Catholic Parishes of St Mary’s, Great Yarmouth

and St Peter’s, Gorleston

*Serving the communities of Yarmouth, Gorleston, Acle & Caister*

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| **4th WEEK OF ADVENT – 22nd DECEMBER 2019****Divine Office Week 4**

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| **Day** | **Place** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| **Saturday** 21st Dec | ***4th Sunday of Advent - Vigil Mass***  |
| Acle | 17:00 | Gene Atkinson † |
| **Sunday**22nd Dec | SP | 09:00 | People of the Parish |
| SM | 11:00 | Daniel Da Cruz, Oscar Alves and brothers, Jose Santa & Domingos and wives |
| Caister | 17:00 | Leo and Martha Sutton † |
| **Monday**  | ***Advent Feria*** |
| - | - | *No Mass* |
| **Tuesday**  | ***The Nativity Of The Lord. Solemnity With Octave*** |
| CaisterSPSM | 17:0020:0022:00 | Deceased members of the clergyDoherty and Kelf FamiliesPeople of the Parish |
|  **Wednesday**  | ***Christmas Day – Holy Day of Obligation*** |
| SPAcleSM | 09:0009:1511:00 | People of the ParishKenneth Harbord †Ladislav Girga & Maria Girgova |
| **Thursday**  | ***S Stephen The First Martyr. Feast.*** |
| SPSM | 11:0011:00 | Linda Conway †Kevin Marsden † |
| **Friday**  | ***S John Ap & Evangelist. Feast.*** |
| SPSM | 10:0010:00 | Ellen Newman †Joana, Marcos, Paulo, Neylayline Da Cruz, Angeleto Mendes & Pasqual and wife  |
| **Saturday**  | ***Holy Innocents MM. Feast.*** |
| SPSPSMSMSP | 09:3010:0010:0010:3014:00 | Brian Precious †*Adoration and Confession*Agnes and George Holt †*Confession**Malayalam Mass* |

**Please remember in your prayers: all in the parish who are ill;** Molly Able, Tony Adamson, Ann Askew, Tony Baker, Tim Bushell, Brendan Byrne, Mary Byrne, Jeanette Charalambous, Jane Christie, Stephen Christie, Ursula Cole, Angela Cooper, Marie Coward, Anthony D’Arcy, Geoffrey Davis, Filomena Desira, Sam Desira, Martin Downey, Susan Fabian, Alice Flynn, Sam Gill, Joyce Hastings, Rosemarie Hawkins, Michael Howlings, Ruth Jermy, Pat Kirton, Brian Lafferty, Mollie Marsden, Eileen McCarney, Linda McGurk, Margaret Morton, Glen Nudd, Joanne O’Gregory, Joe Paton, Dorothy Pearce, Beryl Pearson, Tom Ryan, Michael Ryan, Marta Sofia, Frank Tennant, Jonathon Walsh, Anthony Willets, Patrick Willets and Karen Zerafa. May the Lord heal them. **Those whose anniversaries occur at this time;** Jennifer Borg, Cecelia Buttifaint, Sr Theresita Curley, Gertrudes Da-Costa, Annelise Della-Spina, Flora Della-Spina, Warren Fernandez, Audrey Gibbs, Syliva Hamilton John Harris, Peter Hilton, Anthony Hornby, Wladyslaw Jarzebinski, John Morrow, Richard Mott, Sophia Nicholas, Leo Peterson, Eunice Pethebridge, Brian Precious, Olive Shanks and Bernadette Stuart. May they rest in peace. | Registered Charity No: 278742C:\Users\Jo\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\79C5O20S\MC900363562[1].wmf*Information***Priest in Charge** Fr Anthony Nwankwo SMMM**Assistant Priest**Fr Alvan Ibeh SMMMTel: 01493 842001**Assistant Priest**Fr Alex Ibe SMMMTel: 01493 301013**Parish Deacon**Rev Peter GlanvilleTel: 01493 701341Email: glanville\_peter@hotmail.com **Parish Office Hours**SM Tue 09:00 – 14:00 SP Wed 09:00 – 14:00SP Thurs 09:00 – 12:00**Schools**St Mary & St PeterPrimary SchoolTel: 01493 445117Notre Dame High SchoolNorwich Tel: 01603 611431**Baptism**2 months’ notice required**Marriage**6 months’ notice required**Emergency Number**If you need a priest in an emergency please contact01502 572453**The Cycle of Prayer**During Advent and Christmastide, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**Psalm Response:** Let the Lord enter! He is the King of glory. |

