

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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4th WEEK OF ADVENT – 24th DECEMBER 2017

Divine Office Week 4

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 23 rd Dec	4th Sunday of Advent – Vigil Mass		
	Acle	17:00	Richard Atkinson †
Sunday 24 th Dec	SP	09:00	People of the Parish
	SM	11:00	Maria, Irene & Wladyslaw Fabian †
	The Nativity Of The Lord Solemnity With Octave		
	Caister	17:00	Sr Theresita Curley
	SP	20:00	Ellen Newman †
Monday 25 th Dec	Christmas Day		
	SP	09:00	People of the Parish
	SM	09:00	Polish Mass
	Acle	09:15	Kenneth Harbord †
Tuesday	SM	11:00	Doris & Reg Partington and Terry Pawsey †
	SP	11:00	
Wednesday	S Stephen, The First Martyr. Feast		
	SM	10:00	Stanley Seago †
Thursday	S John Ap and Evangelist. Feast.		
	Holy Innocents MM. Feast.		
	SM	09:30	Adoration
Friday	SM	10:00	Holy Souls
	SM	10:00	Brian Precious †
	SP	19:30	
Saturday	S Thomas Becket BM Patron of the Pastoral Clergy.		
	SM	10:00	Tom and Doreen Mannall †
Saturday	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity		
	SM	10:00	Agnes and George Holt †
	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; Cecilia Buttifaint, Michael Cucurullo, Sr Theresita Curley, Annelise Della-Spina, Rose Evans, Warren Fernandez, Margaret France, Tomas Grabowski, John Harris, John Herlihy, Peter Hilton, Agnes Holt, Anthony Hornby, Heneryk Jerysz, Thomas Mannall, Margaret McQuillan, Walter Mills, John Morrow, Richard Mott, Ellen Newman, Sophia Nicholas, Hilda penny, Leo Peterson, Eunice Pethebridge, Brian Precious, James Rhodes, Mary Salmon, Olive Shanks and Catherine Tan. May they rest in peace.

A warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend and a Blessed Christmas to you all.

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278742



Information

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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.

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	£138.00
Loose	£416.47
Standing Orders	£240.00
TOTAL	£794.47

Weekly Offertory Collection – St Peter's

Gift Aid	£176.00
Loose	£231.51
Standing Orders	£135.00
TOTAL	£542.51

Restoration Funding stands at: - £31,974.86

Retiring Collection last weekend for the Dependent Priests' Fund: **SM: £148.28 SP: £113.27**

By tradition the Christmas Offering is your gift to the clergy of the Parish – there are envelopes at the back of Church – please see note below about those who Gift Aid.

Fr Alex heads off home to Nigeria on **Wednesday 27th December** for 4 weeks holiday to visit family. We wish him safe travelling and he will be back on 27th January 2018. Please check the newsletter for details of available weekday Masses.

“Laudate Si- on the care for our common home” was written by Pope Francis in 2015. **Reflection 10:** From 206, 210 “A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power... When social pressure affects their earnings, businesses clearly have to find ways to produce differently.” ... “Environmental education needs educators capable of developing an ethics of ecology, and helping people, through effective pedagogy, to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care.” This week you are invited to reflect and pray about our need to be sensitive to our environment and then to act and to change our habits.

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 6th January 2018** at the White House, 21 Ugate, Poringland, Norwich NR14 7SH.

Altar Servers Feast Day is St Stephen's Day, Boxing Day, **26th 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.

Large print bulletin available at the back of Church

Forthcoming Diary Dates:

1. **SM Sunday School** – on Xmas break
2. **SP Sunday School** – on Xmas break
3. **SM SVP** – next meeting Wed 10th Jan 10:00 at St Ignatius, Caister
4. **SP SVP** – next meeting Sun 7th Jan in the hall after Mass
5. **KSC Meeting** – Friday 12th Jan 19:30 in St Peter's Hall

St Peter's Christmas Meal many thanks to all who came to the meal. We raised £416.00 and have donated £208 to St Peter's Parish and £208 to the John Grant School, Caister. Merry Christmas from Barbara & Tommy Clark.

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

Race Night due to the previous night being cancelled at the last minute, the Knights of St Columba will be holding a Race Night in St Peter's Hall on **Saturday 3rd February**. The first race starts at 19:00. Tickets priced at £5.00 and includes Fish & Chips served at 20:30. The proceeds will go to pay for Fr Anthony & Fr Alex to have driving lessons to enable them to get a car to fulfil their ministry. On behalf of the Knights of St Columba, have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a great New Year for 2018.

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.

Thank you to The Chorus of St Cecilia for the St Peter's Christmas Tree!

St Mary's SVP wish to thank you all for the most generous response to their Christmas Appeal which amounted to **£463.78** May we also thank Angela Molineux for hosting a Coffee Morning for the SVP which resulted in a total of **£430.00**. God Bless you all.

St Peter's SVP wish to thank everyone for their generosity at their Christmas Collection which amounted to **£225.13**.

Missionaries of the Poor thank you for all the donations and daily necessities you so generously gave to help the MOP. You will have made a difference to someone's life. God Bless. Moira

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.

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

Fr Anthony and Fr Alex wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.