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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, Jack Bruce, Tony Cairns, Nigel Day, Horace Gaudencio, Gill Gleghorn, Delia Goonan, Adrian Hambly, Eric Healey, Lily Healey, Val Irwin, Isaac Kelly, David Knight, John Knight, Linda Knight, Margaret Ledger, Dominic Lee, Paul Major, Alice McLeod, Peter Miller, Michael Mongan, Betty Mortlock, Walter O'Rourke, Arthur Parker, Joseph Patten, Kerry Patten, Tom Patten, Brenda Peters, Barry Pollard, Margaret Prodger, Catherine Raine, Ray Savage, Max Steel and John Williams. *(New entries in bold)*
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Graham Whitehead who died last Sunday, may he rest in peace. Please keep his wife Jan Hubbard-Whitehead and all the family in your prayers at this time.**
- those whose anniversaries are at this time: Maud Robinson, Francis Simmonds, Pamela Finch, Franchea Mona Brodwin, Emma Hibbert, Mary Hsieh, Gertrude Thompson, May Bryant, Catherine Clayton, Arnold Gerard Ravasio and Richard Osbourne. *May they rest in peace.*

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To contact a priest in an emergency please call 07773478835

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

St. Mary's - Saturday after 09.30 Mass  
 Holy Family - Saturday 17.15 - 17.45

**Baptisms and Marriages** are celebrated by appointment.



**THE NEWSLETTER**

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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter 7th May 2017**

Year A

*1st Reading* Acts 2:14. 36-41  
*Psalm* The Lord is my shepherd,  
 there is nothing I shall want.  
*2nd Reading* 1 Peter 2:20-25  
*Gospel* Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Acclamation* *I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:  
 I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
 Alleluia!*

*Gospel* John 10:1-10

(Psalter Week 4)

**Mass Times and Intentions**

<b>Sa</b>	HF	18.00	Harry Sarsfield (N Matthews)	
<b>Su</b>	SM	09.00	Rooksby (F)	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>
	HF	09.15	Thanksgiving (Merlina Williams)	
	SM	10.30	Mr & Mrs Patrick Kelly (F)	7th May
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish	
<b>M</b>	SM	10.00	Polish/English Mass	Easter Feria
	HO	16.00	Hospital Mass	
<b>Tu</b>	SM	09.15	Bert Camps + (Scott Family)	Easter Feria
<b>W</b>	HF	10.00	Rita Robertson+ (Horace Gaudencio)	Easter Feria
	<b>SM</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Bert Camps +</b>	
<b>Th</b>	SM	09:15	Mary Clarke (F)	Easter Feria
<b>F</b>	HF	10.00	Lambert Family (Morrison)	Easter Feria
<b>Sa</b>	SM	09.30	Fr. John (Bridget & Stephen)	Easter Feria
	HF	18.00	Roy Kelsey + (Joan Kelsey)	
<b>Su</b>	SM	09.00	Florence Dooley + (Shelagh Sheppard)	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>
	HF	09.15	Margaret Foulger (Angela Cooper)	
	SM	10.30	Chris Burke (Fiona Conroy & family)	14th May
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish	

| **SM** St. Mary's | **HF** Holy Family | **HO** Hospital |

**Funeral Mass for Bert Camps** will be celebrated in St Mary's Church on Wednesday at 12noon. All are welcome to come and pray for Bert and to be with and pray with his family.


**Funeral Mass for Betty Mortlock** will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Family & St Michael's on Friday 19 May at 11.45am. All are welcome to come and pray for Betty and to be with and pray with her family.


**Parish Family Groups** Next weekend we welcome Gwen and 3 others from Australia who have been involved since Fr Peter began the Family Groups, 40 years ago, are visiting from Australia in May. On their trip, they will visit Family Groups throughout England, Wales & Dublin. They are coming to us here in our parish from 12th to 14th May. They will speak at all the Sunday Masses (except the 9am First Communion Mass at St Mary's) in both Churches. They are very excited & look forward to meeting us all. They are lovely people each with a great sense of humour and we're sure their brief visit will be hugely enjoyable, informative and encouraging.

