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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, 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: Silvestro Biondi, Russell Francis Keeley, Frederick Maltby, Anthony Walter Mortlock, Ada Keable, Ann Moutell, Maura (Maureen) Kathleen Scott, Clare Bohush, John Pullen, Rose Mary Camilleri, Jean Curran, Patricia Patten and Gladys Lord. *May they rest in peace.*

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



# THE NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Catholic Parish  
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**The Fourth Sunday in Lent** 31st March 2019 Year C

- 1st Reading Joshua 5:9-12  
*Psalm* Taste and see that the Lord is good
- 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
*Gospel* Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!  
*Acclamation* *I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'*  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!
- Gospel* Luke 15:1-3. 11-32 (Psalter Week 4)

Mass Times and Intentions				
<b>Sa</b>	HF	18.00	Mary & Fred Houchill (Morrison)	
<b>Su</b>	SM	09.00	Arthur Jackson + (Jackson Family)	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>
	HF	09.15	Blandy Ignacio Gregorio+ (C&M Williams)	
	SM	10.30	Marina Payton (K McGready)	
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish	
				<i>31st March</i>
<b>M</b>				<i>Lent Feria</i>
<b>Tu</b>	SM	19.00	Fr Russell Frost (Bridget)	<i>Lent Feria</i>
<b>W</b>	HF	10.00	Clare Bohush (F)	<i>Lent Feria</i>
<b>Th</b>	SM	09.15	Maureen K Scott (F)	<i>Lent Feria</i>
<b>F</b>	HF	10.00	Special Intention (N James)	<i>Lent Feria</i>
<b>Sa</b>	SM	09.30	Joan & William Curran (F)	<i>Lent Feria</i>
	HF	18.00	Josie & Dave Brown (Morrison)	
<b>Su</b>	SM	09.00	Ellen+ & Robert+ Bruce (E Bradley)	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>
	HF	09.15	Donald Perry (R & P Perry)	
	SM	10.30	For the People of the Parish	
	SM	18.00	Walter O'Rourke + (Margaret O'Rourke)	
				<i>7th April</i>

## LENT 2019

**Lent Aims** there will be a second collection this weekend 30th/31st March after all Masses. The appointed charities for 2019 are Aid to the Church in Need & Cambridge Nazareth Trust.

**Stations of the Cross** will be in St Mary's at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 April; 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 31st March & 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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please see the weekly bulletin for full details. Our parish Lent Reconciliation service is on **Wednesday 10 April** at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church.

**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 will be provided. Just turn up at 2pm - many hands make light work!

**Easter Vigil 2019 help needed** before and after the Easter Vigil, which will be celebrated at 8pm on Holy Saturday night in St Mary's Church, 20 April 2019, help is needed to set up the Parish Hall for our Easter Celebration after the Easter Vigil, and to help serve drinks and food afterwards and to clear away. Anyone who can help please contact Eleanor. If you are coming to the Easter Vigil please bring some finger food to share on the night, drinks will be provided

**Children's Liturgy for Lent** This year during Lent our Children's Liturgy Groups will help our children to prepare for Easter during the Season of Lent during the 9am Sunday Mass in St Mary's.

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

## 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**

**The Repository** has stocks of Easter cards both in St. Mary's and Holy Family churches.

**Poppy Waterfall Project** 2 instruction days for poppy makers will be held in the Susan York room in St. Mary's on 4th April at 10.30am and 12th April at 7.30pm. Please bring along any poppies already made so we can see how we're progressing and I'm hoping that the crochet experts will be able to instruct us in the art of poppy making too! I don't want to make this too formal and would be happy to see poppies made of other materials too, but please remember they will be going outside and will be exposed to the elements. Can't wait to meet up with some of you soon. *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](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk) for more information.

**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](http://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](mailto:Emily.nunn@larche.org.uk)

**Donations for Easter Flowers in both churches will be taken after all Masses over the weekend on 6th/7th April.**

**Lent, a time of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving** one way of achieving a three-in-one is to make a resolution as a family or an individual to opt for a simple meal, either weekly in Lent or on one or two occasions. The money you save by having this kind of meal can be given to a retiring collection on Palm Sunday, which will be divided equally between the charities supported by the parish. At the simple meal you might like to use the following prayer which is found at the end of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si'.

***A prayer for our earth***

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this  
earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

**A Big Thank you** to the people who helped with the soup & bread supper after the Deanery Station Mass last Tuesday. Your work & efforts are very much appreciated. *Eleanor.*

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.



**Praying the Rosary** Continues on Wednesdays from 2pm - 2.45pm in the Susan York Room at the back of St. Mary's Church, all are invited to come along and pray the Rosary.



**Silent Prayer/Meditation (7.30-8.20) Tues, April 2nd** – at the home of, Charina Phillips, 6 Lindsay Rd, Ipswich IP4 3NA. Contact 01473720255, if you need further information. All welcome



**Friends of Cambodia** We will be praying the Rosary for our twin parish in Cambodia after the 9.30 Mass on Saturday 6 April.

**GIFT AID** If you use Gift Aid Offertory envelopes you should have received your box of new envelopes for the new tax year stating 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:giftaid@st-mary.org.uk)**

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup>

12- 1.30 pm in St Mary's Parish Hall

**All donations go to *Mary's Meals***