



OUR LADY OF PITY

The Catholic Parish of Swaffham & Watton

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 26TH MAY 2019

HALF TERM MASS SCHEDULE

I shall be away for half term week **from Monday 24th May to Tuesday 4th June** on my Easter break.

Please make a note of next week's Mass schedule, particularly **Ascension Thursday Mass times**. I am very grateful to Fr Michael Johnstone and Fr Michael Stokes who will be covering for me.

Fr Gordon

FRIENDS OF OLP MEETING

Please note that the Friends of OLP meeting has been moved from **Thursday 30th May to Thursday 6th June** at the usual time of 2:00pm.

PARISH ROOM REDECORATION

Decorating the parish room has begun, and is likely to extend through the whole of next week. At present, it is anticipated that the room will be usable on Sunday.

NEW SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Norfolk County Council have approved the Diocese's proposal to open the new Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School from 1st September 2019.

The Governing Body will now begin the process for admitting children to the school for September.

For further information, please contact the Chair of the Governors, *Flavio Vettese*, at the school.

SWAFFHAM & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

Church Picnic

Members and friends are invited to come along to:

A Bring 'n Share Picnic

Saturday 8th June 2:30

Swaffham Community Centre

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Please put your name(s) down before the 1st June.

Further details from Linda: 01760 720205

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD BANK

The year ending 31st March was a record breaking one for the Mid-Norfolk Foodbank. **The number of people fed during the year increased by 41% to 2,959.**

Currently, the top priorities are: *biscuits, tinned fruit, long-life fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, savoury snacks, sweet treats, pasta, long life milk, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes and tinned meat*, but, as ever, we're grateful for anything!

Thank you so much

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Tuesday 28th May

Led by Bishop Alan

10:45am: Walk from the village

12:00pm: Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation

Followed by a picnic and a fun afternoon at the beach.

CELEBRATE EAST ANGLIA

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June

THE conference that helps all the family grow in faith

This year's theme: **Be Strong and courageous! For the**

Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Lively music, inspiring talks, Mass & Reconciliation,

Special programme for children & young people.

Please see **Robin & Steve Kornmuller or**

George & Sandra Stone for more details.

Leaflets available at the back of the church.

St Benedict's School, Beetons Way,

Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RH

A DAY WITH MARY

Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday 2nd June

The day runs from **11:40am - 6:00pm**. Please see the orange poster at the back of the church for a full itinerary.

6th Sunday of Easter - Year C

Mass Schedule Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year I Psalter Week 2

Key: W - Watton	OLP - Our Lady of Pity	Cv - Convent	Sch - School
Saturday 25th May	W (Vigil Mass)	5:00 pm	Patrick Gammell + AG
Sunday 26th May	OLP	8:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th May	OLP	10:30 am	Renée Thomas + FRG
Monday 27th May	Cv	5:30 pm	St Augustine of Canterbury, Feast
Tuesday 28th May	Cv	7:30 am	Easter Feria
Wednesday 29th May	Cv	9:00 am	Easter Feria
Thursday 30th May	OLP	10:00 am	The Ascension of the Lord, Solemnity
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Friday 31st May	Cv	9:00 am	The Visitation of the BVM, Feast
Saturday 1st June	Cv	9:00 am	St Justin, Memorial

Sunday Readings

Entrance Antiphon	<i>Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.</i>
1st Reading:	<i>Acts 15:1-2,22-29</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!</i>
Gospel:	<i>John 14:23-29</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.</i>

Parish Prayers For The Sick

Rita & Vic Head, Joan Walker, Kim Wright, Margaret Maxey, Cath Hole, Theresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Catherine Oliver, Mary Harding, Charles Burgess, Carol Pointer, Helen Philips, Edward Hodnett, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Davida MacDonald, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Anna Dawson

We pray for the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur around this time

Len Smith, Mary Harold, Jonathan Bristow, Rita Margaret Dickinson, Dory Davis, Patrick Gammell, Celestin O Opara, Amy Bennett, Barabara Gillett, Harry Silvester

May they Rest in Peace.

1st & 2nd June - 7th Sunday of Easter - Year C

WATTON 5:00

Reader: Brian Harris Ministers: Alan & Ann Kitchener

SWAFFHAM 8:30

Welcomers: Frances Sparks & Joanna Navarre Reader: Ian Sherwood Ministers: Chris Smith & Sister Michaela

SWAFFHAM 10:30

Welcomers: Michael & Philomena Lavender Reader: Brian Moran Ministers: Lissa Kinsey & Anna Carter

Children's Liturgy: Denise & David McPartlin Coffee: Louise & Tony Gayton

Flowers: Anne Dryden Counters: (Monday 3rd June) Sandra Stone & Chris Smith

Collections: 18th & 19th May

Watton: £165.80 Swaffham: £296.04 SO: £111.00 Total: £572.84 Thank you

The Parish Office is closed on Mondays. For any really urgent matters please contact Deacon Roger on 01760 724113 and leave a message if appropriate, or email: rsparksswoffham@aol.com

For Parish Room enquiries, please contact Anne Dryden on 01760 723510

Any items for the newsletter, please let Glenda Boulter know by 6:00pm Wednesday. Thank you.

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Sacred Heart School

Proposed Primary School

If you would like further information concerning the proposed school, please contact the convent.

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