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Newsletter for Sunday, 29 March 2026, Palm Sunday

Mass Books p176 at 6.30 pm & 11.00 am Mass, p182 at 9.00 am Mass. Psalter Wk 2.

We pray for those preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter, for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine, the Catholics in Prek Toal, Cambodia.

Times of Mass this week

Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.00 am,
11.00 am,
Monday 9.30 am, Holy Week
Tuesday ----- Holy Week

Memorial Acc: We proclaim your death...

Louise Vyse RIP
People of the Parish
Martin D’Cunha RIP
Mary Mc Brearty RIP
No Mass today

Wednesday 12.15 pm, Holy Week *Priests, deacons, seminarians*
Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm, Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Special intention
Good Friday 3.00 pm, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7.00 pm, Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday 12.00 noon Blessing of Easter Food
8.00 pm, Easter Vigil & Mass *People of the Parish*

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): After Mass on Wednesday, on Holy Saturday at 10.30 am or by appointment.

Teas and coffees after 9.00 and 11.00 am Mass. **Lenten Alms Basket**, for Aid to the Church in Need is on the altar steps below Our Lady’s statue.

CATHOLIC EAST ANGLIA Please take a copy of the diocesan newspaper for April.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS THIS WEEK Maundy Thursday: The Poor and Needy (SVP); Good Friday: The Holy Places, for the Catholic Church in the Holy Land

At all Easter Masses: Holy Saturday at 8.00 pm and Easter Sunday at 9.00 and 11.00 am: the customary Easter Offering for your Parish Priest.

CHRISM MASS 11.30 am on Tuesday in the Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist, Norwich. Light refreshments served afterwards.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS A short form at 11.45 am on Wednesday, before Mass, and then on Friday at 7.00 pm, here in St Etheldreda’s Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS: Washing of the Feet Four volunteers are needed. Sign-up list at the back of the church. **Watching** until Night Prayer at 10.00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE Those aged 21 to start of 60th year are bound to Fast and all aged 14 and over to Abstain from flesh meat.

GOOD FRIDAY CHRISTIANS TOGETHER WALK OF WITNESS from St Mary’s Green at 10.00 am then by the Market Place to the Cathedral.

HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of Easter Food, 12 noon with Collection for Lenten Alms. **NO 6.30 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.** First Easter Mass, 8.00 pm.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH Donations towards the cost of flowers and decoration of the church for Easter will be most gratefully received.

WALKING THE CAMINO Laurence, a member of our parish conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is participating in a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela to raise funds for the SVP. This involves walking the ~100km of the Camino Inglés over six days. You can read more and donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/camino-ely> . The pink basket is again at the back of the church for donations you would like to make today.

FROM SVP Some parishioners have kindly taken collection jars for contributions to the Kenya project and Linda now asks for them to be returned.

DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME Bishop Peter will lead pilgrims from East Anglia to Rome to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese, 27th – 31st October. More information on joining the pilgrimage can be found on the Diocesan Website here: [Diocese to Celebrate Golden Jubilee with Pilgrimage - Catholic Diocese Of East Anglia](#) or by contacting Elizabeth Pugh at Pilgrimage People on office@pilgrimagepeople.org

WE PRAY for all our sick and housebound, those who have died recently and for the **Anniversaries** of Suzanne Cockerton, Patrick Graves, Kathleen Collins, Grace Davidson, Joseph Addy, Brian O’Neill, Elsie Beedle, Grace Brown, Ida Amelia Mietus, Charles Alder, Mary Bush, Arthur Hearne, William Robins, Francis Connolly, Charles Gomez, Rachel Hugnet and Michael Grant. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND Parish £723.05 (Standing Orders average £650). Thank you all for your ongoing generosity.

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

Please note: No Mass on Tuesday this week. **SVP** next meets this Monday, 30th March at 7.30 pm. **God bless, Deacon Paul and Father David.**

Prayers of the Faithful – Palm Sunday 2026

Priest:

Let us pray to the Lord who enters with us into all the circumstances of our human lives, even into death itself.

Reader:

For Pope Leo: that he may be blessed as he prepares to lead the Church through Holy Week and in sharing the Lord's Passion...
Lord, hear us.

For those preparing for the Sacraments at Easter: that the Lord may strengthen and sustain their faith...
Lord, hear us.

For all who are suffering because of the ongoing wars in the Middle East and in Ukraine: that world leaders will choose compassion over conflict and will make real, sustainable peace their goal...
Lord, hear us.

For our brothers and sisters who are sick: that they may experience moments of grace and signs of new life and hope...
Lord, hear us.

For the faithful departed: that through the mystery of the Cross they may come to the glory of the Resurrection...
Lord, hear us.

Let us pray quietly for our own needs...

We ask Our Lady of Sorrows to take up our petitions in her prayers: Hail Mary.

Priest:

Lord, you have never forsaken anyone who places their trust in you.
We offer these prayers with great confidence, inspired by your grace,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

