

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From this Sunday until the feast of Pentecost the gospel readings, drawn from St John's Gospel, focus on Jesus' teachings made during the Last Supper. Collectively, they record Jesus' commentary on the future of the Church after His death and resurrection, and the role that His disciples would play in that. Today's gospel (JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35) focussed on the underlying principle that Jesus wanted His disciples to adopt to each other as they spread the Good News. Following Judas's departure from the room where the Last Supper had been held to betray the Lord, Jesus knew that the object of His earthly ministry, as laid down in scripture, had been fulfilled. And through His death and resurrection, He would be praised and exalted by His heavenly Father, and in turn, God would be glorified ("...Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in Him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in Him, God will in turn glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify him very soon...").



As a final instruction, Jesus said to His disciples '...I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples...'. The love portrayed here is not the love of sentiment but that of service towards others, the love shown in the face of adversity and hardship, the love of mercy and peace give to those who antagonise. Jesus wanted His Christian community to be identified as a source of outward love to others, as exemplified by the saints and martyrs in Church history. We too must share in this love for our fellow Christians and to those of other faiths, or none

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

IS CELEBRATED ON THURSDAY, 26TH MAY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10.00 AM

The Easter season proceeds towards its close with the great SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION (40 days after Easter) where Jesus rose into Heaven in presence of His disciples. The Ascension marks the point when the Jesus' human form assumes the condition of divine glory, and it represents the final act of redemption for us all. By His Ascension, the Lord provides us with our own pathway to heaven; a glorious gift for us all.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE — 17TH MAY 2022.

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors highlighted the importance of prayer and suggested to Pope Francis that the worldwide Catholic Church should join in a day of prayer. The Holy Father welcomed this initiative. From 2021 the Bishops have chosen the TUESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER AS THE DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE, moving it from its original date in Lent. The reason for this move in dates, from Lent to Easter, was because the Day of Prayer is not considered a penitential day for the failure of the Church and others to respond to the scourge of abuse but a day of prayer for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life. A range of resources for this day can be found on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales's website (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2022>) as part of their ISAIAH JOURNEY INITIATIVE. This programme, inspired by the writing of the prophet Isaiah, it has three strands: seeking truth; bringing hope; finding healing to achieve the aim of bring peace to those affected by abuse.

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESAN EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **ANNUAL DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM/ CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - TUESDAY 31ST MAY:** These events, to be led by Bishop Alan, have been combined this year, a result of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. **FOR THE ADULTS:** 12 noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. 3 pm Procession to the Priory Grounds followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. 4.30 pm depart. **FOR THE CHILDREN:** There will be a special Children's liturgy at the 12 noon Mass, and later in the day, the children's walk to the Priory (3 pm). The theme of the day is 'the Visitation'. Sadly, there will be no visit to the seaside for children as in previous years. For more details on the children's event email: chrissies18@hotmail.com or call 01493-717121
- **CELEBRATE EAST ANGLIA - PRAISE AND WORSHIP ON THE LAWN. SATURDAY, 18TH JUNE 2022:** This Catholic charismatic meeting will be held at Churchford Grange, Mill Hill, Capel St. Mary, Ipswich. IP9 2LA between 2-6 pm on the 18th of June.
- **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS: SATURDAY JUNE 18TH:** This annual event will be held at 11 am, St John's Cathedral, Norwich. The Mass is for couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries.
- **DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA SUMMER CAMP FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST TO MONDAY 29TH AUGUST:** The camp will be held at Ringsfield Hall, Hall Road, Beccles NR34 8JR. For ages 8 to 14 years. Come and join us for Faith, Food and Fun.

For all these events, future newsletters will provide more information as it becomes available. Also leaflets, application notes and forms will be available in the church porch in due course.

WEST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If anyone from the parish is admitted to West Suffolk Hospital and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain on Mondays, please do inform Paul Gilbert as he will be shadowing the Chaplaincy Department on Monday afternoons for the foreseeable future. Paul would very much like to visit parishioners and to give a friendly smile.

