

Parish Collection £514.15

The parish account details for Standing Orders are:

Bank: Allied Irish Bank

Account name: St Marys Mission Ipswich

Sort code: 23-85-87

Account Number: 32581081

Gift Aid Tax payers can increase the value of money donated by £1 for every £4 at no extra cost to themselves.

Please complete the form on the website.

<https://st-mary.org.uk/gift-aid>

With grateful thanks for your continued support.



THE NEWSLETTER

St. Mary's Catholic Parish

St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Road, off Woodbridge Road & The Church of the Holy Family & St. Michael, Main Road, Kesgrave. Telephone 01473 728115

Newsletter: newsletter@st-mary.org.uk Web: www.st-mary.org.uk

Our Parish Family - please pray for:

- Those who are unwell; especially Sheena Barker, Maria Beckett, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Tony Cairns, Nigel Day, Arabella Garrett, Gill Gleghorn, Adrian Hambly, Lily Healey, Val Irwin, Sandra Jones, Edward Kay, David Knight, Paul Major, Maria Maltby, Veronica Mason, Alice McLeod, Joan McPhillips, John McPhillips, Angus Murray, Margaret O'Rourke, Tom Patten, Brenda Peters, Ferial Rogers, Joan Roper, Max Steel, Fr John Warrington and John Williams. *(New entries in bold)*
- Those whose anniversaries are at this time: June Burke, Maud Denny, Robert Charles Cook, Evelyn Jocelyn, Elsie Dowe, Mary Hardy, Ivy Fox, Margaret Banister, Thomas Dade, John Malone, Charina Cook, Catherine O'Rourke and Maria Antonia Pisaturo. *May they rest in peace.*

Fr. Peter Raj, Parish Priest, The Presbytery, 322 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich. IP4 4BD. Tel: 01473 728115 email: parishpriest@st-mary.org.uk

Deacon Christopher Brighten, 4 Godbold Close, Kesgrave. IP5 2FE. Tel: 07554799174 email: chris.brighten@st-mary.org.uk

Ipswich Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy Fr. Bineesh, St. Mark's Parish. Tel: 07549 695648

Eleanor Bradley, Parish Secretary, Office hours Tuesday to Friday mornings. Tel: 07484 344580. email: secretary@st-mary.org.uk

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): By appointment
Baptisms and Marriages are celebrated by appointment.

How to access live streaming and other useful links can be found on the parish website <https://www.st-mary.org.uk> You can link directly to the parish YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCJ4RA2ocNUgNNombaKiy5A>

Second Sunday of Advent 5 December 2021 Year C

1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9

Psalms What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Gospel Alleluia, alleluia!

Acclamation *Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

(Psalter Week 2)

Mass Times and Intentions

Sa	HF	18.00	Barlow Family + (Maureen Morrison)	
Su	SM	09.00	Edwina, Ellen, Geoffrey Bayley (T Bayley)	LS <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>5th December</i>
	HF	09.15	Priests who've served St. Mary's (F)	
	SM	10.30	Noemi Doblus+ (Melvin & Lani)	
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish	
M	SM	09.15	Nell Bryant (F)	LS <i>Advent Feria</i>
Tu	SM	09.15	Job Interview (Shawn Shaji)	LS <i>St Ambrose</i>
W	SM	09.15	Clare Bohush (F)	LS <i>Immaculate Conception</i>
	HF	10.00	Concetta Ada Elisabetta Antonietta Borg (F)	
Th	No Mass			<i>Advent Feria</i>
F	HF	10.00	Anne Knott Freda Collins (D Collins)	LS <i>Blessed Martyrs of East Anglia</i>
	SM	17.30	Fr Paul Spellman (Friends at St. Mary's)	
Sa	SM	09.30	<i>For the Elderly of the Parish</i>	LS <i>Advent Feria</i>
	HF	18.00	Hugh Morrison + (Maureen Morrison)	
Su	SM	09.00	Jennifer Barbrook + (C Philips & family)	LS <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>12th December</i>
	HF	09.15	Ahmed Family (Hind Family)	
	SM	10.30	Margaret Edmondson + (Sheila & Peter Dunn)	
	SM	18.00	For the People of the Parish	

HF Holy Family

SM St Mary's

LS Live Streamed

Christmas Mass Times		
<i>Friday 24th December Christmas Eve</i>		
St. Mary's	5pm	Children's Christmas Eve Mass
St. Mary's	Midnight	Midnight Mass
Holy Family & St. Michael's	Midnight	Midnight Mass
<i>Saturday 25th December Christmas Day</i>		
St. Mary's	9am	Christmas Day Mass
Holy Family & St. Michael's	9.15am	Christmas Day Mass
St. Mary's	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass
<i>Sunday 26th December Fest of the Holy Family</i>		
St. Mary's	9am	Sunday Mass
Holy Family & St. Michael's	9.15am	Sunday Mass
St. Mary's	10.30am	Sunday Mass
St. Mary's	6pm	Sunday Mass
There will be no 6pm Mass on Saturday 25th December.		

Dependent Priests Fund This weekend there will be a second collection for the Dependent Priests Fund. This fund supports our retired priests and those who are unable to work in active ministry. Gift Aid envelopes for this collection are available in both churches.

Fr Paul Spellman the following weekend, 11th/12th December there will be a collection to say thank you to Fr Paul for all his work and support during his time in in the parish.

Advent Day of Reflection: Preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child, drawing upon scripture from Luke's Gospel. Wednesday, 8th December 10.30am to 3pm in the Parish Rooms, Holy Family, followed by Holy Mass. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks may be provided if needed. Contact Winnie Annison 07837133425 to book a place.