We're going to have a traditionally English Welcome – Afternoon Tea!

All are invited on Sunday, May 14th from 2.30pm - 4pm in St Mary's Hall.

**There will also be a meeting for Parish Family Group leaders on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at 23 St Mary's Road, Ipswich (just down the road from St Mary's Church – please park at church)**

 **Praying the Rosary** Continues on Wednesday from 2pm - 2.45pm in the Susan York Room in St. Mary's Church. All are invited to come along and pray the Rosary.

 **Silent Prayer/Meditation (7.30-8.20)** Tues, May 9th at the Home of Dymphna Jackson: Ivy House, The Street, Tuddenham, IP6 9BT. 01473785984.

**Welcomers needed at St. Mary's** If you are happy to welcome people as they arrive for Mass, distributing hymn books & newsletters, please either speak to one of the welcomers or Fr. John or contact the parish secretary; [secretary@st-mary.org.uk](mailto:secretary@st-mary.org.uk)



**CELEBRATE EAST ANGLIA**

CHILDREN & YOUTH STREAMS AVAILABLE

3-4 JUNE 2017

**SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM**  
Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

**REV. JOHN RYELAND** **DAVID WELLS** **GEMMA WILDSMITH**

**SPEAKERS**

St Benedict's School, Bury St Edmunds

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**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC WEEKEND CONFERENCE**

### **Young Adults Pilgrimage to Santiago - walking the Camino**

The Diocesan Youth Service is organising a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in the last week of July. For those age 18 - 35. For more information see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**Art & Prayer Day Saturday 'Night Sky'** led by Sister Sheila Gosney RJM, on Saturday 13 May 2017, 10.30 am - 4.00 pm at St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Convent of Jesus and Mary, 63 Orwell Road, Felixstowe IP11 7PP. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £10.00. Telephone Carol on 01394 282386 or contact on [www.stjosephsrjm.com](http://www.stjosephsrjm.com)

**Marriage and Family Celebration Mass:** Bishop Alan warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on Saturday, 17th June, 12 noon, followed by a lunch reception. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email [mflc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflc@rcdea.org.uk)

### **Urgent Message from *Find (families in need)***

#### **to St Marys & Holy Family**

Last year 3,928 food parcels were delivered to the doorsteps of people in dire need. This year, it will be more-for example 30 food parcels (3 large shopping bags in each one) were delivered last Thursday alone, with around 1300 having been delivered in the first three months of this year.

We really need more volunteers (with cars) to deliver the food.

If you can spare two hours any day of the week beginning at 1.30 then call Maureen 01473 833351 or simply pop in to the *Find* food bank (turn off the Felixstowe Rd, as you would for Aldi/Co-op, into Hines Rd, and its 100 yard past those shops) and have a chat. It doesn't have to be a long term commitment –**what ever you are able to do will be appreciated.**

**First Holy Communions 2017** This year 37 children in our parish will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This Sunday and next Sunday the 9am Mass in St Mary's Church will be a children's Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion with 15 of our children this week and 14 next week. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May the 9.15am Mass in the Church of the Holy Family & St Michael's will be a children's Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion with 7 of our children. All are welcome to come to these celebrations. **Please note there will be parking available in St Mary's School playground and the staff carpark for the First Holy Communion Masses in St Mary's Church on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. Please do not park in St Mary's Road. Thank you.**

Please be advised that there will be **children's liturgy at Holy Family** this Sun (7th May). There will then be a 2 week break. It will recommence on 28th May and will then run every Sunday up to and including the 2nd July. We will then break for the summer holidays.

**Patients in Ipswich hospital** who wish to see a priest and receive Holy Communion should contact Fr. Adrian on 01473 726701. He visits the hospital regularly and Holy Communion is given each Sunday by Eucharistic ministers. Please remember to make contact on behalf of a relative or friend if they are unable to do so.

