



POPE FRANCIS is encouraging Catholics across the globe to dedicate the month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world and takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Details for livestream can be found on the Vatican news website.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM on Monday 3rd May.

This year the event will be live streamed. There will be no public procession but Bishop Alan Hopes will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon with an intention for the Diocese and at 2.30pm there will be Rosary and Benediction.

It is important to stress that anyone wishing to join the Pilgrimage at Walsingham itself will need to book in using the link found on the Walsingham website: www.walsingham.org.uk where you will also find details for live stream. Please bring your own food and drink! Masks must be worn and social distancing restrictions must be adhered to.



Pope Francis has decreed a special **Year of Saint Joseph** so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfilment of God's will." It is also to be celebrated as a 'Year of the Family'. **Please take a special prayer card with you as you leave the church today.**

CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN - 'ST JOSEPH - A LIFE OF PRAYER AND VIRTUE

to be held on Saturday 3rd July 2021 at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Little Walsingham NR22 6AL .(for Sat Nav use NR22 6AS). Organised by the Catholic Diocese of East Anglia Marriage and Family Life Commission, on behalf of Bishop Alan, this retreat dedicated to St Joseph and led by Fr Henry Whisenant. Join him and other Catholic men from around the diocese to journey together with St Joseph as their lead. This day long retreat will feature Mass, talks, reflection, the Rosary and Fellowship. Booking on Eventbrite only - Cost £10.

THIS YEAR'S MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE MASS will be both live and live-streamed at St John's Cathedral, Norwich, on Saturday 12th June at 11.00. Certificates will be available for those celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 (Anniversaries of 1 year, 5 years and every multiple of five years thereafter). Please Register to attend the event and/or for a certificate online at: [HTTPS://WWW.RCDEA.ORG.UK/MARRIAGE-MASS-REGISTRATION/](https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/) [1] There will be a collection at the Mass for those who wish to help the Marriage and Family Life Commission in their work.

HELPING HANDS' GROUP if you are, or know of anyone who is housebound, lonely or in need of practical help, shopping, changing a light bulb etc, or just a visit, or lift to the doctors, contact Sue Fullman 488147 or Mike Sinnott 764236.



STOREHOUSE FOODBANK is urgently in need of items. They supply many families, every day with enough food for three meals for three days. Donations can be taken from you at the Presbytery door. **Personal toiletries (incl toothpaste) Long Life milk, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast Cereals, incl porridge, tinned vegetables (including potatoes) and biscuits, fresh sliced bread and tinned meat are needed every day. ON BEHALF OF THOSE THEY HELP, THE STOREHOUSE ARE VERY GRATEFUL**

Nursery Manager required at Little J&M's Nursery, Felixstowe, please see diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>



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Sunday 2nd May 2021 - 5th Sunday of Easter - B

MASSES in the PARISH of ST EDMUND KM **booking only*

Saturday 1st May

18.00* *First Mass of Sunday* Sr Elunutza †

Sunday 2nd May

08.30* Mass **5th Sunday of Easter (p674)**
10.30* Mass Live streamed For the Parish
Joan Green †

Monday 3rd May

12.30 Mass Live streamed **St Philip & St James**
Mr O'Meara †

Tuesday 4th May

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

09.30 Mass Live streamed Hal Taylor †

Wednesday 5th May

10.00 Mass Live streamed **Easter Feria**
Bernadette Booker †

Thursday 6th May

19.30 Mass Live streamed **Easter Feria**
Mary Griffiths †

Friday 7th May

09.30 Mass Live streamed **Easter Feria**
John Gooch †

Saturday 8th May

10.00 Mass Live streamed **Easter Feria**
18.00* *First Mass of Sunday* Carmen & Anglo Caruana †
Ann & Raymond Wilding †

Sunday 9th May

08.30* Mass **6th Sunday of Easter (p677)**
10.30* Mass Live streamed Special Intention
For the Parish

'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON Sunday 10.30; Mon - Fri 08.15

PLEASE BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS BY FRIDAY 16.00 on 01284 787321

FORTH COMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Polish Mass at St Edmund's: Saturday 8th May at 16.00
Malayalam Mass at St Edmund's: Saturday 15th May at 13.30

We welcome parishioners and visitors to St Edmunds on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. The obligation of Sunday Mass attendance is still lifted and no one anxious about attending Mass should feel any pressure to do so. When in church it is a requirement to wear face covering (*except for those who are exempt*) and sanitise your hands. Following each Mass the church will be closed for cleaning. Our weekday Masses are held in the main church, opening for private prayer 30 minutes before Mass. For our weekend Masses we operate a 'booking' system which is accessible through the parish website. Bookings open from the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Don't forget that you are also able to cancel your place through the confirmation email received at the time of booking. This can be done even on the day, as it then frees up a place for someone else. It is also possible to book by phone between 9.30 and 12.00, Tuesday to Friday.