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT ST MARY'S: We at St Mary's are currently following the guidance provided by the Bishops of England and Wales. Given the current age demographic of those attending Mass at St Mary's, the size of the church and 'flow' restrictions, **WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY ASK ALL VISITING THE CHURCH TO CONTINUE TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS, OBSERVE HAND SANITATION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE**

TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday's **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** begins at 9.15 am. All who wish to attend should be in place by then. Church's rules state that Eucharistic Adoration can't take place without sufficient of the faithful being present and must last for at least thirty minutes with sufficient of the faithful people present throughout. Only if these guidelines are met can Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament be celebrated. A five- or ten-minute attendance does not conform with Church's Law. Please encourage one another to attend at 9.15 am or Eucharistic Adoration will sadly have to be discontinued.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 14TH MAY	<i>ST MATTHIAS - APOSTLE</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS	PLEASE NOTE: ST MARY'S PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A MASK DURING MASS, AND HAND SANITISE WHERE NECESSARY THANK-YOU
SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2021		10.00 AM MASS	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
MONDAY 16TH MAY	<i>EASTER FERIA</i>	NO MASS	
TUESDAY 17TH MAY	<i>EASTER FERIA – DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE</i>	9.15 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	
		10 AM MASS	
WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY	<i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10 AM MASS	
THURSDAY 19TH MAY	<i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10 AM MASS	
FRIDAY 20TH MAY	<i>EASTER FERIA</i>	10 AM MASS	
SATURDAY 21ST MAY	<i>EASTER FERIA</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS	
SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2021		10.00 AM MASS	
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - DURING EASTER TIME WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH; VOCATIONS; THE RIGHT USE OF THE MEDIA; THE CHURCH; HUMAN WORK.

CONFESSION: Fr Peter is available for confessions between 5 pm and 5.20 pm on Saturdays, just before the Vigil Mass.

TO EXISTING GIFT AID DONORS IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED, AND YOU ARE NO LONGER PAYING UK TAX, OR IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR ADDRESS DETAILS THEN PLEASE INFORM **CHRISTOPHER WOODMAN** (CONTACT DETAILS BELOW - PPC SECRETARY)

St MARY'S ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary and Angelus are said in the **CHURCH GARDEN BETWEEN 11.30 AM & NOON ON MONDAYS**. Those who are unable to attend, please join us in spirit knowing others are saying the rosary at that time. If people wish for the rosary to be offered for a reason, send your intentions to this email address: thetfordrosary@gmail.com. Requests will be acknowledged.

COFFEE & TEA IN CHURCH HALL: **TUESDAY COFFEE:** Tea and coffee will be available after the 10 am Mass each week. **SUNDAY COFFEE:** There will be coffee/tea in the hall after the 10 am Mass one Sunday per month. *The date of the first Sunday event will be announced shortly.*
PROCEEDS TO AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED-UKRAINE CRISIS.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	O SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD, FOR HE HAS WORKED WONDERS; IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS HE HAS SHOWN DELIVERANCE, ALLELUIA
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER, O GOD MY KING
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! JESUS SAID: 'I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. ALLELUIA!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	I AM THE TRUE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES, SAYS THE LORD. WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME, AND I IN HIM, BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY. ALLELUIA
READINGS	1ST READING: ACTS 14: 21 – 27; 2ND READING: APOCALYPSE 21: 1 – 5; GOSPEL: JOHN 13: 31 - 35
MUSIC FOR SUNDAY	Entrance Hymn (Introit): 287 Thine be the glory... Common: The Mass of creation.; 489 Glory to God; 490 Holy, Holy... (Sanctus); 491 Memorial Acclamation "We proclaim your death...; 495 Lamb of God... (Agnus Dei); Hymn after Holy Communion: 279 Ye choirs of New Jerusalem...

IN MEMORIAM PLEASE PRAY FOR **FRANK TURNER, LILO FROST, KATHERINE CICHOCKI, KATHLEEN O'DYER AND IRENA LISAIKIANE** WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT NOW

PRAY FOR THE SICK PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME: **PEGGY LLOYD, MADELINE TANNER, HENRIETTA CONNOLLY, MERVYN DAS, FATIMA ANJO, MARY MATTHEWS, WINNIE CLARKE, PATRICIA AND VITTORIO COCUCCIO, EILEEN MOLONEY, ANNE HOOD, EMMA WRIGHT, ANNE STANLEICK, MARIE BARBER, ALFRED ROITS, PATRICIA ENGLAND, RAY MOLONEY**

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