

Catholic Parishes of
 St Mary's, Great Yarmouth & St Peter's, Gorleston
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CHRISTMAS OCTAVE (YEAR A)

Sunday =Year A: Weekday Year = II PSALTER WEEK 1

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 27th December	Acle	17.00	For the Sick and Housebound
Sunday 28th December	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (YEAR A)		
	St Mary (SM)	09:00	Veronika & Julius Pompa †
	St Peter (SP)	09:30	For all families in our Parish and beyond
	St Mary (SM)	11:00	For all human families
	Caister	17:00	Emerenciana Da costa Barbosa †
Monday 29th	Christmas Octave:		
	St Peter (SP)	-----	NO MASS
	St Mary (SM)	-----	NO MASS
Tuesday 30th	Christmas Octave:		
	St Peter (SP)	16:00	Hospital Mass –
	St Mary (SM)	10:00	For the intentions of Fr Desmond
Wed 31st	Christmas Octave:		
	St Peter (SP)	18:30	Exposition /Prayers
	St Peter (SP)	19:30	New year's Vigil Mass
	St Mary (SM)	10:00	For all our Parishioners
	St Mary (SM)	20:00	New year's Vigil Mass
Thurs 1st January	Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God		
	St Peter (SP)	10:00	For the Grace of a New Year
	St Mary (SM)	11:00	For the Grace of a New Year
Friday 2nd	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen. Mem		
	St Peter (SP)	09:30	For the sick and housebound
	St Mary (SM)	10:00	For the sick and housebound
Saturday 3rd	Christmas Feria:		
	St Peter (SP)	09:30	For all parish volunteers
	St Peter (SP)	10:00	Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
	St Mary (SM)	10:00	Wasył & Natalia Pilus †

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Please remember in your prayers all in the parish who are ill:
 Molly Able, Tony Adamson, Ann Askew, Tony Baker, Brendan Byrne, Mary Byrne, Jane Christie, Stephen, Christie, Angela Cooper, Anthony D'Arcy, Filomena Desira, Sam Desira, Rosemarie Hawkins, Bill Howell, Eileen McCarney, Joanne Gregory, Beryl Pearson, Michael Ryan, Tom Ryan, Wayne Sharp, Marta Sofia, Mike Spragg, Jonathan Walsh, Karen Zerafa, Maureen Bacon, Deacon Peter Glanville, Christine Bryan, Jean Clark, John and Chris Collins, Wendy Pawsey, Gabriela Pompova, Stan Walczak, Margaret Chrisostomou, Lyndsay Edwards, Bertie Stone, Tim Bushell, Anonymous.

May the Lord heal them.

Death Anniversaries: Cecelia Buttifaint, Tomas Grabowski, Catherine Tan, John Herlihy, Agnes Meredith, James Forster, Muriel Stanton, Joyce Higgs, Karoline Czykieta, Anthony Le-Neve Doemer, Henryk Jerysz, Margaret McQuillan, Geoffrey Paul Davis, Agnes Holt, Thomas Mannal, Marguerite Hart, Pasquale (Tommy) Rosati, Daniel Sullivan, Tony Santarsieri, Janet Coviter, Patrick Morris "Peter", Alan Ferguson, Brian Precious, Eunice Pethebridge, Warren Fernandez and Annlise Della-spina. **May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS THIS WEEKEND

Baptism:
 2 months' notice required.
 Marriage:
 6 months' notice required.
 Emergency Number
 If you need a priest in an emergency, please contact.
 01502 572453
 (OLSS, Lowestoft).

The Cycle of Prayer:
Migrants, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Expectant Mothers.

Psalm Response:
Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Parish Stewardship

Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Weekly Offertory Collection – St Mary's

Gift Aid	£ 0.00
Loose	£
Standing Orders	£
TOTAL	£

Weekly Offertory Collection – St Peter's

Gift Aid	£
Loose	£
Standing Orders	£400.96
TOTAL	£

St Mary's Restoration Funding stands at:
£- (minus) **13,600.55**



St Mary's Parish Giving please consider making any donations or your weekly collection to St Mary's using the QR code displayed here. You can donate **£1, £5, £10**

any other amount you specify. St Mary's can also claim Gift Aid for your donation by using this method of payment.

Please consider a Standing Order for your weekly offering. During these unprecedented times for the Church, the country, and the world as a whole. Would you please consider setting up a standing offering to the Parish of St Mary's or St Peter's so that our Churches can still receive some much-needed funds? Please email Anna at the Parish office or call the parish office for any query on this. Here are the Bank details for St Mary's and St Peter's.

ACCOUNT NAME: St Mary's RC Catholic Church.
Sort code: 55-81-45. Account no: 18226558.

ACCOUNT NAME: St Peter's Parish catholic presbytery
Sort code: 40-22-34. Account no: 81003879.

St Peter's Bible Study Group: There is no Bible Study next week.

Monica Stolworthy (R.I.P.), who passed away recently, may she rest in peace. May the Lord grant eternal rest to her souls and bring comfort and strength to her family and friends. Her funeral Mass will be in St Mary's on Tuesday, 6th January 2026 at 10:30am.

2026 Yearbook and Calendar for our Diocese are out and available in our parishes and Mass centres. Price is **£5.00.**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL
OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS**

Forthcoming Diary Dates:

➤ Mary's SVP next meeting next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7th January 7PM at St. Ignatius Caister.

Fr Desmond will be on annual leave in Nigeria from 30th December, returning by 31st January. We ask for your prayers for his safe journey and return to our parish.

A Big Thank you: to all who have helped in any way to prepare our Churches from Advent to Christmas: those who took part in the carols, Masses, cleaners, flower arrangers, live streaming (St Mary's), altar servers, Organists, Choir, extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist and readers. Your time and energy are much appreciated. Thank you also for the many cards, Gifts and offerings. They are very welcome. Thank you all from Frs. Anthony, Alvan and Desmond.

Appreciation: We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of St Mary's Christmas Fayre. Special thanks to Patrick Duffy, his Palace team, and Pat Walker for their dedication. The whole events raised a total of £1,551.00 to the glory of God. Thank you everyone.

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Archbishop-elect: His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, has on Friday, 19th December 2025, appointed the Right Reverend Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Please, may we keep him and Cardinal Vincent Nichola in our prayers.

First Holy Communion next class is Wednesday 14th of January 2026 at 5 pm in St Mary's Church.

Classes for prospective candidates for Confirmation for St Mary's/St Peter's will start on Friday, 16th January 2026 at 5 pm in St Mary's Hall.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) next class is Saturday 10th of January 2026 in St Mary's Church after 10:00 am mass in the Church.

Gratitude: Many thanks to all those who helped in organising the wonderful and successful Christmas tree festival and carols this week, especial Matthew Hardy and the Chorus of St Cecilia and everyone. God bless you all.

Vigil of Prayer for New Year before the Blessed Sacrament/Mass: on Wednesday 31st December an hour of prayer to commit 2026 into the care of our Father in heaven. Please come and spend some or all the hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. **For St Peter's Parish,** the Eucharistic Adoration begins at 18:30 and Mass at 19:30. Mass at St Mary's will be at 20:00.