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**Newsletter for Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare – Rejoice!**

**Parish Mass Book p168. Psalter: Week 4.**

We pray for the Parish of St Mary, Thetford, the Holy Land, Ukraine and for our twinned Catholic communities in Cambodia.

**Times of Mass this week**

**Memorial Acc: Save us, Saviour...**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.30 pm,</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12.15 pm, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Nettleship Family intentions</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 am,</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Canon Bernard Scholes RIP, Westm.</i>
	<b>11.00 am,</b>		<b>Friday</b>	<b>12.15 pm, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Private intention (Dente)</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Cosmo, Benedict and Miles RIP</i>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00 am, Lent Feria.</b>	<i>All Pro-Life issues</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.30 am, Lent Feria</b>	<i>Marjory Webber RIP</i>		<b>6.30 pm, (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)</b>	<i>Donor's intention</i>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):** Saturday, 10.30 am or by appointment.

**Teas and coffees** after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Children's Liturgy at 11.00 am Mass.** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday, 11.40 am – 12.10 pm.

**CATHOLIC EAST ANGLIA** Please take your free copy of the April issue of the Diocesan newspaper. Can you spot Father David in one of the photos?

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL** Today we welcome Neville Kyrke-Smith who is here to make an appeal for ACN's work and take a Retiring Collection.

**MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL** We will hold a special Retiring Collection next weekend for CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK** Wednesday in St Etheldreda's at 11.45 am. Friday at 7.00 pm in St Peter's Church, Broad Street.

**FINAL LENT TALK** Father John will give an illustrated talk in the Parish Rooms this Wednesday at 6.30 pm, which will be a meditation on the Passion with the help of the famous Isenheim altarpiece. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**LENTEN ALMS** will be sent to **Mary's Meals**, serving nutritious school meals to children living in some of the poorest countries. Basket on the altar steps.

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DEREK HACKING** This Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, at 3.30 pm at Fenland Crematorium, March. All are welcome to join Celia and her family at the Service and afterwards at The Cutter Inn, Annesdale, Ely. Please pray for the repose of Derek's soul and for the Lord's comfort for all who mourn him.

**CHURCH CLEANING** The next regular church cleaning session will be this Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April from 11.30 am. All help welcome, many hands make light work.

There will be an extra Church Clean for Easter on the Wednesday of Holy Week, 16<sup>th</sup> April, from 9.30 am, finishing in good time before the Stations and Mass.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED** Would you like to be a welcomer at 9.00 am Mass on Sundays? With three more volunteers, duties would only be once a month.

Thank you. Contact Joan on 07510 359845.

**REPOSITORY** Religious Easter cards are now on sale in the Repository at the back of the church, priced as marked. Boxed sets of Rosary Beads are on sale for £4.50 each. Folded guides to the Mysteries and how to pray the Rosary are priced at 75p on their own, or £5 for Rosary Beads and guide combined.

**CELEBRITY PIANO RECITAL BY RAFAL BLECHACZ** Renowned pianist Rafal Blechacz will be returning to Ely Cathedral for a Recital of works by Schubert, Mozart and Chopin on Easter Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 pm in aid of the Boys' Choir Tour Fund. Tickets on sale through the Cathedral. Not to be missed!

**We pray for all our sick and housebound, and for the anniversaries of** Brian O'Neill, Elsie Beedle, Grace Brown, Ida Mietus, Charles Alder, Mary Bush, Arthur Hearne, William Robins, Francis Connolly, Charles Gomez, Rachel Hugnet, Michael Grant and Caroline Kiernan. May they rest in peace.

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:** *Parish Offertory Plate* £701.05 (Standing Orders average £510). *Walsingham Shrine Appeal* £166.10. Thank you very much.

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

**COMING UP:** The SVP this Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 pm. The Bible Study and Prayer Group this Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April, at 10.45 am.

*God bless and keep all of you, Mothers and Mums. Happy Mothering Sunday!*

*God bless you all, Deacon Paul and Father David.*

## Prayers of the Faithful – Fourth Sunday of Lent 2025

Priest:

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us today to give thanks for the loving mercy at the heart of our God, celebrated through forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So, with great confidence let us pray.

Reader:

For Pope Francis, Peter our Bishop and all who lead and guide us in living our Faith: that they may be examples of loving generosity and service...  
Lord, in your mercy.

For those around the world who are being persecuted and suffer for their faith in Christ: that we may help our brothers and sisters with our prayers and with the support of Aid to the Church in Need...

Lord, in your mercy.

For the victims of the Earthquake in Myanmar: that the Lord may grant eternal rest to those who have lost their lives and that all the survivors may quickly receive the help they need...

Lord, in your mercy.

For those living in places of war and conflict and for all who are sick: that the grace of the Lord may grant them comfort and new strength...

Lord, in your mercy.

For Derek Hacking and all who have walked before us on the Pilgrimage of Hope: that they may enjoy the peace and light of God's eternal kingdom...

Lord, in your mercy.

Let us pray in the silence of our hearts for our own needs...

We pray for God's blessing on all mothers, as we seek the prayers of Blessed Mary, Mother of God: Hail Mary...

Priest:

Lord God, be the beginning and end of all that we do or say. Prompt our actions by your grace and bring them to completion by your unfailing power. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.







