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*Thank you for your generosity
 Your offering of an hour's
 earnings supports the ministry and
 mission of our parish.*

Our Parish Family - please pray for:

- those who are unwell; especially David Brown, Christopher Browne, Mary Bryan, Tony Cairns, Mark Cattermole, Nigel Day, Horace Gaudencio, Gill Gleghorn, Eva Gutowska, Adrian Hambly, Wiliamina Hardy, Fr Michael Hazell, Eric Healey, Lily Healey, Val Irwin, Edward Kay, Isaac Kelly, David Knight, John Knight, Dominic Lee, Paul Major, Alice McLeod, Peter Miller, **Margaret O'Rourke**, Novelene Parungao, Tom Patten, Brenda Peters, Barry Pollard, Margaret Prodger, Catherine Raine, Frank Reilly, Jennie Ribbans, Ferial Rogers, Max Steel, Fr John Warrington and John Williams. (*New entries in bold*)
- those whose anniversaries are at this time: Marie Wright, John Paul Wright, James McFadyen, Patrick John Shannon, Elizabeth Margaret Gowler, Sr. Agnes RJM, Norah Jolly, Eileen Clark, Eileen Jancock, Fr. McCaul, Ronald William George (John) Shaplan, William O'Keefe, Zygnunt Stopczynski, Paul Allen Goodwyn, Doris Hammond, William Sloane, Ludwik Kapcia, Pontine Potter, Doris Sadd, Anne Richmond, Annie Lindridge, Gloria Constance Peck and Frederick Parker. *May they rest in peace.*

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The parish secretary, Eleanor Bradley, can be contacted between 9am and 12 noon Tuesday to Friday, at St. Mary's Presbytery. During these hours she can be reached by phone on 01473 728115, otherwise email secretary@st-mary.org.uk

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
 Holy Family - Saturday 17.15 - 17.45
Baptisms and Marriages are celebrated by appointment.



THE NEWSLETTER

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent 7th April 2019 Year C

- 1st Reading Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.
- 2nd Reading Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Acclamation *Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
 And that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.*
 Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
- Gospel* John 8:1-11 (Psalter Week 1)

Mass Times and Intentions					
Sa	HF	18.00	Josie & Dave Brown (Morrison)		
Su	SM	09.00	Ellen+ & Robert+ Bruce (E Bradley)	5th Sunday of Lent	
	HF	09.15	Donald Perry (R & P Perry)		
	SM	10.30	For the People of the Parish	7th April	
	SM	18.00	Walter O'Rourke + (Margaret O'Rourke)		
M					<i>Lent Feria</i>
Tu	SM	09.15	Ray Scott (Sheila, Margaret & Betty) 90th Birthday	<i>Lent Feria</i>	
W	SM	11.30	Funeral Mass - Fr David Hennessy +	<i>Lent Feria</i>	
Th	SM	09.15	Fr Bernard Heath (F)	<i>Lent Feria</i>	
F	HF	10.00	Abundio Esporlas II + (S Bloss)	<i>Lent Feria</i>	
Sa	SM	09.30	Irene & Patrick Merrigan (F)	<i>Lent Feria</i>	
	HF	18.00	John Shaw + (Maria)		
Su	SM	09.00	David Offord (Bridget & Family)	Palm Sunday	
	HF	09.15	Martin Hind Snr + (Hind Family)		
	SM	10.30	Audrey Kelly (Irene & Mike Geisel)	14th April	
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish		

The Funeral Mass of Fr David Hennessy will take place in St Mary's Church at 11.30am on April 10. The Mass will be followed by cremation at Seven Hills Crematorium at 1.30pm. That will be followed by a reception about 2.30pm at the Convent of Jesus and Mary in Felixstowe.

There will not be a 10am Mass in Holy Family, Kesgrave on Wednesday April 10.

On **Friday 12 April** the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is encouraging the Catholic community to take part in a day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse. If you are unable to attend Mass on this day you may wish to include the following in your prayers:

Armagh Prayer

Lord, we are so sorry for what some of us did to your children:
treated them so cruelly,
especially in their hour of need.
We have left them with a life-long suffering.
This was not your plan for them or us.
Please help us to help them. Guide us Lord.
Amen.

