



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia
ST. LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
 30th March 2025 Year C/1 (Psalter Week 4)

Lent Week 4

The parable of the Prodigal Son illustrates the infinite mercy of God. The father's unconditional love for his wayward son reflects the Lord's own love for us, no matter how far we may have strayed. The elder son, meanwhile, struggles to accept this mercy, much like we sometimes do when we compare ourselves to others. Do we truly believe in God's forgiveness? Are we willing to extend the same mercy to others? St Paul reminds us that we are called to be ambassadors of Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation with the world. This Lent, we are invited to embrace the healing power of God's mercy & to extend that mercy to those around us.

CLERGY

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St. John Henry Newman Voluntary Aided
 Website: st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk

DIARY

Saturday 29th March – Lent Feria
 9.30am The Most Holy Rosary
 10.30am First Holy Communion Confessions
 12noon Baptisms
 5-5.45pm Confession
 6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Mary James+ (1st Ann.)*

Sunday 30th March **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** Year C

Laetare Sunday
 9am Mass *Pro Populo*
 10.30am Mass *Francesca File (Ints.)*
 12noon Mass *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
 4.30pm Table Tennis
 6pm Sunday Prayer Group

Monday 31st March – Lent Feria
 10am Silent Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
 10.30am Church Cleaning
 7pm Lectio Divina

Tuesday 1st April – Lent Feria
 12.30pm Mass *Margaret Rollo Spence+*
 6pm Divine Mercy & Stations of the Cross
 6.45pm RCIA Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April – Lent Feria
 10.30am Mass *Terry Gaile+*
 11am Novena to Our Lady
 5pm School Stations of the Cross in Church

Thursday 3rd April – Lent Feria
 12.30pm Mass *Kevin Gilner*
 1pm Coffee Break/Lunch
 6.30pm Childrens Choir Practice
 7.30pm Mens Fellowship
 7.45pm Music Group Practice

Friday 4th April – Lent Feria
 10.30am Mass *John & Regina Otite+*
 11am Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
 6.30pm Youth Group
 7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th April – Lent Feria
 9.30am The Most Holy Rosary
 12noon Baptisms
 1pm Zimbabwean Community Mass
 5-5.45pm Confession
 6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Pro Populo*

Sunday 6th April **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** Year C

9am Mass Vera Houghton+
 10.30am Mass *John Gonsaalves (71st B'day)*
 12noon Mass *Philip Ward (ill)*
 4.30pm Table Tennis
 6pm Sunday Prayer Group

'Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones; unoccupied they cannot be' *St. Thomas More*

LAETARE SUNDAY – WELCOME!

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent; Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday from the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon, *Laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy, our foretaste of Easter joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is a day honouring 'mother churches' - the church where one is baptised, celebrated since the Middle Ages on the the fourth Sunday of Lent. On Mothering Sunday, Christians have historically visited their mother church - the church in which they received the Sacrament of Baptism, as well as visiting their mothers and family. Happy Mothers Day!

MARCH - MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

Papal Prayer Intentions for March: For families in crisis: that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. National Cycle of Prayer: Candidates for the Sacraments; The Needy & Hungry; World Day of Prayer; Penitents & Wanderers.

WELCOME BACK TO FR JUDE!

Our assistant priest 2019-22 returns to catch up and to promote vocations to the priesthood at all Masses. As well as being Vocations Promoter for the diocese, Fr Jude is parish priest of St. Mary Ipswich.
www.rcdea.org.uk/vocations/ & www.ukvocation.org

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

Contact the chaplaincy team, office open 7 days a week, 8am and 4pm & 24-hour Call-out. Chaplaincy telephone: 01733 673115 (non-urgent calls; a message can be left out of hours); 07934 796221 (emergency priest out of hours). Email: nwangliaft.chaplaincy@nhs.net, or Catholic Lay Chaplain - sallyanne.smith@nhs.net

CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT LUNCHESES

St Mary Orton Waterville: 12.30pm Sat 5th April.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7pm every Friday in Lent, led by parish groups.
School Stations 5pm this Wed 2nd – All welcome!

ST LUKE'S SAFEGUARDING TEAM NEEDS YOU

Could you spare a couple of hours a month to help keep our young and vulnerable parishioners safe? Contact Jacinta to find out more. safeguarding@stlukesorton.org

IGNITE FESTIVAL

Think 'Mini Catholic Youth Glastonbury Festival' at Bury St. Edmunds. 3-4th May for school years 8-13. Some of our youth are already booked & Bishop Peter expects all Confirmation candidates to attend as part of their prep. St. Luke's will cover all costs for our young people, including transport. More over the next few weeks.

BAPTISMS

Our next preparation session is on Tues 29th April. Please get in touch now if you have a child in need of Baptism in the coming months.

YOUTH GROUP SLEEP OVER

Our youth group will be joined by youth from the Polish Chaplaincy to spend a night sleeping in the church in solidarity with the homeless and raising funds for Peterborough Light Project:
www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk.
Our young ones seek our support and sponsorship!

ZIMBABWEAN COMMUNITY MASS

Sat 5th from 1pm – All welcome!

JUBILEE OF THE SICK & HEALTH CARE STAFF

Bishop Peter warmly invites all those who are sick and those who are involved in health care in any capacity, to a special Jubilee Mass at the Catholic Cathedral in Norwich with Anointing on Sat 5th April, 11:30am, celebrating the contribution made by the many doctors, nurses, pharmacists, orderlies, and others across the Diocese who live out their Christian vocation in care of others.

VISIT ST PETER'S BASILICA IN ROME

A Pilgrimage from the comfort of your armchair:
virtual.basilicasanpietro.va/en/home

PRISON CHAPLAINCY VACANCY

Are you passionate about providing spiritual guidance and pastoral care? We are looking for a dedicated individual to join our team at HMP Whitemoor. Position: RC Priest, Deacon, or Qualified Layperson in the Catholic Faith. Location: HMP Whitemoor, Salary: £30,001 - £40,000 per annum. Working Pattern: Full Time. Closing Date: 10/4/25. Interested? For more information, please contact: prameel.joseph@rcdea.org.uk or visit: <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/3589>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

22-29 August, the Diocese of East Anglia joins with the Catholic Association (CA) on pilgrimage to Lourdes. East Anglian pilgrims are encouraged to stay at the Hotel Eliseo, a convenient and comfortable base for the week. Bookings now open via Tangney Tours at:
www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
With the Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament
And Watching at the Altar of Repose

FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

10.15am Ecumenical Walk of Witness from St. Luke's to Holy Trinity

3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7pm Stations of the Cross with Drinks & Hot Cross Buns

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

8pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
With Baptisms, Receptions into the Church and Confirmations

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

Solemnity of Easter

9am Sung Mass
10.30am Sung Family Mass
12noon Sung Mass