Please only use benches marked with a 'tick' and follow the stewards' instructions for moving up to receive Holy Communion. **PLEASE MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING WHEN COMING FORWARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION.** As we come out of 'lockdown' we must continue to adhere to the restrictions and guidance for keeping our church a safe place to be in. We are very grateful to our Stewards who turn up so faithfully to ensure the smooth running of our Masses.

To prevent a congestion of people at the church door, or in the aisles, at the end of our week-end Masses please remain seated and wait for instructions from the stewards for leaving the church. Any 'social distanced socialising' should be well away from the church building. We need to be extra vigilant about social distancing when exiting the church and respecting anyone using the ramp or walking on the pavement as we leave the church property. It would also be advisable to keep your face covering on until away from the church. Do not stop to socialize outside the church doors.

We are live-streaming all our weekday Masses, and the 10.30 Sunday Mass; also Evening Prayer (Vespers) Sunday to Friday at 19.00 (Thursday at 18.30).

Frs David, Jay, Mike and Deacons Alan & Brett

THE DAY OF THE LORD – a short reflection issued by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales as we begin to return to normality. It is an excellent document which is very realistic and at the same time challenging. Do read it - there are some copies in church and it is available on the parish website.

THY KINGDOM COME (13th-23rd May): This is an ecumenical initiative which has been running over a number of years. It is a period of nine days from Ascension Thursday up to Pentecost. We have been asked locally to lead an hour of prayer on Sunday 16th (8 - 9pm). It will be a Zoom meeting. If anyone would like to help with this please have a word with Fr David.

URGENTLY NEEDED: *someone with experience of buildings and building work to advise and help oversee work necessary for the ongoing maintenance of our beautiful church. Please see Fr David.*

The Universe & Catholic Times newspaper is no longer available from the church but can be delivered direct to your home weekly, POST FREE. Please go www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722.

PARISH CLERGY:

Canon David Bagstaff	Parish Priest
Fr Jay Magpuyo	Assistant Priest
Fr Mike Brookes	Assistant Priest
Rev Alan McMahon	Deacon
Rev Brett Gladden	Deacon

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Tony Aldous, Christine Bates, Simon Bishop, Jean Burdock, Paul Butler, Gerald Curry, Nicolette Finch, Jacqueline Holmes, Malcolm Fincham Jacques, Pat Gould, Yvonne Hlbert, Priscilla Lupton, Barbara O'Neill, Sr Flora, Fr Gerry Quigley, Richard Reid, Anthea Rix, Rita Scarlett, Leila Sekula, Frank & Joy Short, David Smeeth Cardy, Susan Toole, Mary Tuffen, Jim Whyte, Dee Peters, Romayne Wright. Beverley Whelan. May the Lord bring them comfort & healing.

TOM MORRIS, PADDY McCARTHY, JACK FARRUGIA who died recently. May they rest in peace and the Lord bring comfort to their families and friends.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK Mark Jenner, Ken Warner, Margaret Stroud, Nicholas Hagan, Dominique O'Regan, John Laphorne, Josephine Bradford, Mary Griffiths, Jim McKenna, William Donovan, Douglas Baldwin, Ann Campbell.

Sacrament of Reconciliation : Wednesday and Saturday after the 10.00 Mass

Sunday 10.30 Mass and all weekday Masses will be 'live streamed'.
Evening Prayer will be 'live streamed' Sunday to Fri at 19.00 (Thurs 18.30)

As many of you will know when Bishop Alan Hopes reached his 75th birthday in March 2019 he offered his resignation to Pope Francis. He was asked to continue as our bishop until his successor was appointed. The process has now begun and we are all invited to support it by our prayer. The following prayer could be used daily; those praying the rosary could offer it for the intentions of the diocese and for those responsible for the appointment of our next bishop.

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care,
Grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your church
who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen
Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us. St Felix, Pray for us,
All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, Pray for us.



FINANCIAL MATTERS: Many thanks for your continuing generosity. There is a collection box at the back of church for your regular weekly offering or you can put it through the presbytery door. You may prefer to set up a Standing Order with your bank. Here are the details you will need:

NATWEST, St Edmund's Parish, sort code: 60-04-16, a/c no: 56268769.

Any cheques for the parish should be made out to: **St Edmund's Parish.**



The collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund raised £624.56