Further prayers, reflections and meditations can be found at www.catholicchurch.org.uk/day-of-prayer-abuse-survivors-120419

Lent Lunch for Mary's Meals

"Mary's Meals", started by feeding just 200 children in 2002 in Malawi, at the height of the African famine, now currently feeds over 1.4 million children in 18 countries.

These are some of the world's poorest children.

All invited to come for a simple lunch

(French bread, cheese and a drink) and watch the film, "Generation Hope" in which some of these children who had benefitted from *Mary's Meals*, tell their own stories.

Saturday April 6th

12- 1.30 pm in St Mary's Parish Hall

All donations go to *Mary's Meals*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2019

Palm Sunday 13/14 April

Mass is at Holy Family & St Michael's on Saturday evening at 6pm
and on Sunday morning at 9.15am
In St Mary's Sunday morning at 9am (Children's Mass)
and 10.30am and on Sunday evening at 6pm.

Tuesday of Holy Week 16 April

Mass at 9.15am in St Mary's
Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral at 7pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 17 April

Mass at 10am in Holy Family & St Michael's

Holy Thursday 18 April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm in St Mary's
Watching until 10.30pm in the Parish Hall

Good Friday 19 April

Stations of the Cross 12noon in Holy Family & St Michael's
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm
at St Mary's & Holy Family & St Michaels
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm at St Mary's

The Easter Vigil (20 April) and Easter Day (21 April)

'The Lord is Risen' Alleluia

EASTER VIGIL

8pm on Holy Saturday 20 April at St. Mary's
followed by refreshments in Church Hall to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Mass for Easter Day 21 April

in St Mary's at 9am, 10.30am & 6pm
in Holy Family & St Michael's at 9.15am

LENT 2019

Hymn Book Repairs Some of the Laudate Supplement books are showing signs of use and are in need of some repairs. A bit of TLC and tape should see them good for a little longer. If you have the skills, patience and a bit of spare time that could be spent carrying out these repairs, please contact Eleanor for further details. Your help will be much appreciated.

Poppy Waterfall Project the second instruction day for poppy makers will be held in the Susan York Room in St. Mary's on 12th April at 7.30pm. *Pat Chamberlain.*

Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival May 4th –5th Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff including sumo suit wrestling! Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service. See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information. Deadline for bookings is **16th April.**

Interested in Joining the Ignite Team? Are you leaving school or university soon, in between jobs or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18-30 to join the Ignite Team, sharing the Gospel Message with young people in a way they can relate to. These are full-time positions, with food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. Ideal as a 'gap year'. For more information see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

L'Arche Ipswich, Woodbridge Road, has a vacancy for a live-in or live-out Deputy House Animator (Leader). This role would suit someone who has worked with people with learning disabilities and has an interest in community. For further details please contact Emily Nunn on 01473 216362 or email at Emily.nunn@larche.org.uk

Donations for Easter Flowers This weekend (6th/7th April) donations for Easter flowers in both churches can be given as you leave church after all Masses.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Our parish Lent Reconciliation service is on **Wednesday 10 April** at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church.

Stations of the Cross will be in St Mary's at 7.30pm on Thursday 11 April and in the Church of the Holy Family & St Michael after the 10am Mass on Friday's in Lent from 8 March.

Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday If you wish to have a foot washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church please print your name on the list. **The sign-up sheet will be at Holy Family & St Michael's 7th April, and at St. Mary's on 14th April.**

Stations of the Cross for Good Friday will be celebrated at 12noon in the Church of the Holy Family & St Michael's in Kesgrave and at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Lent, a time of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving If you have managed to keep to the resolve of opting for a simple meal, either weekly in Lent or on one or two occasions, the money you have saved by doing so can be given to the retiring collection next Sunday, Pam Sunday. This will be divided equally between the charities supported by the parish.

