

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 15th March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

Lectionary: Sundays Yr A Weekdays Yr 2 Week 3

09.00 am Mass Chatteris Don Bailey RIP 2014 (Nanette Bailey Foundation Mass)

11.00 am Mass March Pro Pop.

Mon 16 th Lent Feria	No Service
Tue 17 th St Patrick	7.00 pm Mass March
Wed 18 th Lent Feria	9.00 am Adoration and 10.00 am Mass at the Convent.
Thurs 19 th St Joseph	8.30 am Mass March Patrick Mulgrew RIP & dec'd family members (1)
Fri 20 th Lent Feria	9.00 am Mass March followed by Stations of the Cross
Sat 21 st Lent Feria	No Service

SUNDAY 22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent

09.00 am Mass Chatteris Pro Pop.

11.00 am Mass March Tom and Lesley Kennedy int. (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

George Reynolds RIP. Please remember in your prayers George Reynolds who died on Friday 6th March. His Funeral Service will take place on Friday 27th March at 1.45 pm followed by cremation at 2.30 pm. Our sympathies are with his wife, Margaret, and children Michelle & Tony and all relatives and friends.

Archbishop Peter Smith RIP died peacefully just before midnight on Friday 6th March. Archbishop Peter was the second Bishop of East Anglia and served the Diocese from 1995 until 2001. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St John's Cathedral on Friday March 27th at 11.30 am.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound in our parish especially: Claire Reynolds, Susanna Roberts, Mary Fabriz, Margaret Griffiths, Beryl Dow, Rita Porter, Father Michael, Maisie Hutton and all those who are known to us.

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Iris Whitney, Cathleen Eade, Donald Bailey, Fr Eddie Murphy, Fr Gus Berrel, Henryk Bukowski, Maureen Sharp, Sr Jo Langley, Patricia Freshwater, Maria Parks, Mary Henry, Allan Simpson, Kevin Green, Edward Samuel, Luigi Lucca and Byrom Sirr. (Memorials can be seen in the book of remembrance at the back of the church in March).

Sacraments

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

New Offertory Envelopes are available today.

Anyone wanting to make a **Gift Aid Declaration (GAD)** and redirect to the Parish the tax they have paid on their offertory, please see Norman Topliss after Mass.

Last year the Parish gained some £5,200 from GADs – a big return from a simple signature.

During Lent we will say **The Memorare** during the bidding prayers in place of the Hail Mary

**Remember, O most Gracious Virgin Mary
that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection
implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left forsaken.
Filled therefore with this confidence I fly to thee O Virgin of Virgins
to thee I come a sorrowful sinner.
O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.**

Stations of the Cross: During Lent at Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Peter's March. Fridays after 9.00 am Mass and also on Tuesdays at 6.15 pm.

Precautionary measures during the Corona virus outbreak. There is a copy of the letter from the Bishop regarding the new measures on the notice board and below.

Money Matters

Thank you for the collections on 8th March: £132.09 from Chatteris, £315.26 from March, and £111.43 in standing orders. The collection for CAFOD raised £156.70. **2nd collection today in Chatteris for Hall Fund & Maintenance.** Cheques should be made payable to 'Our Lady's RC Church'

News and Events (*All events are subject to change at the current time*)

Tea/coffee after 11.00 am Mass. All welcome to join us in the hall.

St Patrick's Celebration: Today after 11.00 am Mass in Our Hall. Tickets may still be available

Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30- 8.30pm in the hall. Decade of the Rosary, Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship, Lenten Reflection, Intercessory Prayer and Prayer Ministry. Bring your Bible if you can. All welcome.

Crafters Group: Thursday 19th March from 2 pm – 4 pm at the convent.

Holy Land Tour Presentation: On Thursday 26th March at 7 pm, in the hall regarding the pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 15th- 22nd March 2021. See the poster in the porch.

Easter Spring Clean is on Monday 30th March at 9 am. The more helpers the better.

What are you doing in September? Are you leaving school or university this summer, in between jobs or would like to do something 'different'? The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for people age 18-29 to join the Ignite Team. You would be working with young people developing your gifts such as in music, drama, art and tech. 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

Coach trip to Douai Abbey on Sunday 3rd May to see Father Paul (now Fr Gregory) Please put name and contact number on the list in porch. For questions please contact 07947 143864 or 680401.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: August 2020. Please see details in church if you would like to go this year.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Ryan 01354 650788 email: marchcatholicpriest@gmail.com

Deacon: Rev Martin Wells 01354 741488 email: mwells42@btinternet.com

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (fmm) 01354 652266
Hall Bookings: email: marchcatholicall@gmail.com and Iris Dean
Mass intentions request envelopes & stipend may be given to Anita Neave: 01354 654141;
or to Fr Michael. Envelopes at the back of the church.
Newsletter: Please submit items for consideration to marchrcnewsletter@gmail.com
Parish website: <http://www.catholicchurchmarch.co.uk/>
All Saints Inter-Church Academy Primary, County Road March 01354 659000



RC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

The White House
21 Upgate
Poringland
Norwich
NR14 7SH

The Right Reverend Bishop Alan S Hopes B.D. A.K.C.
Bishop of East Anglia

Tel: 01508 492202
Fax: 01508 495358
eMail: bishop@east-angliadiocese.org.uk

4th March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last week, I have received many enquiries from the parishes as to what precautionary measures the Diocese is taking in relation to the celebration of the Liturgy during the present outbreak of the Coronavirus in our country. I have issued some instructions to all the clergy and the religious and have asked them to initiate them from this weekend. I want to emphasise that these are precautionary measures and are in place only until the Chief Health Officer of the Government gives the all clear.

From this weekend then, the following measures are in place across the parishes of our Diocese (and this includes the National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham):

- * We should all be more attentive than usual to our normal hygienic routine of washing our hands thoroughly and often with soap and warm water.
- * Holy Water Stoups will remain empty for the time being but I would still encourage you to make the sign of the Cross as you enter the church and remember your Baptism.
- * The Sign of Peace will be omitted at Mass.
- * Holy Communion will be given under one kind only and the Host will be placed on the hand. During these next few months Holy Communion should not be received on the tongue since there is a greater danger of passing on the infection.
- * Both Priest and any Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who is assisting him will wash their hands both before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.

I want to thank you for your co-operation and once again to emphasise that these are precautionary measures only and will be removed as soon as the epidemic is over.

Please keep in your prayers all who have been infected across the world by this virus and those who are struggling greatly. Pray for those who have died and for their grieving families. And pray too for all doctors and nursing staff who are involved in supporting and seeking to heal those who are infected. Pray too that all of us may assist and support one another during this challenging time.

With all good wishes and prayer,
Yours devotedly in Christ,

Rt. Revd. Alan Hopes
Bishop of East Anglia