

# 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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## 34<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR – 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013

Masses and services for the week ahead

Day	Place	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Christ The King. Solemnity – Vigil Mass</b>		
23 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Acle	17.00	George & Chris Baker
<b>Sunday</b>	Gor	09.00	People of the Parish
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	GY	11:00	Jim Ford RIP
	Caister	17:00	Peter Walsh RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	-	-	No Mass Today
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	-	-	No Mass Today
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gor	16:30	Liturgy of the Word & FHC - James Paget Hospital - open to all
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	GY	10:00	Mimi Lebre & Nelson Caldas
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gor	09:45	Mass at St Mary's School-open to all
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>S Andrew Ap Patron Of Scotland. Feast.</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	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 Ellen Kersey and Kathleen Turner, or whose anniversaries occur around this time. *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace, Amen.*

Prayer of the week:

Lord Jesus, you are the treasure, and where our treasure is, there our hearts are also (*Matthew 6:21*). Teach me to take up the call to be holy, as God is holy, and to be a saint, as God calls us to be saints, 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 10.30 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	£153.50
Planned Giving	£101.07
Standing Orders	£200.00
Loose	£274.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£728.58</b>

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

Gift Aid	£191.30
Loose	£216.27
Standing Orders	£184.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£592.34</b>

## **Special or retiring collections**

Last Sunday’s Collection for the victims of the Philippines Typhoon: **Gt Yar £800.71**

**Gor £596.06 – thank you all!!**

**This week’s Appeal Collection is for the Diocesan Youth Service**

Restoration Funding stands at:

**£44,556.77** (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

## **Alarm Bells – beginning to be silenced!**

Thank you to all those that heeded last week’s warning concerning the diminishing offertory collections and were able to dig a little deeper – as a big name supermarket puts it - “every little helps”!

## **Toothbrushes for Cambodia:**

Ian Boast, a parishioner of many years, is visiting our twin Diocese of Battambang in Cambodia in January 2014 and is appealing for toothbrushes, as the majority of people in Cambodia lack access to basic dental care & many suffer from an early age as a result of poor dental hygiene. A simple way to begin tackling this problem is to explain & provide the means of regular brushing of teeth. If you could purchase just 1 toothbrush (medium stiffness) adult or child & bring to any Mass weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov/1<sup>st</sup> Dec, to give to Ian it would be a great start. Last November Ian collected 500 toothbrushes so lets see if we can help beat this number, this year – thank you in advance

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

### **Gt Yar High School Lunch:**

Fr David invites any young parishioners from Gt Yarmouth High School to join him for lunch at the school on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 1:20pm, to give him the low down on school life!

**Advent Prayer Book–Walk with me:** Available now at the back of Church priced £1.00 It is really a good investment for your spiritual preparation for Advent and journey of prayer to Christmas

### **Understanding the Sunday Scriptures**

– this course will start on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7:30pm (following 7pm Mass) at St Mary’s Great Yarmouth. Please feel free to come and join us!

## **VISIT OF THE BISHOP**

Next weekend (30<sup>th</sup> Nov/1<sup>st</sup> Dec) we welcome Bishop Alan to the Parishes of St Mary’s & St Peter’s This is a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome him for the first time to the area so please make every effort to be at Mass.

## **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.

## **Advent Penitential Service – 10<sup>th</sup> December:**

The parishes of Great Yarmouth, Gorleston & Lowestoft will be combining to hold a joint Advent Penitential Service on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm at St Peter’s. A special leaflet will be available next week. Note this in your diary!

## **Carol Concerts:**

To help us prepare for Christmas, St Mary’s School will be holding a Carol Concert, one at St Peter’s on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10:15am & one at St Mary’s on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1:45pm. Note in your diary!

## **St Mary’s SVP Xmas Appeal:**

Will be made at all masses on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Dec (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent). We hope you will be able to respond with your usual generosity.

## **Mass cards for your intentions at VERY reasonable prices:**

Can be purchased from the repository in St Peter’s Hall after Sunday Mass – large cards £3 for a pack of 12, small cards £3 for a pack of 25 – keep Fr David busy & have Masses said for YOUR intentions. If you would like further info for yourself or church group contact Dorothy on 01493 444320.

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 Christ The King:

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Saviour who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth.**

### **Confirmation 13+:**

In consultation with the Council of Priests, the bishop has revised the age at which Confirmation can be administered, to 13+. In light of this, Fr David would be interested to hear from any young person 13+ who would like to be confirmed in 2014. Those 15+ who have already submitted their names need not re-apply & they will be contacted in due course. An application form is at the back of Church.

### **First Holy Communion Classes:**

The FHC classes have begun. Those who missed the first session need to attend the next which is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov at St Mary's School, East Anglian Way, Gorleston 4:45-5:45pm. Please be prompt!!

### **Festive Concerts:**

Presented by The Chorus Of St Cecilia with musical director Matthew Hardy at 7:30pm on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at Acle Church, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Peter's & Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at St George's Theatre, Gt Yarmouth. For tickets please call 01502 733625 or see Joan in St Peter's Hall after Sunday Mass.

### **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).

### **Readers and Lay Ministers Rotas:**

A reminder to readers & lay ministers at St Peter's that new rotas will need to be prepared soon. If there are any names to be added/taken off please speak to Margaret Higgs asap 01493 602023.

### **St Peter's Greeters:**

The current rota will finish on 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to be on the new rota please see Michael or Jean C or Fr David – thank you

### **"Come to set us Free":**

An Advent service with music & meditation on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 4pm at Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lowestoft – all welcome

### **Diary Dates:**

1. **Sunday School** – weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Nov
2. **GY SVP** – No meeting 27<sup>th</sup> Nov next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am St Ignatius, Caister
3. **GOR SVP** – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:00pm in the Committee Room, St Peter's
4. **St Peter's Prayer Group** – Thursday 28<sup>th</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. **Meadow Farm Nursery School Coffee Morning** – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-12 Noon
7. **St Peter's Wed Club Xmas Bazaar** – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:30am – Church Hall
8. **St Peter's Walsingham Rosary Group** – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am in Our Ladies Chapel
9. **Notre Dame High School Prize Giving** – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm
10. **Schools Carol Concert** – this annual event takes place Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm at the Hippodrome, Gt Yarmouth
11. **Come & See** – next session Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:00-8:30pm St Peter's Church Hall

### **Preparing for Christmas:**

Following positive comments/feedback the Advent & Christmas Schedule will be as follows.

#### **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!)

### **Messages of thanks:**

Thank you to all who supported St Peter's "Souper Saturday" earlier this month. £370 was raised for St Peter's Parish Funds. Also the St Peter's Family Prize Bingo this month raised £200 for Parish funds. Thank you to all our supporters – *Joan & Di*

### **HCPT Appeal from Matthew:**

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



**The Catholic Church teaches:**

**Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself. (CCC 142-143).**