SVP The Offertory Collection on Maundy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, will be for the **St Vincent de Paul Society.** Our aim is to support the poor, lonely and vulnerable people in our local area. We are linked with the four other Catholic parishes in Ipswich. For further information about the SVP, please see our notice in the porch.

Volunteers wanted for Spring Clean Monday 15th April 2pm St. Mary's Church. Can you spare an hour or more to help get the Church ready for Holy Week and Easter? We will be polishing the brass, cleaning votive candle stands, holy water fonts and sacristies etc. Cleaning materials and instruction will be provided. Just turn up at 2pm - many hands make light work!

There will not be tea/coffee after 9am Mass in St. Mary's on Easter Sunday

New Parish Gift Aid Organiser Required Ian Parker has been the Parish Gift Aid organiser for over ten years and is now looking to stand-down, consequently the Parish is looking for a volunteer to replace him.

The role involves, firstly, in March the distribution of boxes of Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year, secondly, explaining and encouraging new people to sign-up to Gift Aid and answering any questions or queries, and thirdly, after the end of the tax year preparing the Parish claim for Gift Aid to be submitted to the Diocese who make the claim to HMRC for all the parishes in the Diocese.

If you are interested in taking on this important job for the Parish please contact Ian Parker, telephone 01472 729927 email ian.j.parker@btinternet.com. He will be happy to explain in more detail what is involved and answer any questions. Alternatively let Fr Tony or Eleanor know you are interested and Ian can contact you and explain what is involved.

Easter Collections and Gift Aid As you will be aware the collections over the Easter Weekend are your gift to the Parish Clergy. There has been a recent change in the rules; which now mean the Easter collection qualifies as a Gift Aided donation the same way as regular collections.

For those using the weekly envelopes please use the designated envelope for Easter, however for visitors, those donating by Standing Order and all others, special Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of each church for those who would like their Easter gift to the clergy to be counted towards the Parish Gift Aid Claim.

Christmas collections will also be treated in a similar manner.

Easter Celebration After the Easter Vigil, which will be celebrated at 8pm on Holy Saturday night in St Mary's Church, 20 April 2019, there will be a celebration in the Parish Hall. If you are coming to the Easter Vigil please bring some finger food to share on the night, drinks will be provided.

Help is needed before and after the Easter Vigil in setting up, serving drinks, and clearing up afterwards. Please contact Eleanor (see back of newsletter) if you can lend a hand to help the celebration run smoothly.

GIFT AID If you use Gift Aid Offertory envelopes you should have received your box of new envelopes for the new tax year stating 6th April 2019. If you have not please contact Ian Parker, the Parish Gift Aid Organiser.

If you have taken a Gift Aid declaration form please remember to return it to Ian A.S.A.P.

If you donate by Standing Order don't forget to review the amount you donate to see if it is appropriate to increase it.

Also please check to see if you are still a taxpayer and eligible to give by Gift Aid, especially with the recent increase in Personal Allowances (freepay). If you no longer pay tax let Ian know. We must not claim Gift Aid tax refunds for non tax payers.

Not signed up to give via Gift Aid?

If you would like to increase the value of the money you donate to the church by £1 for every £4 you give at no extra cost or obligation to yourself, other than completing a very simple form please contact Ian who will let you have the form and answer any questions you may have. Donations can be made in cash or by Standing Order.

Ian Parker can be contacted on 01473 729927 or giftaid@st-mary.org.uk



Silent Prayer/Meditation (7.30-8.20) Tues, April 9th –at the home of Penny & John Cassidy, 14 St Anthony's Crescent. IP4 4SY. Contact 01473399778 if you need further information. All welcome



Praying the Rosary This group will take a break until Wednesday 24th April.

Parish Counting we are looking for people to join our team of counters. If you can spare a couple of hours a month on a Tuesday morning please contact Eleanor (see back of newsletter) and she will pass your details to the Parish Treasurer.

St Mark's Catholic Primary School, Ipswich, has a vacancy for a Key Stage 2 Teacher. For further details please visit the school's website: www.stmarkscatholicprimary.co.uk Closing date Tuesday 30th April.