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Newsletter for Sunday, 4th May 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Books: Page 259. Psalter: Week 3.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, for the Cardinals preparing to meet in Conclave to elect a new Pope, for the Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Woodbridge, new members of the Church, for the Holy Land, Ukraine, the Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and the SVP in Kerala, India.

Times of Mass this week

Saturday 6.30 pm,
Sunday 9.00 am,
11.00 am,
Monday ----- Easter Feria
Tuesday 9.30 am, Easter Feria

Memorial Acc: We proclaim...

Roger Anderson RIP
Bernadette Leach RIP
People of the Parish
No Mass today
Thanksgiving (Lymer)

Wednesday 12.15 pm, Easter Feria

VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BEFORE THE CONCLAVE

Thursday 9.30 am, Easter Feria *Pat Regan RIP*

Friday 10.00 am, Easter Feria

FUNERAL MASS FOR ELIZABETH MILBY RIP

Saturday 10.00 am, Easter Feria *David Gibbs RIP*
6.30 pm, (4th of Easter) *Hilda McMonagle RIP*

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

Teas and coffees after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass today. **Children's Liturgy at 11.00 am Mass. No Exposition on Friday this week.**

VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, Wednesday 12.15 pm. Bishop Peter urges us all to pray fervently to the Holy Spirit for the Cardinal Electors as they enter the conclave on Wednesday afternoon and to entrust the Church to Divine Providence as we await the election of the 267th Successor of St Peter.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM this Monday, 5th May. 11.00 am, Rosary Procession begins from the Old Railway Station Car Park.

12 noon, Crowning of Statue and Solemn Pontifical Mass followed by lunch. 2.00 pm, Service of Reconciliation. 3.00 pm, Solemn Benediction and Home!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY next weekend is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Bishop Peter reminds us that the call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting for the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the **Second Collection** next weekend.

DAY FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD, St Mary's Catholic Church, Thetford, Saturday, 24th of May, beginning with Mass at 10:30am. The day is open to those at any stage of discernment, including those who may simply be curious about beginning to explore this path.

For more information and to express interest in attending, you are warmly encouraged to contact Fr Christopher Smith at christopher.smith@rcdea.org.uk

SVP MESSAGE Presentations Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm - County Council officer Austin Whiteside on the HousingFirst service for rough sleepers.

Wednesday 14th May at 5.30pm - District Council officer Sarah Burton Team Leader of the Housing Options Team Leader, when we can discuss questions arising from the review last year of the Housing Strategy. All are welcome to attend both presentations which have been arranged by our SVP Conference.

GREETING CARDS FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION are now on sale in the Repository, individually priced.

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound and for the **Anniversaries** of Madelaine McAhern. Helen King, Antony Edwards, George Jenkins, Arthur Selman, Annie Cockerton, Frances Bell, Michael Cassells, Kathleen Bowers, Patrick Regan, Reobne Barnett-Swift, Jemima Abraham, Maureen Perry, Thomas Hennebry, Winifred Kett and Alexander Stewart. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND, Parish £728.13, Easter Offering £20 (£1,949.94). Thank you all for being so generous, especially in the Easter Offering.

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

Coming up: No Mass here on Monday. Funeral Mass on Friday at 10.00 am. SVP next meets on Monday, 12th May at 10.15 am. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again on Saturday, 17th May, at 10.00 am. **God bless you in the coming week, Deacon Paul and Father David.**

Third Sunday of Easter: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Called together as one body in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world at this time.

Reader:

We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of Pope Francis...
Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for the Church and for the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Cardinal Electors as they prepare to enter the Conclave on Wednesday...
Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for our young people who are soon to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and for our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion, that they may draw closer to Jesus each day...
Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for peace in the world, remembering especially the suffering of the peoples of the Holy Land and Ukraine...

Lord, in your mercy.

As we approach the Eightieth Anniversary of VE Day, we give thanks for the freedom we enjoy now and pray for all those whose sacrifice defeated the forces of fascism, tyranny, racial hatred and genocide...
Lord, in your mercy.

We pray for the faithful departed, especially Elizabeth Milby and those who have died recently and for all who gave their lives in the Second World War to secure our freedom....
Lord, in your mercy.

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

We ask Our Lady of Walsingham to pray for the Church in East Anglia and for all our intentions: Hail Mary...

Priest: God our Father, hear the prayers of your people and in your mercy, grant us all that is for our good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

