

# 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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## 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT – 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017

### Divine Office Week 3

Day	Place	Time	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) – Vigil Mass</b>		
	Acle	17:00	Deceased members of the clergy
<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SP	09:00	Private Intention
	SM	11:00	People of the Parish
	Caister	17:00	Sr Anna-Marie Hannaert †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	-	-	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	JPH	16:30	Eucharistic Service
	SM	19:00	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	SP	09:30	Mildred Hodges †
	SM	10:00	Brian Hannant †
	SM	18:00	Polish Reconciliation Service
	SM	19:00	Polish Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	SM	09:30	Adoration
	SM	10:00	Sr Mary Givens †
	SP	19:30	Louise Brown †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	SP	10:00	Thanksgiving Intention
	SM	10:00	Oscar & Mateus Alves & families
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>		
	SP	09:30	Edward Francis †
	SP	10.00	Adoration and Confession
	SM	10:00	Daniel Da Cruz & wife, January Ximenes & wife, Oscar Alves and family
	SM	10:30	Confession

**Please remember in your prayers: all in the parish who are ill;** Molly Able, Tony Adamson, Ann Askew, Sadie Baker, Jeanette Charalambous, Jane Christie, Stephen Christie, Angela Cooper, Anthony D'Arcy, Filomena Desira, Sam Desira, Simon Ellison, Muriel Gale, Joyce Hastings, Rosemarie Hawkins, Sandra Hennessy, Michael Howlings, Christine Iles, Brian Lafferty, Mollie Marsden, Eileen McCarney, Linda McGurk, Mary-Ann Moody Cliffe, Glen Nudd, Joanne O'Gregory, Joe Paton, Dorothy Pearce, Beryl Pearson, Tom Ryan, Michael Ryan, Lilian Skinner, Marta Sofia, Jonathon Walsh, Anthony Willets, John Wright and Karen Zerafa. May the Lord give them comfort.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time;** Jennifer Borg, Anthony Boyle, Dora Crofts, Gertrudes Da Costa, Flora Della-Spina, Ann Ellis, Edward Francis, Audrey Gibbs, Sr Mary Givens, Patrick Glynn, Alan Godbold, Syliva Hamilton, Sr Anna-Marie Hannaert, Brian Hannant, Maeve Harris, Wladyslaw Jarzebinski, Mary Leggett, Bessie Manning, Patrick Rochford, Brian Rooney, William Rose, Dorothy Sparasci, Bernadette Stuart, Evelyn Teiffel, Gladys Took and Kathleen Williams. May they rest in peace.

**A warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend**

Registered Charity No:  
278742

### Information

#### **Priest in Charge**

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#### **Assistant Priest**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

SM Tue 08:00 – 14:00  
SP Wed 09:00 – 14:00  
SP Thurs 09:00 – 12:00

#### **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)

#### **The Cycle of Prayer**

During Advent and  
Christmastide we are asked  
to pray for these intentions:  
Openness to the Word of  
God; Migrants and Refugees;  
Expectant Mothers.

#### **Psalm Response:**

My soul rejoices in my God.

### 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	£83.00
Loose	£324.85
Standing Orders	£240.00
TOTAL	£647.85

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

Gift Aid	£161.00
Loose	£201.42
Standing Orders	£135.00
TOTAL	£497.42

<b>Restoration Funding stands at: - £31,980.22</b> Retiring Collection last weekend SVP Christmas Appeal: <b>SM: £463.78 SP: £225.13</b>  Retiring Collection this weekend is for the Dependent Priests' Fund
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#### Mass times for Christmas:

**24th December:** 17.00 St Ignatius, Caister  
20.00 St Peter's, Gorleston.  
22.00 St Mary's, Great Yarmouth

There will be carol singing half an hour before Mass at St Peter's & St Mary's.

**25th December:** 09.00 St Peter's, Gorleston  
09.00 Polish Mass, St Mary's, Great Yarmouth  
09.15 St Edmund's, C of E Church, Acle.  
11.00 St Mary's, Great Yarmouth

*There is no Mass in the afternoon or evening.*

**“Laudate Si- on the care for our common home”** was written by Pope Francis in 2015. **Reflection 9:** From 203, 205 “Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its products, people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending.”... “Yet all is not lost...No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts”. This week you are invited to take time to reflect on our “needs”, and pray that God will help us to make good, moral, purchasing choices.

**Gift Aid:** thank you to all who gift aid their contributions to our Parishes. This year we have been notified by the Diocesan Office that your offering made to the Parish Clergy at the Christmas Vigil/Christmas Day Masses can be gift aided. If you do not have a separate envelope for your Christmas offering with your gift aid number on, please take a Christmas envelope from the back of Church, and note your G/A number on it for recording purposes. Thanks.

**Epiphany Candlelight Mass:** Followed by hotdogs, a bonfire and fireworks for all young people from across the diocese. 5pm-7pm Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH.

**Large print bulletin** available at the back of Church

#### Forthcoming Diary Dates:

1. **SM Sunday School** – Nativity today 17<sup>th</sup> Dec
2. **SP Sunday School** – today 17<sup>th</sup> Dec
3. **SM SVP** – next meeting Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:00 at St Ignatius, Caister
4. **SP SVP** – next meeting Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jan in the hall after Mass

**St Mary's Nativity** will take place during Mass today **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Confirmation 2018** Application forms are available at all Mass centres for those aged 13 years and over wishing to enrol on the upcoming Confirmation course. The Confirmation will take place in May 2018 at St Mary's by Bishop Alan Hopes. Please return completed forms as soon as possible to either St Mary's or St Peter's office. Classes will begin in January.

**St Peter's Christmas Dinner** will be held today **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 14:00 in St Peter's Hall. Tickets are £12.00 each and available from Barbara & Tommy Clark. As the Christmas dinner is being prepared we are unable to serve refreshments in the hall after Mass today. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**St Mary's Christmas Choir** more singers are needed to support the singing over Christmas, particularly 'Midnight' Mass which will begin at 21:30 on Christmas Eve with Carols followed by Mass at 22:00. There will be a practice today **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** after the 11:00 Mass either in the Church or Organ Loft. If you can help please see Stella or Rachel. Thank you.

**Acle First Holy Communion Programme** will begin on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January** 2018 at St Edmund's in the South Porch, at 16:50.

**Holly urgently needed** for St Mary's and St Ignatius Churches. If you are able to supply any, please either drop off at either of the Churches as soon as possible or see Carole – thank you.

**Volunteers needed** to start up a Fundraising Committee at St Mary's – please see Fr Anthony if you can offer your help – thank you.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult)** Sessions will resume in January at St. Mary's – thank you.

**Domestic help needed** 2-3 hours per week. Please call Dora on 01493 857742 – thank you.

**Fr Philip's leaving gift** from St Mary's and St Ignatius totalled **£316.66**. Thank you.

**Very many thanks** to St Cecilia's Choir and Matthew Hardy for the wonderful concert in St Mary's a few weeks ago. They raised a magnificent total of **£330.00** for St Mary's. Thank you so much.

**Altar Servers Feast Day** is St Stephen's Day, Boxing Day, 26<sup>th</sup> December. It is hoped all servers will try to attend Mass that day and serve on the altar. Mass will be at 11.00 at both St Mary's and St Peter's.

**Parish Offices closed** on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December**. Any items to be included in the newsletter on 31<sup>st</sup> December need to be emailed by 10:00am on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December** – thank you Jo.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December:**  
*The elderly* – That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations.