

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MASSES at ourladyofpity.org

Saturday 3rd June		Vigil Mass, MOST HOLY TRINITY. SOLEMNITY
17:00	Watton	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th June		MOST HOLY TRINITY. SOLEMNITY
08:30	Our Lady of Pity	Anna & Tomasso Guerini (MB)
10:30	Our Lady of Pity	Wayne Hackeson RIP (FRMH)
Monday 5th June		St Boniface. Memorial
CHURCH CLOSED—NO MASS TODAY		
Tuesday 6th June		Feria
10:00	Our Lady of Pity	Edmund Currie Fndn
Wednesday 7th June		Feria
10:00	Our Lady of Pity	Nick Hawkin RIP (HB)
10:30-11:30	Our Lady of Pity	EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS
Thursday 8th June		Feria
19:00	Our Lady of Pity	Intns. Thomas Family
Friday 9th June		Feria
09:30	Our Lady of Pity	Dora & George Newton
Saturday 10th June		Our Lady on Saturday
09:00	Our Lady of Pity	Tracey Mongan (Surgery)
10:00	Our Lady of Pity	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP, EXPOSITION, CONFESSIONS & REHEARSAL
17:00	Watton	Vigil Mass CORPUS CHRISTI SOLEMNITY

Our Lady of Pity, 31 Station Street, Swaffham, PE37 7HP
Watton Methodist Church, 57 High Street, Watton, IP25 6EJ

NEWSLETTER Please contact Glenda Boulter on 01760 725291, 07833 576178 or gboulter@btinternet.com by **Wednesday 6:00pm** for the coming week. *Thank you.*



Our Lady of Pity Swaffham & Watton Newsletter

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4TH JUNE 2023 MOST HOLY TRINITY A SOLEMNITY

Last week, on Wednesday 31st May, we celebrated the Feast of the Visitation. The Feast records the Visit paid by the pregnant Mother of God to her cousin Elizabeth who was herself six months into her pregnancy with John the Baptist. It is a joy-filled occasion!

Elizabeth's home is already filled with joy when Mary arrives. After years of waiting and longing for a child, Elizabeth and Zechariah are awaiting the birth of their first and only child, who comes as a special blessing from God and as a herald of the coming Messiah!

This joyful mother's joy, however, is to increase as she hears Mary's greeting and welcomes the 'Mother of my Lord' into her home. Why, even the child in her womb, leapt with joy at the presence of the Messiah!

The scene is completed with the superlative song of joy, the Magnificat, which wells up in the heart of Mary and pours forth in song from her lips: 'My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!'

The cause of all this joy is the saving presence of God in their midst.

Last week we rejoiced in the gift of the Holy Spirit at work within this community, uniting in love as one family. Next week, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we will rejoice that Christ is present to all of us in the Bread and Wine that have become His Body and Blood—the one food and drink with which we are all fed and nourished. At the Table of the Lord, eight of our children will be welcomed with us and by us for the first time!

Both Pentecost and Corpus Christi remind us that we live constantly in the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is present in our world today. So by joyful preparation, by reverent participation and by sincere prayer, let us acknowledge His presence in today's Mass and indeed every Mass.

May His joy fill your hearts! Fr Mark



**CAMBODIAN LUNCH
& TALK BY ISAAC RIEDLINGER
Sunday 4th June 12:30 in the Parish Rooms**

You are welcome to share some Cambodian food, and another chance to hear Isaac's informative and inspiring talk, for those who missed it last time.

Afterwards there will be a meeting for those travelling to our twin diocese in October.

PARISH CLERGY:	Canon Mark Hackeson Rev Roger Sparks	Parish Priest Retired Deacon
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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Stella Langford, Fr Brendan Moffatt, Pat Marshall, Denette Taylor, Angela Whaddon, Ann & Eddie Hodnett, Sr Francis, Vic Head, Kim Wright, Teresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Catherine Oliver, Helen Philips, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Eddie Doran, Lina Givoni, Bridie O'Sullivan, Veronica Parker, David Motton, Pauline Hewitt. **May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED For Elizabeth & Henry Austin, George Burton, Perpetua Opara, Fr William McConalogue, Wayne Hackeson, Alan H Tanner, John McConalogue, Margaret Tanner, Doreen Wilks, Dan O'Connor, Robert Sorrell, Margaret Bishop, Joan Walker, Carlo Vaccari, Michelle D' Angelo, Kenneth Foster, Mandić, Maria Holman, Bill Nallen *whose anniversaries fall this week.* **May they rest in peace.**

ROTAS FOR 3RD & 4TH JUNE MOST HOLY TRINITY A

WATTON
17:00 Mass Welcomer: Bill Gammell Steward: *Volunteer*
Reader: Rosemary Fisher Cleaner: *Volunteer*

SWAFFHAM
8:30 Mass Welcomers Lynda Hopkins & Bridget Dumbrell
Stewards: Lynda Hopkins & Bridget Dumbrell
Reader: Catherine Riedlinger

10:30 Mass Stewards: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy
Reader: Charles Pettit Children's Liturgy: *School Holiday*
Coffee: Jacinta Macris & Cecilia Whitehead
Church Cleaners: Catherine & Philip Riedlinger
Counters: Sandra Stone & Chris Smith (Monday 5th June)

ROTAS FOR 10TH & 11TH JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI A

WATTON
17:00 Mass Welcomer: Bill Gammell Steward: *Volunteer*
Reader: Terri Charman Cleaner: *Volunteer*

SWAFFHAM
8:30 Mass Welcomers Andrew Coe & Len Heywood
Stewards: Lynda Hopkins & Bridget Dumbrell
Reader: Rosemary Godfrey

10:30 Mass Stewards: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy
Reader: Glenda Boulter Children's Liturgy: *First Holy Communion*
Coffee: Anne Dryden & Pat Baker
Church Cleaners: Sue Rogers & Bridget Dumbrell
Counters: Rosemary & Paul Godfrey (Monday 12th June)

FAMILY ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Saturday 10th June at 11:00

**Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda Church Hall
Newmarket.**



Raising a family as a couple or as a single-parent has always been challenging. Issues range from spousal relationship, social media influence, challenging behaviour at home, how to pass on the Catholic Faith and many others. Everyone is invited to attend the Family Enrichment Conference to explore these topics and to take home practical tips and encouragement from the four guest speakers.

To book tickets please visit :<https://familyenrichmentconference.eventbrite.co.uk>.
email: fejune2023@gmail.com. www.rcdea.co.uk/marriage-and-family-life-welcome/
Children's activities and lunch are free, but booking necessary. Free parking

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS

Sunday 11th June 2023

10:30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

All are welcome to join the children and their families for this joyful parish celebration. There will be space for everyone!

3:00pm

**DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
WITH BISHOP PETER
OXBURGH HALL**



Please do join us for this important witness to our Eucharistic Faith for the first time since the pandemic. It will also be an opportunity to meet with our new Bishop.

Tickets, which are free, are available from Fr Mark.

INDEPENDENCE DAY BARBECUE

Sunday 2nd July

12:30 for 1pm

Church Grounds and Parish Room

Our parishioners from the USA invite you to an authentic American barbecue to mark their national celebrations.

**Tickets will be available from next weekend,
10th & 11th June, and will need to be purchased
before the event.**





FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023
SESSION 10 for PARENTS & CHILDREN
Sunday 4th June 2023
9.15am followed by Parish Mass at 10.30am
"The Body of Christ"

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9.15 (for 9.30 start) in the Parish Rooms and will end with the celebration of Mass with the Parish community at 10.30 in Church.

BARTON BENDISH OPEN GARDENS 2023



Sunday 4th June 11am-5pm
 Maps & Raffle Tickets on sale at St Andrew's Church
 £5 per adult, children free.
 Ploughman's Lunches & Afternoon Teas in the
 Village Hall

PARISH AGM

Wednesday 7th June - 7pm
Parish Rooms

Please do put this date in your diary, and turn up for a glass of wine!

WALKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Inviting everyone working with young people
Including priests, catechists & youth group leaders

A day of reflection and training exploring an accompaniment model
 of Evangelisation & Catechesis



Keynote Speaker David Wells *Internationally acclaimed speaker and formerly Director of Information, Plymouth Diocese*



June 10th 9:30am-3:00pm

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Poringland, NR14 7SH

Limited places available. Further information and to book a place:
www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT

A parishioner, Shigi George, is seeking part-time/hotel work, weekdays after 3pm.
 Please contact Gency George. 07448 192330

FR GORDON WOZ 'ERE!!