... We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands ...



For further information
www.synod.va
synodus@synod.va

Catholic East Anglia The December edition is now available please take one with you as you leave church. Please feel free to take an extra one for anyone you know who is still not able to attend Mass in person. This is also available on line via the diocesan website www.rcdea.org.uk

'Back With A Bang' - Sunday 2nd January 4pm

A special Christmastide Mass for all young people and their families from across the diocese. Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring presents unwrapped). Held at The White House, 21 Upgate, Poringland, NR14 7SH. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service.

Repository Christmas cards and gifts are available from the repository

Applications for Reception 2022 places should be made through the Suffolk County Council Admissions website www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-20222023/ St. Mary's Primary School requires a completed Supplementary Form (SIF) which can be found on our website www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com under Key Information - Admissions. Both forms should be submitted by 15th January 2022. Thank you



Synod 2023 Online Survey A two two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is 'For a Synodal Church: **Communion, Participation, Mission**. The first stage of this process is a Diocesan Phase where every individual can take part in a diocesan consultation. In addition to the parish consultation meetings you have the opportunity to take part online. On the parish website you will now find a webpage with links to information about the Synod process and to the diocesan online survey www.st-mary.org.uk/synod-2023

Every response is valuable!

During Advent time a frequent emotion is that of waiting for the Lord to come. However, we might consider this sentiment from the opposite perspective. Namely, it is God who is waiting on us, it is God who is waiting on us to believe that we can become someone we have never yet been, and to believe that we truly are lovable and loved. After all, God has given us a babe in swaddling clothes to help us realize we need not be overwhelmed by what often seems to be truly beyond our imagining.

The exquisite tenderness of God's love is revealed in the helplessness of a baby, and the silence of the consecrated bread and wine on the altar. God approaches us with such humility and leaves Himself open to rejection. With his whole heart St Francis of Assisi understood that it is the manner of God's coming to us as Jesus Christ that tells us the extent of his love for us. Secular Franciscans strive to live the Gospel in their lay state, gaining inspiration from the example and writings of St Francis. For further information about the Secular Franciscans please contact: Ann and David Gleave on 01473 720668.

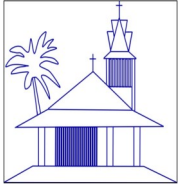
Carol Service The parish Carol Service will take place next Sunday 12th December at 3pm in St. Mary's Church.

Filipino Community Mass in preparation for Christmas will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church at 3pm on Saturday 18th December.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues for these waste-free Christmas gifts are available in both churches. Please take one.

Posada This year the diocese is offering an online version of the Advent Posada Journey. Please visit the diocesan website for more details and how to sign up to take part.

Calling all Young People in Y7 and above. You are invited to join in with **Carol Singing**. All abilities are welcome. We will be participating in the Parish's Carol Service on the **12th Dec** and singing at a couple other venues too. Practices will be held on the **4th and 11th Dec 2021** in the parish hall from 6 to 7pm. If you are interested, please contact Winnie on 07837133425.



Christmas vouchers for the poor in our twinned parishes Food vouchers for those in need in our twinned parishes continue to be available from St Mary's website (please see details below). In addition, to help those without access to the Internet or printing facilities, a small number of paper vouchers will be on sale on at least one occasion at every weekend Mass over the next two weeks.

This year's Christmas Food vouchers for those in need in our twinned parishes are now available on St Mary's website in a print yourself format for a donation. The amount you donate is at your discretion but you might like to use as a guide the price of the pre-pandemic vouchers, which were £5 £10 £20. Anything above this is of course most welcome too.

Thank you in advance for your long standing support and your customary generosity. Be assured that the friendship between our communities is valued by our Cambodian brothers and sisters who are always appreciative of what you do for them and keep you in their prayers.

How to donate

Donations can either be made by cheque payable to '**Friends of Cambodia**' and left at St Mary's Presbytery/Church for the attention of Val Olsen, or by bank transfer to the following account;

Barclays Bank

Account Name: Friends of Cambodia

Sort Code: 20-44-51

Account number: 73175731

Reference: gift voucher

If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, available as a link on the Parish website (under Parish Information / Gift Aid) or printed at the back of both Churches, mark it 'Cambodia' and return to the presbytery. If you have already completed one of these for Cambodia (separately from the Parish) you do not need to complete another, this will be automatically gift aided. If you are unsure, do complete another, just in case. It makes your donation go further at no extra cost to you.

Bringing joy this Christmas



Sincere thanks to those who have brought Confectionary and Gift Vouchers, and given generous donations to brighten up the lives of many in the darkness of struggle and poverty throughout Ipswich

All will be taken to FIND (the Food Bank) this week



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

St Mary's Ipswich SVP Conference

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a Catholic organisation that seeks to help anyone lonely or in need of regular contact. Our Parish SVP would like to know of People who might like support, a friendly visit or just a chat on the phone. If you know anyone who might benefit from a visit, please contact **Debbie** on **01473 410871**

The Nationality & Borders Bill, which is going through parliament, is of huge concern regarding the treatment of our refugee sisters and brothers. The Bishops of England & Wales support SVP and JRS UK in their opposition to this Bill. Please write to your MP asking them to vote against the Bill at the Third Reading. Information and a template letter can be found at: https://www.jrsuk.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Eight-Things-You-Should-Know-About-The-Nationality-Borders-Bill_Campaign-Toolkit.pdf

More information can be found on the JRS website <https://www.jrsuk.net/blog/we-must-change-course/>
Or contact caritas@rcdea.org.uk