

The Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Peter

8 St Johns Road, March, PE15 8RJ

Diocese of East Anglia. Registered Charity Number 278742

Serving the communities of March, Chatteris, Manea, Wimblington & Doddington

SUNDAY 8th December 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: Sundays Yr A Weekdays Yr 2 Week 2



SUNDAY MASSES

09.00 am Mass Chatteris Pro Pop

11.00 am Mass March Penny & Martin Wells int. (Ann & Eddy Morris)

Mon 9th Immaculate Conception of the BVM No Service

Tue 10th Blessed Martyrs of East Anglia 7.00 pm Mass March.

Wed 11th Advent Feria 9.00 am Adoration at Convent.

10.00 am Convent Mass

Thurs 12th Advent Feria 8.30 am Mass March.

Fri 13th St Lucy 9.00 am Mass/Exposition March.

Sat 14th St John of the Cross No Service

SUNDAY 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

09.00 am Mass Chatteris Pro Pop

11.00 am Mass March David Neave RIP (Anita & Sarah)

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound in our parish especially: Claire Reynolds, Susannah Roberts, Mary Fabriz, Margaret Griffiths, Eileen Homdem, George Reynolds, Beryl Dow, Rita Porter and all those who are known to us.

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: David Neave, Sr Carmel Connolly fmm, Sr Pamela Dowdell fmm, Hugo Tubbs, Maureen Caffrey, Eizabeth Simpson, Ray Dungate, Jack Moate, Patrick Moore, Angela Bohan, Anne Dell, Kenneth Morris, Gerald Holloway and Elena Mashman. (Memorials can be seen in the book of remembrance at the back of the March church)

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation after each Mass on request (but may have to wait a few minutes).

Parish Contacts

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Mass intentions request envelopes & stipend may be given to Anita Neave: 01354 654141; or to Fr Michael.

Newsletter: Please submit items for consideration to marchcnewsletter@gmail.com

Parish website: <http://www.catholicchurchmarch.co.uk/>

All Saints Inter-Church Academy Primary, County Road March 01354 659000

During the lighting of the Advent Candle we will sing verse two of Light the Advent Candle (366)

Light the Advent candle two
Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night.

Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

During Advent we will be saying Hail Holy Queen after the bidding prayers in place of the Hail Mary:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary

Money Matters

Thank you for the collections on 1st December; £131.13 from Chatteris, £368.78 from March, and £115.05 in standing orders. The voluntary monthly retiring collection for our Hall Fund and Parish Maintenance raised £59.12 **Today there will be a retiring collection for the Church flower fund. Donations may be given in memory of a loved one. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Dependent Priests fund.** Cheques should be made payable to 'Our Lady's RC Church'

News and Events

Tea/coffee after 11 am Mass. All welcome to join us in the hall. Cake stall next Sunday

Grand Christmas Hamper Draw: The draw will take place after 11.00 Mass **today**. Last chance to buy a ticket. There are several hampers and other prizes available and tickets are £6 each or two for £10.

The Posada: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host the statue representing the Journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem culminating in the arrival at March church for Christmas.

Church "spring" clean: Thank you to everyone for their hard work in helping to clean the church last Monday.

In Joyful Hope: A service of Advent Carols, Antiphons and Readings - Sunday 15th December 2019 at 3.00 pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation, Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. All welcome.

We need volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas on Sat 21st December at 9 am. Many hands make light work. If you would like to donate a Poinsettia, for the church or in memory of someone, please bring in Poinsettias or Cyclamen on or after Sunday 15th December. Leave them either in the organ loft or opposite the statue of Our Lady in the old church entrance. There will be a retiring collection today for flowers for Christmas and 2020. Thank you to those who have already given donations for flowers in the past. As a result of this, for the past 4 years, no money from the parish has been spent on flowers.

Nativity Play: The children are performing the Nativity Play on Sun 22nd December, after the 11 am Mass. Rehearsals are taking place on Sundays at 10.15 am.

Christmas Masses: Mass on Christmas Eve in March this year will be not be at Midnight but at 8.00 pm preceded by Carols at 7:30 pm. There will also be Masses on Christmas Day at 9.00 am in Chatteris and 11.00 am in March.

Dependent Priests Fund: Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the Dependent Priests of East Anglia fund. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

Missio Red Box: the association for the propagation of the faith (APF)

Over the seas so far away
The missions struggle every day
Now once again we need your aid
We know you'll never let us fade
So please donate for us to feed
And pray for those in direst need.

with thanks, John