Fr Gordon Williams (aka Miyagi) sends his very best wishes to all!!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY 4th JUNE

09:15 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME
SESSION 10 'The Body of Christ'
PARENTS & CHILDREN

TUESDAY 6th JUNE

10:00 MASS & REFRESHMENTS in the Parish Rooms
19:00 BRIDGE CLUB Parish Rooms

WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE

14:00 PRAYER GROUP Parish Rooms
19:00 PARISH AGM Parish Rooms

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

10:00 FHC CHILDREN - CONFESSIONS & PRAYER BEFORE
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY
REHEARSAL. - PARENTS & CHILDREN

11:00 FAMILY ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda Church Hall,
 Newmarket. (p.7)

SUNDAY 11th JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI

10:30 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION (p.7)
15:00 DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
WITH BISHOP PETER Oxburgh Hall (p.7)

Tickets available from Fr Mark

If you would like Mass offered for your intentions, intentions of someone else, on a birthday or other celebration, or for someone who has died, simply place details in an envelope and give it to Fr. Mark.



THANK YOU for your generosity in the last week.

You gave **£467.92** in the collection from Swaffham, and **£97.72** from Watton, and **£190** in standing orders. Total **£755.64**

Second Collection NEXT WEEK for the work of Life Charities.



GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE inform the Chaplain:

QEH at King's Lynn - Fr Gordon Adam 07721 020334

Norfolk & Norwich - Fr Michael Smith 01603 624615

Swaffham Community Hospital, please inform Fr. Mark.

THE WORD OF GOD

JOHN 3:16-18

16 Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. 17 For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. 18 No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

*Other readings: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9
Daniel 3:52-56 2 Corinthians 13:11-1*



REFLECTION

The Easter season has come to an end, and we might have expected that the Sunday after Pentecost would be simply one of those Sundays of the year 'in ordinary time'. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Trinity Sunday, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the mystery of God, the God who has been revealed to us above all in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In our gospel reading Jesus teaches Nicodemus, who is searching for the truth, about the basic motivation of God in sending us the only Son. This motivation is love. In creating us God also makes it possible for us to accept the love of God with complete freedom, for we can refuse this love. Believing in 'the name of God's only Son' means acknowledging the reality of the love of God for each of us. We are challenged to allow the love of God into our lives again and again in the daily decisions we must make to embrace what is good and to shun what is evil. If we reject goodness, it is not God who condemns us. We condemn ourselves. The essence of God's attitude towards human beings is clear already in the first reading from the Book of Exodus, when the Lord is revealed as a 'God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, and rich in kindness and faithfulness'. These qualities of God are illustrated as the story of salvation progresses and most fully when, in the fullness of time, God sends the incarnate Son to live and die for us, and pours out the Holy Spirit to be the constant presence of God's love in the world. St Paul's final greeting to the people of Corinth in the second reading sums up our prayer on this feast: 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'

Have I accepted in my heart that God is 'a God of compassion'?

Do I understand that faith is essentially trusting in God who loves and saves me?

Pray for a renewed sense of the awesomeness of God.

Pray for those who struggle with the notion of a God who loves them.

Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, written by Fr. Adrian Graffy

IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

NEW NOTICEBOARDS AND SIGNAGE

Following a visit from Luke Allen from *Uncle Luke's Sign & Sticker Shop* draft designs are being drawn up for installation hopefully by the end of the month. These will comprise two large information boards, and two lockable notice boards either side of the porch entrance. A design committee has approved the proposed wording and graphics.

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

This Monday 5th June work will take place to replace the inefficient Sanctuary lights with a system that is more flexible and costs substantially less to run. This work should take just one day.

UNEVEN AND BROKEN TILES AT NARTHEX/CHURCH ENTRANCE

This Tuesday 6th June, Michael Hodgson will be meeting in church to finalise arrangements and schedule the lifting of the affected tiles, repair of the 'bridge' and tile bedding over the heating duct. This work will be done as soon as possible, and will require the closure of the church for one week.

SOLAR PANELS

Please communicate any thoughts you have on this to Jacinta Macris so that a consensus may be arrived at our Parish AGM on the 7th June.

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE



I am writing to request your support in promoting our programme for individuals displaced by the war in Ukraine. Our Catholic charity,

St John of God Hospitaller Services, together with our partners **Caritas**

Social Action Network (CSAN) is currently running a **Homes for Ukraine programme**, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK.

Our purpose - The purpose of our programme is twofold – to evacuate people from the warzone and prevent homelessness amongst those Ukrainians already in the UK. The programme has received funding from The **Albert Gubay Foundation** and the **Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities**.

How to help - We believe that the church community has an important role to play in supporting and advocating for refugees, and we would greatly appreciate any assistance you could offer in spreading the word about our programme.

Get in touch - Kindly let me know if you might be able to support our mission in this way, and I will be happy to send you further information that you might need.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get back to me and the team and we'll do our best to help you.



More information on the project can be found at the following links

Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk **Fb page:** [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)