

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

Lectionary: Sundays Yr A Weekdays Yr 2 Week 4

No Service

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lent Feria	No Service
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	No Service
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annunciation of the Lord	No Service
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	No Service
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	No Service
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Feria	No Service

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

No Service

**George Reynolds RIP.** Please remember in your prayers George Reynolds who died on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. His funeral service takes place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at the crematorium at 2 pm for close family. Please pray for George and his wife, Margaret, and children Michelle & Tony at this time.

**Archbishop Peter Smith RIP** died peacefully just before midnight on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 is currently suspended.

**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. Although Mass will not be celebrated with the congregation at the present time, the church will be open for private prayer. We are also encouraged to watch live streaming of daily Mass, such as [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk) at 12 pm.

#### A prayer to be said at the end of each Mass and to be given to all who are self-isolating

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### **Prayer to Our Lady during Lent.**

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.

**Notifications will shortly be placed on the Parish website to indicate when the Sisters in the convent will be saying their daily prayers. You may wish to read today's readings which you can find on the Universalis website at the same time.**

### **Money Matters**

Thank you for the collections on 15<sup>th</sup> March: £126.50 from Chatteris, £261.92 from March, and £111.43 in standing orders. The voluntary 2<sup>nd</sup> collection in Chatteris for Hall Fund & Maintenance raised £56.95.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Our Lady's RC Church'

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

**St Patrick's Celebration:** Thank you to everyone who attended the celebration last Sunday. £500.28 was raised towards the Hall Fund.

**Job Opportunity:** The Diocese is recruiting a part-time Finance and Administration Assistant on 20 hours per week. Details can be obtained by emailing the Diocesan office at [finance@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:finance@rcdea.org.uk) or go to <https://rcdea.org.uk/> and click on the link on the home page. The closing date is Monday April 6th

**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](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

**Coach trip to Douai Abbey** originally planned for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to see Father Paul (now Fr Gregory) is now postponed. For questions please contact 07947 143864 or 680401.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** August 2020. Currently postponed.

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