Catholic Parishes of St Mary's, Great Yarmouth and St Peter's, Gorleston

Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Gorleston, Acle & Caister

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 3rd JANUARY 2016 Divine Office Week 2

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday	The Epiphany of the Lord. Solemnity. – Vigil Mass		
2 nd Jan	Acle	17:00	People of the Parish
Sunday	SP	09:00	Julia Alker †
3 rd Jan	SM	11:00	Agnes and George Holt †
	SP	16:00	Malayalam Mass
	Caister	17:00	Catherine and Eamonn Nott
Monday	Christmas Feria – 2 nd Week of Christmas		
	SM	10:00	Private Intention
Tuesday	Christmas Feria		
	-	-	No Mass
Wednesday	Christmas Feria		
	SM	10:00	Doris O'Brien †
	JPH	16:30	Brian Precious †
Thursday	Christmas Feria		
	SP	10:45	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	SP	12.00	Frederick Search †
Friday	Christmas Feria		
	School	10:00	All pupils and staff of the School
Saturday	Christmas Feria		
	SM	10:00	Private Intention
	SM	10:30	Sacrament of Confession

Please remember in your prayers: all in the parish who are ill; Molly Able, Ann Patricia Askew, Sadie Baker, Jeanette Charalambous, Jane Christie, Stephen Christie, Jean Clarke, Martin Cordingley, Anthony D'Arcy, Chris Doherty, Jean Foreman, Muriel Gale, Terry Good, Joyce Hastings, Rosemarie Hawkins, Michael Howlings, Kevin and Mollie Marsden, Mary-Ann Moody-Cliffe, Nora Norton, Joe Paton, Beryl Pearson, Hermie Rooney, Michael Ryan, Tom Ryan, Winifred Sanderson, Lilian Skinner, Marta Sofia and Martha Sutton. May the Lord reach out his healing hand towards them.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time; James Alford, Romelle Barnard, Maureen Blyth, Bridgid Bowyer, Joan Byrne, George Clarke, Mary Clarke, Karoline Czykieta, Matthew Ennis, Salvatore Farnese, Phyllis Fitzgibbon, Norah Frisby, May Gower, Dolores Gregory, Alfred Guy, Ida Kenyon, Gertrude Mace, John Martin, Ursula McCabe, Margaret McMurrugh, Edith Pettitt, Mary Rayner, Ellen Ritches, Elizabeth Roberts, Jacqueline Santarsieri, Stanislaw Sitek, Alda Symonds, John Trainor, James Vice, Dorothy Wilson and Jessie Worrow. May they rest in peace.

Zachary Louis James Peachey who was baptised last weekend, with the help of family & friends may he grow strong in faith.

A warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend.

Happy New Year.

Registered Charity No: 278742

Information

Priest in Charge
Fr Philip Shryane
Assistant Priest
Fr Walter Chenvika

Parish Deacon

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Parish Office Hours

Wed & Thurs 8:00am-2:00pm Please don't ring on Tuesdays!

Schools

St Mary & St Peter
Primary School
Tel: 01493 445117
Notre Dame High School
Norwich Tel: 01603 611431

Baptism

2 months notice required

Marriage
6 months notice required

Emergency Number

If you need a priest in an emergency please contact 01502 572453 (OLSS, Lowestoft)

Prayer of the week:

Please pray for openness to the Word of God, for migrants and refugees, for expectant mothers and all families during these days of Christmastide.

During the Holy Year of Mercy Pope Francis invites us "to be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God!" Mercy is our bridge to God, giving us the hope of being loved forever.

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	£61.50
Planned Giving	£37.00
Standing Orders	£250.00
Loose	£277.44
TOTAL	£625.94

Weekly Offertory Collection - St Peter's

Gift Aid	£145.50
Loose	£254.77
Standing Orders	£159.00
TOTAL	£559.27

Restoration Funding stands at: £77,802.95 (This excludes English Heritage Funding)

Christmas Offering to our Clergy:
GY: £1708.30 GOR: £1135.65

Retiring collection today for 'Building Bridges' supporting Christians in the Holy Land and Cambodia, our twin Dioceses.

<u>Very many thanks</u> for the wonderfully generous offering to the clergy of the parish, this is very much appreciated and we are very grateful for your help and support throughout the year, thank you, Fr Philip & Fr Walter.

Farewell lunch with Ratana - today: you are invited to a shared lunch in St Mary's Presbytery today Sunday 3rd January from 13.00, to say farewell to Ratana our visitor from Cambodia. Please bring a plate of food to share. Ratana leaves for Cambodia on 4th January.

<u>Fr Philip will be away:</u> from Monday 4th January until Friday 22nd January visiting the communities in Cambodia with which he worked last year. Fr Walter will be celebrating Masses as normal.

New Year Epiphany Candlelight Mass: today Sunday 3rd January The White House, Poringland at 17.00 for all young people & their families across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire & fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring wrapped presents & indicate whether suitable for boy/girl & approx. age). Details in the porch. Fr Philip will have a few seats if wanted.

<u>St Mary's Red Boxes:</u> thank you to all Red Box Holders in Gt Yarmouth, Acle and Caister. This year we sent £251.91 to the mission.

<u>Diocesan Yearbook 2016</u> now available at the back of the Church, price £4. A good read with lots of interesting articles!

<u>Large print bulletin</u> available at the back of Church

Forthcoming Diary Dates:

- 1. **GY Sunday School** is now on its Christmas break resumes 10th January
- 2. GOR Sunday School today 3rd Jan
- 3. **GOR SVP** next meeting Wed 6th Jan 9:15 in the Committee Room, St Peter's
- GY SVP next meeting Wed 6th Jan 10:00 at St Ignatius, Caister

Out of hours homeless resource is being planned by several Churches in Great Yarmouth and some volunteers are needed to help with this venture. There will be some training offered in the new year, but if any of you want to be involved in this work, please contact the Office by email or speak to Fr Philip.

<u>First Holy Communion:</u> all parents are reminded that the next session for the children is **Wednesday 6th January** at 17.00 in St Peter's Hall.

Acle First Holy Communion: preparation classes will begin on Saturday 9th January at 4:50pm and will then continue on a weekly basis.

<u>Sacrament of Confirmation.</u> Bishop Alan will come to our parish on <u>Tuesday 3rd May 2016</u> to confirm young people who have been baptised & who have taken part in our parish confirmation programme. You must be 14 years old and you must be baptised. There will be a meeting for parents of those who wish to be confirmed on <u>Monday 1st February</u> in St Mary's Hall at 20.00. Registration forms are available from next Sunday, please collect at Mass and return to the parish office.

Journey in Faith begins again on Wednesday 13th January in St Mary's Presbytery at 20.00 for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Change of lock: notice for all St. Peter's Parish Hall users, we are going to change the main door lock on 10th January 2016. If you have a parish hall key, please return the old one and collect new key from Jose or contact him on 07890 506176. When you collect the key please give your Name, Address and Phone no. for the parish record. Thank you.

White Flower Appeal: for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will be held at all Mass Centres next weekend 9th/10th January to support their 'Lives worth Living' campaign. We are asked to pray the following: 'Father in Heaven, You are Creator of life. Protect all Your children, especially the vulnerable, whose threatened. We pray that all those who are disabled. incapacitated, or nearing death receive Your mercy and love. We ask for the conversion of all who fail to respect the gift of human life. Guide their actions and help restore in the hearts of all people the sanctity of human life. Amen'.

May God bless you and all your family

throughout 2016