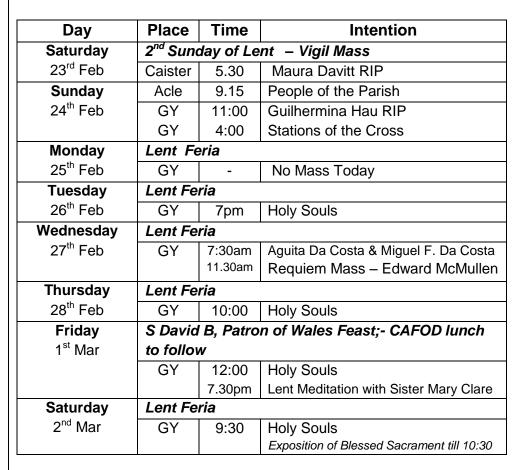
Catholic Parish of St Mary's

Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Acle & Caister

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2nd Sunday of Lent - 24th FEBRUARY 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead



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, 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 Edward McMullen 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:

Heavenly Father, you search our hearts and you know our minds. May your Spirit intercede for us according to your will, through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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

<u>First Holy Communion</u> 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	£84.00
Planned Giving	£98.98
Standing Orders	£263.15
Loose	£470.00
TOTAL	£916.13

Thank you for increasing your weekly offering. A little more effort and we will reach our weekly 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 Appeal raised:

£114.26

This week's Appeal Collection is for CAFOD - I commend it to your generosity

Restoration Funding stands at:

£31,289.10(This excludes English Heritage Fundina)

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 each Friday in the parish Centre. All Welcome

Chapel of All Nations:

The Flags of Spain, The Union Jack, England Italy, USA, Brazil, Scotland, Ireland and Poland have now been purchased. (That's only 9 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

Gift to Parish:

We thank the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), who founded this church in 1847 and were in Yarmouth till 1962, for their generous gift of £5,000 towards the Restoration Fund

Newsletter:

You can help cut our parish costs by receiving the Parish Newsletter (and other parish information) online 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.

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.

Activities which need your support:

Stations of the Cross: Each **Doorway to Faith:** Part 2 booklet Sunday at 4pm Early Morning Mass Wednesday 7.30am 12noon Mass each Friday with CAFOD Lunch to follow.

is now on sale at £1.50. The each Course continues after the 7pm Mass on Tuesdays at 7.30pm All are welcome.

> The Next session will be on 26th February

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

Lent a Make real time of conversion

Prayer for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

God of the covenant, your presence fills us with awe, your word gives us unshakable hope. Fix in our hearts the image of your Son in glory, that, sustained on the path of discipleship, we may pass over with him to newness of life.

Prayer for the Pope:

As Pope Benedict comes to the end of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff on 28th February, there is available at the back of Church a special Prayer Card to commemorate his leadership of the Universal Church.

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 have been monitoring the number of papers left over each Sunday I now feel that we have to cancel the order completely & ask individuals to purchase them via their newsagents *Fr David*

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

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

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.

Church Cleaning + Cleaners:

We need a new coordinator and more helpers.

Dora will speak at the end of the 11am Mass this Sunday.

<u>Spent cartridges</u> – drop off at back of Church and help the church make some additional funds

<u>Friday Lent Meditation:</u> Third Session – On the Mountain (Luke 9:28-36) Fridays in Lent at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre

Diary Dates:

- A Training Session for all Parish Readers will take place on <u>Saturday 2nd March</u> 12noon – 1pm at the Caister Church
- 2. SVP next meeting Wednesday 27th February 10am at St Ignatius, Caister

Readers Course:

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.

Taize Lenten Prayer round the Cross:

The Cathedral at Norwich are holding a special Lenten Prayer on 17th March. It starts at 6pm for those 14+ and 7pm for all others. Should finish at 8pm with refreshments.

Ship Visitors Welfare:

If you would like to become a Ship visitor/lay chaplain, there will be a special course organised through the Port Chaplain, Peter Paine. Names to Fr David in the first instance.

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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.

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Seeking the Face of Jesus:

A Series of lectures at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge. Next one is on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm – on the Sacred Liturgy

Tonight's the Night:

A concert for choir and soloists at the Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston – 7th, 8th and 9th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £11 (concessions £10) Bookings 01502 733625

St Patrick's Night:

Organised by the GY Labour Party – St Peter's Church - 16th March at 7.30pm. More details next week.



The Catholic Church teaches:

God is not the property of any one people. But he acquired a people for himself from those who previously were not a people: "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" – One becomes a *member* of this people not by a physical birth but by being "born anew," a birth "of water and the Spirit," that is by faith in Christ and Baptism (782 CCC)