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| ParishStewardship*Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving**Weekly Offertory Collection – St Mary’s*

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| Gift Aid | £116.40 |
| Loose | £313.85 |
| Standing Orders | £200.00 |
| TOTAL | **£630.25** |

*Weekly Offertory Collection – St Peter’s*

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| Gift Aid | £161.00 |
| Loose | £220.15 |
| Standing Orders | £120.00 |
| TOTAL |  **£501.15** |
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| **St Mary’s Restoration Funding stands at:** **£-(minus) 14,261.21**Retiring collection last weekend for the Dependent Priests’ Fund: **£151.97 £107.90****By tradition the Christmas Offering is your gift to the clergy of the Parish – there are envelopes at the back of Church.** |

**Mass times for Christmas:****24th December:** 17.00 St Ignatius, Caister 20.00 St Peter’s, Gorleston. 22.00 St Mary’s, Great YarmouthThere will be carol singing half an hour before Mass at St Peter’s & St Mary’s.**25th December:** 09.00 St Peter’s, Gorleston 09.15 St Edmund’s, C of E  Church, Acle. 11.00 St Mary’s, Great Yarmouth*There is no Mass in the afternoon or evening.***Altar Servers Feast Day** is St Stephen’s Day, Boxing Day. It is hoped all servers will try to attend Mass that day and serve on the Altar. Mass will be at 11:00 at both St Mary’s and St Peter’s.**Parish Office Christmas Closure** please note the office will be closed from **Monday 23rd December** for 2 weeks. No Mass Stipends can be booked now until **Tuesday 7th January** for Masses from **12th January** onwards. Many thanks and a Merry Christmas to you all, Jo.**We pray for Olivia Toni Langman** who was baptised recently, with the help of her family and friends may she grow strong in Christ.**Daily Mass In The Parish** If you are free during the week, why not come to weekday mass and get into the habit of making daily mass part of your life.**Safeguarding Training** there will be a compulsory training day at Poringland for all Parish Safeguarding Officers on **Thursday 9th January** (time to be confirmed).**Diocesan Year Book 2020** still available from the back of Church, priced only £2.00. **We pray** for all our parishioners, family members and friends whose birthday is in the month of December.**Large print bulletin** **available at the back of the Church** | **Forthcoming Diary Dates:** 1. **SM & SP Sunday School** – on Xmas break
2. **SP SVP** – next meeting today Sun 22nd Dec after Mass
3. **SM SVP** – next meeting Wed 8th Jan at 10:00
4. **St Peter’s Joint Meeting** – Tue 7th Jan at 19:00 in the hall
5. **KSC** – next meeting Wed 8th Jan at 19:30 in St Peter’s Hall
6. **St Peter’s Event Team** – next meeting Tue 14th Jan at 19:00 in the Presbytery
7. **SP PPC** – next meeting Wed 5th Feb at 19:00 in the Presbytery.

**First Holy Communion Classes** take a break for Christmas and will resume for children at St Mary’s on **Wednesday 8th** **January 2020** and at St Peter’s on **Wednesday 15th January 2020** (please note this is also a Parents’ session).**Confirmation Classes** take a break for Christmas but will resume on **Friday 10th** **January 2020** at 17:00 in St Mary’s Hall. **St Mary’s Choir** singers are needed for Christmas Eve with Carols at 21:30 followed by Mass at 22:00. If you can help please come to the Organ Loft by 21:15 on Christmas Eve. Thank you.**Food Bank – weekend of 28th/29th December** most useful items include tins of bins, soup, tinned fruit, packets of rice, pasta, biscuits and cereals. Toiletry items of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, flannels, shampoo and conditioner also needed. Thank you all for your support this year to our local food banks.**Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** will be led by Fr Alvan in late September 2020. The price is **£645pp** sharing. Price includes return flights Stansted to Croatia, 15kg checked in luggage + £10kg hand luggage, transfers, 7 nights accommodation in Medjugorje close to St James’s Church, breakfasts & evening meals, all current airport taxes & charges, full religious programme with local team of guides led by senior rep Philip Ryan. If you are interested please contact Janice Lafferty 07903 471025 or Neil Gillies 07918 610951.**The Living Room** provides a safe space for rough sleepers in different church buildings in Gt Yarmouth each night (Fri-Mon at the moment) over the winter months. They are looking for volunteers to help provide this much needed service. There are 3 shifts and more details can be found in the leaflets at back of church. All volunteers will be given training and be subject to DBS checks and will be working with other Christians.**A warm welcome to all our visitors this weekend and a Blessed Christmas to you all.** |