

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
Lectionary: Sundays Yr A Weekdays Yr 2 Week 2

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday of Holy Week	No Service
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday of Holy Week	No Service
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday of Holy Week	No Service
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper Private service
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	Private service
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Saturday	Private service

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday Solemnity with Octave  
No Service

#### Online Masses for Holy Week

Daily Masses will be live streamed from St John's Cathedral every day at 10am plus the following Easter Masses, which will all be celebrated by Bishop Alan.

April 5 – Palm Sunday: Mass, 10am

April 9 – Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm

April 10 – Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 3pm

April 11 – Holy Saturday: Mass of the Paschal Vigil, 8pm

April 12 – Easter Day: Mass at 10am

You can watch all of these Masses at: [www.sjbcathedral.org.uk](http://www.sjbcathedral.org.uk)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be celebrating a short Easter Sunday Service on BBC Radio 4 (FM 92 – 95 FM, 103-105 FM. LW 198 Long Wave) and BBC local radio stations at 8am, including Radio Norfolk, Radio Suffolk and Radio Cambridgeshire.

**Fr Karol Porczak from All Soul's Peterborough will come to celebrate the following at Our Lady of Good Counsel, without a congregation present, on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil. Our thanks to Bishop Alan and Father Karol for although we are unable to participate, it's re-assuring to know that Holy Week services are still taking place in our church.**

#### Sunday Mass and more can be watched here:

St. Luke's: <https://twitter.com/saintlukesbull>

Walsingham: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Catholic Cathedral: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1L1vHKBeZgiaUf6hUxbT0A>

And also churchservices.tv

Those of you who remember Father Sean Connolly may like to know he is doing an Evening Prayer podcast every evening. You can listen between 6pm-9pm. It's about 10 minutes long and you can follow the text online: <http://www.stgeorgenorwich.com/welcome>

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, Maisie Hutton, Anna Sullivan and all those who are known to us.

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Braciale, Harry Short, Fr Donald Hillier, Maureen Clements, Anthony Everitt, Christopher Clancy, Marjorie Elliott, Sandra Whittlehurst, Clare White, Shirley Ann Hedley, Freda Bolton, Jean Lordan, Jane Barclay and Dorina Flatters (Memorials can be seen in the book of remembrance at the back of the church in March).

**Sacraments:** The sacrament of reconciliation (confession) is not possible at the moment. Bishop Alan has explained how we can confess our sins directly to God at times like these. See the diocesan website [rcdea.org.uk](http://rcdea.org.uk) for more information.

**Precautionary measures during the Corona virus outbreak.** Although Mass will not be celebrated with the congregation at the present time, and the church will be closed until further notice, we are encouraged to watch live streaming of daily Mass.

### **A Prayer for help and healing**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world. We come to You today with our fears and concerns. You know what is in our hearts. We love You, we trust You, we need You. We ask You to be with us, to stay with us. Help us through these times of uncertainty and sorrow.

We know you are the Divine Physician, the healer of all. We ask You to bring your loving touch and healing presence to all those who are sick and suffering right now from the coronavirus. Please comfort them.

Please stand at the side of all medical professionals who are putting themselves at risk while they work to bring healing to others.

Please have mercy on those who have died, may they be with You in heaven.

Please be with the grieving families of those who have passed away.

Please be with those who are trying to find a remedy to this pandemic.

Lord, we are afraid and we are sorrowful. Please heal us. Send us your peace and overwhelming presence.

*(if you have a special intention mention it here)*

Jesus, we thirst for You. You chose to enter this world as a vulnerable baby. Be with the most vulnerable now. Help us to continue to return to You with our whole hearts throughout this ordeal. Amen.

Mary, our Mother, Untier of Knots. Pray for us.

St. Anthony the Great, patron of those affected by infectious diseases. Pray for us.

St. Edmund, patron of the victims of pandemics. Pray for us.

St. Damien of Molokai, who put himself at risk to minister to lepers. Pray for us.

St. Anthony the Great, patron of those affected by infectious diseases. Pray for us!

St. Roch, who prayed for those suffering from infectious diseases. Pray for us.

St. Joseph, patron of the dying. Pray for us.

St. Jude and St. Rita, patrons of impossible causes. Pray for us.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, who was dedicated to caring for the sick. Pray for us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **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.

### **Financial Matters**

Although we are still carrying a large debt on our hall (funded by a Diocese loan) we are reasonably healthy with our local bank balance.

Whilst our outgoings are relatively light at the moment our main source of income is the weekly offertory which is obviously well down.

Many will be struggling or have lost work at this time, so no one should feel under any pressure or obligation. However, if you can please consider setting up a Standing Order monthly into our Bank Account – you can cancel at any time needed. Or you can send one-off donations direct if you bank online:

The Parish's bank details are:

<i>Bank</i>	<i>Barclays Bank Plc</i>
<i>Account Name</i>	<i>Our Lady's RC Church</i>
<i>Sort Code</i>	<i>20 – 46 – 65</i>
<i>Account Number</i>	<i>1395 0476</i>

*Please add your name in the reference box*

Please do not put cash into the church or the hall.

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

### **Job Opportunities:**

Roman Catholic, Ordained Deacon, Religious Brother or Sister, Lay Person (Part Time) – ref 34011– based at HMP Wayland with deacon Martin Sanders. This Chaplaincy role is part time which is for 18 hours. Overview: Job holders within this Group Profile will provide religious and pastoral care of prisoners and staff in their own faith tradition and have an understanding/knowledge of other differing faiths. [jobs.justice.gov.uk](http://jobs.justice.gov.uk)

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.

**Christian Bookshop Order:** Someone from the Catholic Church ordered two crosses before the lockdown. They are now ready. If it was you, please ring Rosemary Fuller on 07884400151 to arrange collection.

### **Parish Contacts**

The Parish of March & Chatteris is temporarily under the care of the Parish of St. Luke Peterborough. For all inquiries please contact them on 01733 370877, or email [saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saintlukesparish@yahoo.co.uk)

If you urgently need a Catholic Priest please contact Father James Caulfield of Our Lady & St. Charles Borromeo, Wisbech on 07919 117255

Deacon: Rev Martin Wells 01354 741488 email: [mwells42@btinternet.com](mailto:mwells42@btinternet.com)

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (fmm) 01354 652266

Newsletter: Please submit items for consideration to [marchrcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:marchrcnewsletter@gmail.com)

Please visit the Parish website for the latest updates: <http://www.catholicchurchmarch.co.uk/>

Hall Bookings: [marchcatholichall@gmail.com](mailto:marchcatholichall@gmail.com) and Iris Dean

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