the Parishes of St Mary's & St Peter's on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December. He will celebrate all the Masses that weekend & preach. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome him for the first time to the area. Please make every effort to be at Mass that weekend. This also marks the beginning of Advent when the Advent wreath will be lit. It is also the Sunday when we formally enrol those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. How nice, therefore, that the Bishop himself will do this.

## **Year of Faith – Activities:**

To mark the end of the Year of Faith a number of events are planned for the Friday & Saturday of 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Already the Youth Team have invited 15+ members of the parish to lead a 4-5am prayer vigil at the Cathedral in Norwich. The timetable consists of:-

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

1:00pm – Schools' Mass at the Cathedral  
8:00pm – Torchlight Procession of the Blessed Sacrament – from Norwich Castle to the Cathedral  
9:30pm – All Night Vigil Before The Blessed Sacrament – led by our parishes & young people – everyone welcome for all or part of the night.

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

11:00am – Diocesan Solemn Mass of Celebration – at the Cathedral with the commissioning of parishes for the New Evangelisation

## **Pastoral Challenges of the family in the context of evangelization:**

In preparation for an extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, Pope Francis has asked that the Synod Questionnaire be available to every Catholic who may wish to answer some or all of the questions. You can do this in 2 ways: go on-line at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014) or take a copy of the questionnaire from the back of Church (return details on form). All responses must be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Change of Bank Account**

Bank details for St Mary's are below.

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

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 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your Kingdom, steady our hearts in time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns.**

**St Peter's Wednesday Club Christmas Bazaar:**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec starting at 10:30am – come and join this wonderful event with lots of stalls inc.

Christmas, bottle, cakes, nearly new (no jumble please), luxury hamper, raffle, rainbow stall & lots more! If anyone has items to donate please bring to the Hall after Mass or see Bridget Robinson.

**Meadow Farm Nursery School Annual Coffee**

**Morning:** Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-12 Including cakes, toys, nearly new and a raffle – any donations for the above would be greatly appreciated! All proceeds raised going to the SVP, Acle Sunday School & the nursery party. Please contact Angela Molineux on 01493 369721.

**Festive Concerts:**

Presented by The Chorus Of St Cecilia with musical director Matthew Hardy at 7:30pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Acle Church, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St George's Theatre, Gt Yarmouth. This is a concert of popular Christmas music & carols by the Choir & soloists. Tickets now available please call 01502 733625 for details.

**HCPT Appeal from Matthew:**

Next Sunday, one of our young parishioners will be appealing for help so he can go to Lourdes next Easter. Matthew wants to go as a helper. The cost is over £750. Please be generous in supporting him.

**St Peter's Parish Prayer Focus:**

Following parishioners requests, these have been put into a booklet priced £1 for St Peter's Church funds. They are available from June Moore (now Thorn) & Dot Pearce (Repository after Mass).

**Message from GY SVP:**

The SVP wish to extend their grateful thanks to the Brundall Prayer group for their recent generous donation of £100.00.

**GY Autumn Fair:**

Thank you to Fr David and everyone who donated goods or who came and supported the Fair on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. The fantastic amount of **£721.02** was raised – well done everybody!!

**Diary Dates:**

1. **Sunday School** – this weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Nov
2. **GY SVP** – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am at St Ignatius, Caister
3. **GOR SVP** – Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:00pm in the Committee Room, St Peter's
4. **St Peter's Prayer Group** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2:30-4:30 St Peters Church Hall
5. **St Peter's Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** – Thursdays 9:30-10:30 with morning prayer
6. **St Peter's Walsingham Rosary Group** – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9:30am in Our Ladies Chapel

**"Come and See" – a new vision voyage of discovery – led by Deacons Stephen & Peter:**

Over the past months, 3 groups of interested people in Gt Yarmouth, Gorleston & Lowestoft have been seeking & searching to learn more about the RC Church. Now with new initiatives in Parishes along the coastal strip we are extending our boundaries. All those presently taking part & any "new seekers" are invited to attend St Peter's Church Hall every Wed from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Open to all ages, all faiths & none & those who may wish to "catch up" with their present catholic knowledge.

**Preparing for Christmas:**

Fr David is in the process of preparing the Advent & Christmas Schedule. Given that he is on his own there will obviously need to be some alternation to previously held Christmas Mass times. Fr David is proposing the following Christmas Eve/Day Mass timetable & would welcome comments:

**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!)

**Advent Prayer Book – Walk with me:**

This year the parish will be using the Alive publishing material – Walk With Me – as its spiritual preparation for Advent & Christmas. They cost £1. It is really a good investment for your journey of prayer to Christmas.



**The Catholic Church teaches:**

**The greatest desire of the human being is to see God. "I want to see God" is the cry of our whole being. We realise our true and full happiness in the vision and beatitude of the One who created us out of love and draws us to himself with infinite love. (CCC 2548-2550, 2557).**

