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Newsletter for Sunday, 21st April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Mass Books: p 261. Psalter: Week 4.

We pray for new members of the Church, the Parish of the Sacred Heart, North Walsham, the peoples of the Holy Land and Ukraine, the Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and for the SVP in Kerala, India.

Times of Mass this week

Memorial Acc: When we eat this bread...

Saturday	6.30 pm	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday	9.00 am,	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	11.00 am,	<i>Private intention - N</i>
Monday	----- Easter Feria	No Mass today

Tuesday 9.30 am, ST GEORGE, Patron of England.

Protection of the Unborn

Wednesday	12.15 pm, Easter Feria	<i>Private intention - N</i>
Thursday	----- ST MARK	No Mass today
Friday	12.15 pm, Easter Feria	<i>Priests and Religious</i>
Saturday	10.00 am, Easter Feria	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
	6.30 pm, (5th Sunday of Easter)	<i>Private intention</i>

>>>> **No Mass on Monday or Thursday this week.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday at 10.30 am or by appointment. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm. **Teas and coffees** after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Children's Liturgy** at 11.00 am Mass.

TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Retiring Collection today for Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. Gift Aid envelopes at back of church.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE will celebrate their annual Mass in the Lady Chapel of Ely Cathedral on Saturday 11th May at 10.30am with Bishop Peter Collins presiding. Parishioners of St Etheldreda's are warmly invited. There will be no Mass or Confessions at St Etheldreda's that Saturday morning.

THE GARDENING GROUP will meet again on Saturday, 27 April, 2 - 5pm. Please come, if you can, to help with keeping the church garden tidy. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING The next church cleaning session will take place on Saturday, 4th May, from 11.30 am. If you are free and able to spare an hour or so to help, we'd love to see you – all are welcome! We have mops, buckets, brooms and cleaning cloths but feel free to bring your own if you prefer!

SHROUD OF TURIN Movie night: "Who can he be?" – a fascinating documentary on the history and science of the Shroud of Turin. Showing from 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms on Wednesday 1st May. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS Bishop Peter invites all married couples and their families to the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday, 1st June, at 11.30am, at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich. The Mass will include a renewal of Marriage Vows for all couples

Couples celebrating significant anniversaries are invited to fill in the online Booking Form and so have their names read out during Mass, and receive a certificate. Certificates are for one year, five years and every multiple of five, until 60 years, then every individual year after 60 years. To book a place please go to: www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/ For enquiries please contact: Dr Antonia Braithwaite mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

IGNITE CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL organised by the East Anglia Diocese Youth Mission Team. 4th – 5th May at St Benedict's School, Bury St Edmund's. Faith, Music, Camping and Entertainment. A weekend for those in Year 8 + For more information and to book a ticket, please see www.ignitefestival.co.uk

We pray for all our sick and housebound and for the Anniversaries of Sheilla Sheehan, Bette Cassidy, Kathleen Selman, Bishop Charles Grant of Northampton, Kitty Harradence, Pat Pleydell, Frances Woodley, Martha D'Arcy, Melvin Green and William Power. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND *Parish* £706.60 *Easter Offering* £40.00 (£1,906.09 in total). Thank you all for being so generous.

For the Catholic Chaplain at Addenbrooke's, call the Chaplains' Office, 01223 217769. **Relationship difficulties** Contact Marriage Care 0800 389380

WEDDING BELLS Congratulations and every blessing to Oliver Carpenter and Faye Robinson who were married here on Saturday during Nuptial Mass.

COMING UP: The **SVP** next meets on Monday, 22nd April, at 7.30 pm. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again at 10.45 am on Saturday, 4th May,

God bless you in the coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.

A Message from Bishop Peter on the Second Collection for the Priest Training Fund

We are blessed in our diocesan family with three seminarians, a student for the priesthood residing in South Africa, and a possible candidate for entry to formation in September of this year. There is also an encouraging number of other men discerning a potential vocation to the priesthood, so it is all the more vital for the future of the Diocese to enable adequate financial support for the training of priests. The cost of training our diocesan students for the current year will amount to £92,418. I urge you to be as generous as possible in supporting the annual second collection, which last year raised approximately £20,000. (Donations can also be made through the diocesan website: www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations)

Fourth Sunday of Easter 2024: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Trusting in the love and care of the Good Shepherd, let us bring our needs and the needs of our troubled world before him, as we pray.

Reader:

For the Church and especially for her new children in this Easter Season: that we may bear witness to the resurrection as faithful members of the flock of Christ the Good Shepherd...

Lord, in your mercy.

On this Vocations Sunday, we pray for vocations to the Church's ministry: may many be led to consider a calling to the priesthood, the diaconate, the religious life and various lay ministries, and may we all discover anew God's calling in our own lives...

Lord, in your mercy.

We pray especially for vocations to the priesthood in our own Diocese of East Anglia, that God, who willed to provide shepherds for his people, may pour out in his Church a spirit of piety and fortitude, to raise up worthy ministers for his altars and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of the Gospel...

Lord in your mercy.

For those suffering because of war and violence, sickness or anxiety: that the Lord may console and strengthen them with his Holy Spirit...

Lord, in your mercy.

For the faithful departed, those who have died recently and those we remember in our prayers this week: that Christ the Good Shepherd may lead them safely home to the Father...

Lord, in your mercy.

Let us bring our own needs before God in a moment of silence...*LONGER PAUSE*

May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for all her children as we pray: Hail Mary...

Priest: God our Father, hear our prayers in name of Jesus, your Son, and count us among the members of your flock for all eternity, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