It is that time of the year when the **Missio Red Boxes** need to be returned so we can do the bi-annual count. Please make sure your red boxes are labelled with your names and address and hand them in either to the presbytery or to Chris Brighten or Pat Chamberlain. Please do not leave them at the back of the church. They will be returned as soon as possible, please look out for your empty boxes. Thank you all so much for your continued generosity and support, and if you don't have a box, but would like one, then please contact me (Pat Chamberlain) on 01473 413838. Boxes need to be returned by the 5th June 2017.

**St Mary's** has a very fine organ but only one organist to play it at 10.30 Sunday Mass and on other occasions. We are anxious to find others -young or old - who might be willing to play it sometimes. If you can read music and can play hymn tunes on piano or keyboard - why not try the organ? Let us know if you could help in this way - you would probably enjoy the experience.

## **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Today is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in today's Gospel Jesus claims to be *the* Good Shepherd who looks after his sheep. How important it is for us to remember this truth! Our God is not the clockmaker of the post-enlightenment philosophers who winds up the world and then leaves it to its own devices. Nor is he the capricious despot of the ancient Greek and Roman gods. No, he is a shepherd – someone who knows us and cares personally about us, someone who guides us with an unfailing hand, if we are willing to follow Him. Today I ask you to pray particularly for vocations to the priesthood – for men who will become images of the Good Shepherd for us in our parishes. We pray for men who will be willing to look after the flock of God. Not for their own gain, nor for their own convenience, but selflessly, with the love of the Master himself. That is a tall order! And that is why we need to pray – to pray for our twelve seminarians, our future priests; for those who are discerning a call to be a priest, for those who are perhaps afraid to follow that call, for those who have not yet heard the call. Our prayer is essential. St John Vianney, a saintly French parish priest who lived two hundred years ago, said these beautiful words: *A good shepherd, a pastor after God's own heart, is the greatest treasure which the good Lord can grant a parish, and one of the most precious gifts of divine mercy.* Yes, the priest *is* a precious gift for the people of God. It is the priest who is the Lord's instrument in bringing his Presence to us in the Eucharist. It is the priest who brings the Lord's loving mercy and forgiveness into the messes we so often make of our lives. It is the priest who helps us to find purpose and meaning and direction in our lives as they guide us in God's teachings. It is the priest who cares for us at all the special moments of our lives and who shares in all our joys and sorrows. As your Bishop, I am concerned about the future pastoral care and mission of our Diocese. I thank God for the priests who serve in our parishes now and have given up their whole lives in the faithful service of the people of God in East

Anglia, many of them having done so above and beyond the years expected. Cherish them, encourage them and pray for them as we pray that future generations of Catholics may also be served and loved and guided by true shepherds. On this Good Shepherd Sunday we also remember the women and men who serve the Church through their Religious Orders and Congregations. We are blessed in our Diocese. We have a contemplative Community who offers its life in prayer and worship on behalf of the whole world. We also have active communities who lovingly serve God and the community through their many gifts. Please pray for them and pray that they may continue to be blessed with vocations.

Finally, whatever our state in life, each one of us, as members of the Body of Christ, has been called by God to serve him. We were given that vocation at our Baptism and it was strengthened at our Confirmation by the gift of the Holy Spirit. We need to pray for the ability to abandon our own carefully laid plans and to learn to ask of the Lord:

*What are your plans for me? What do you desire for me and my life?* We should be ready with a generous and open heart to respond to whatever God replies. Then, like those who heard the Gospel preached by Saint Peter in the first reading today, we need to ask God: *What then must we do?* May you continue to joy in the Risen Christ this Eastertide! May the Holy Spirit of Pentecost renew and strengthen us all in the Lord's service.

With all good wishes and an assurance of my prayers, Yours devotedly in Christ,

+Alan, Bishop of East Anglia