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Newsletter for Sunday, 11th May 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter.

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WE REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE ELECTION OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV.

We pray for our young people who are to be Confirmed by Bishop Peter during 7.00 pm Mass on Thursday evening, for the Parish of Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury, Wymondham, for the Holy Land, Ukraine and for the Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and for the SVP in Kerala, India.

Times of Mass this week

Saturday 6.30 pm,
Sunday 9.00 am,
11.00 am,
Monday 9.30 am, Easter Feria
Tuesday 9.30 am, Our Lady of Fatima

Memorial Acc: We proclaim...

Hilda McMonagle RIP
People of the Parish
Jemima Abraham RIP
Arthur Selman RIP (F)
Jadwiga Szukalska RIP

Wednesday 12.15 pm, ST MATTHIAS

Thursday 9.30 am, Easter Feria
7.00 pm,

Friday 10.00 am, Easter Feria

Saturday 10.00 am, Easter Feria
6.30 pm, (5th of Easter)

David Gibbs RIP

Sylvia Morrissey RIP

MASS OF CONFIRMATION

Keira Bartholomew RIP

Isabel Mascarenhas RIP

John Cameron RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturday at 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.**

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, the 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 the formation of our future parish priests. Please continue to pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible towards the **Second Collection today**. Dedicated Gift Aid envelopes can be picked up at the back of the church.

SUNDAY, 8 JUNE, FROM 12 NOON - PARISH BBQ to celebrate Father David's 40th Anniversary of Ordination. Please register your attendance on the list at the back of the church. If you can please bring salad or dessert or drink (or combination) to share with others.

Suggested donation (cash on the day), to cover the cost of food - adults £5, children free. Don't miss out on this special social gathering!

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

PRESENTATION ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY at 5.30pm – District Council officer Sarah Burton, Team Leader of the Housing Options, when we can discuss questions arising from the review last year of the Housing Strategy. All are welcome to attend. We thank our SVP Conference for arranging these presentations.

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 Ellen Cremin, Vera Holyer, William Broderick, Mme Gertrude Bilim, Grainia Dale, Gertrude Cross, John Gallagher, Ernest Hartley, Keira Bartholomew, Vincent Price, Albert Fisher and Mark Lemon. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND, *Parish* £669.10 (Standing Orders average £510). Thank you all for your generosity.

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

Coming up: SVP meets on Monday at 10.15 am. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** meets again on Saturday, at 10.00 am.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: With confidence in the love God has for each one of us, let us pray.

Reader:
That God may bless Pope Leo the Fourteenth with all the graces he needs for his ministry in the years ahead...
Lord, hear us.

That all members of the Church may be faithful witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel ...
Lord, hear us.

For our young people who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week: that the Holy Spirit may lead them in the ways of Jesus the Lord...
Lord, hear us.

That those who are called to the priesthood and religious life may respond generously to the voice of the Good Shepherd...
Lord, hear us.

That the world may be blessed by the Spirit of reconciliation, justice and peace...
Lord, hear us.

That Elizabeth Milby and all the faithful departed may rest in peace...
Lord, hear us.

Let us pray now in silence for our own needs...

We ask Our Blessed Lady, Mother of Good Counsel, for the help of her prayers:
Hail Mary...

Priest: God our Father, fortify us to face the challenges of our world today with courage and in your mercy, grant the prayers we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.

