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Newsletter for Sunday, 18th May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter.

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We pray for Pope Leo XIV as he celebrates his Inauguration Mass, the Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist, Norwich, the Survivors of Sexual Abuse, especially on Tuesday which is a National Day of Prayer, the Holy Land, Ukraine and the Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia, and the SVP in Kerala, India.

Times of Mass this week

Memorial Acc: We proclaim...

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

John Cameron RIP
Francis and Florence Connolly RIP
People of the Parish
Joe McLoughlin RIP
No Mass today

Wednesday	-----	Easter Feria	No Mass today
Thursday	-----	Easter Feria	No Mass today
Friday	-----	Easter Feria	No Mass today
Saturday	10.00 am, 6.30 pm, (6th of Easter)	Easter Feria	<i>David Gibbs RIP</i> <i>Robert McMonagle RIP</i>

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. No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS, for **Father John** who will be having surgery on Friday for a vascular problem with his right leg and for **Father David** who will be on Retreat this week with Bishop Peter and almost fifty of the priests of the Diocese. Apologies that there will be no Mass from Tuesday to Friday.
For any emergency sick call during the Retreat, please ring St Philip Howard Parish, Cambridge, 01223 211235 or English Martyrs on 01223 350787.

RUBY WEDDING Gerald and Stella invite you to join them to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday May 25th after 11.00 am Mass.

Date for your Diary – SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham and Sacrament of the Sick on 6th July. Bishop Peter will lead the Pilgrimage. Mass starts at 1.45pm. Transport will be arranged. Please sign up at the back of church. See posters in the church porch.

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the 18 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday. Bishop Peter presided over a memorable celebration. Special thanks to Ben Thompson and Katie Betts, our Confirmation Catechists, supported by Joan Wall and thank you to those who laid on the refreshments.

WE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Gabrielle Clarke whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Etheldreda's on Monday, 2nd June, at 10.45 am, **for all our sick and housebound and for the Anniversaries of** Frederick Smart, Michael McGhin, Lawrence Earith, Una Roddy, Thomas Gotobed, Helen Whittingham, Michael Nolan, Michael Joseph Holt, Mary Downe, Ludwik Marczewski, Alice Tuckswood and Jennnifer Anne Cicharski. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND, *Parish* £769.15 (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, 26th May at 7.30 pm. **Parish Bible Study and Prayer Group** are holding a Day of Recollection on Saturday, 7th June.
You will be remembered in our prayers on the Priests' Retreat this week. God bless, Deacon Paul and Father David.

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: Let us now pray to the Lord who is kind and full of compassion.

Reader:

For the Holy Father: that Pope Leo XIV, raised to the Chair of Saint Peter, be abundantly blessed with the Holy Spirit to discern God's will, be given courage to fulfil it, and the charity to shepherd God's people with the Heart of Christ...

Lord, hear us.

For Father John: that his forthcoming surgery may be successful and that he may soon return to full health and be back among us at the altar of God...

Lord, hear us.

For Bishop Peter and the priests of East Anglia: that they may be refreshed, and renewed in the Holy Spirit, during their Retreat this week...

Lord, hear us.

For our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday and for our children who are soon to receive their First Holy Communion: that they may grow in the love of God and of their neighbour, day by day...

Lord, hear us.

For Gaza, Ukraine and all places of conflict: that the world may be blessed by the Spirit of reconciliation, justice and peace...

Lord, hear us.

For Gabriel Clarke and all the faithful departed: that they may rest in the peace of Christ...

Lord, hear us.

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

We ask Our Blessed Lady, Mother of the Church, to help us with her prayers:

Hail Mary...

Priest: Lord God, how good you are to all, compassionate to all your creatures. May we make known the glorious splendour of your reign, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

