

## **MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 12th April**

**17:00** Watton

**BLESSING OF PALMS & MASS**

Joan & Charles West RIP Fndn

**Sunday 13th April**

**08:30** Our Lady of Pity

**PALM SUNDAY**

**BLESSING OF PALMS & MASS**

People of the Parish

**10:30** Our Lady of Pity

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION MASS**

Lissa Kinsey RIP (GB)

**16:00** Our Lady of Pity

**EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

**Tuesday 15th April**

**11:30 St John's Cathedral**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

**CHRISM MASS**

**Wednesday 16th April**

**09:15** Our Lady of Pity

**Spy Wednesday**

Eddie Doran RIP Prayer Group

**10:00** Our Lady of Pity

**CONFESSIONS**

**Thursday 17th April**

**08:45** Our Lady of Pity

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**Sung Morning Prayer**

### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**19:00**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Intns of Sue & David Moncaster

**Friday 18th April**

**08:00** Our Lady of Pity

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Sung Morning Prayer**

**15:00** Our Lady of Pity

**SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

**Saturday 19th April**

**08:00** Our Lady of Pity

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**Sung Morning Prayer**

**20:30** Our Lady of Pity

**THE GREAT VIGIL  
& FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

Trevor & Wayne Hackeson RIP (MH)

**Sunday 20th April**

**08:00** Watton

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Winifred & Patrick Gammell RIP(WG)

**08:30** Our Lady of Pity

People of the Parish

**10:30** Our Lady of Pity

Eric Patrick Collins RIP (GB)



## **Our Lady of Pity Swaffham & Watton Newsletter**

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**13TH APRIL 2025 PALM SUNDAY C**

### **PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

*The Holy Week Liturgies are the most important celebrations of the year. Last year, as always, due to the generosity of so many who contributed and participated, we celebrated them worthily and fruitfully. I invite you once more to be generous with your time and talent as we enter the Great Week. 'Thank you' in advance!*

### **SERVERS**

**Altar Servers' Practice is arranged for:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am in Church.**

### **READERS**

I would like to invite readers, to consider exercising this vital ministry during Holy Week. A list will be available in the Narthex for volunteers to read at the Holy Week liturgies:

**Maundy Thursday 7.00pm** Two Readers for 1st & 2nd Reading

### **Easter Sunday**

Watton 8.00am Two Readers for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Swaffham 8:30am One Reader for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Washing of Feet**

**TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS** to have their feet washed.

### **CHOIR/SINGERS/MUSICIANS**

**We NEED volunteers NOW** to prepare and lead the music at all of the above celebrations.  
**IF YOU ARE ABLE THERE IS A SECOND GATHERING THIS SUNDAY AFTER 10.30am MASS.**



<b>PARISH CLERGY:</b>	Canon Mark Hackeson Rev Roger Sparks	Parish Priest Retired Deacon
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### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH**

**FOR OUR SICK:** Sue Moncaster, David Moncaster, Sr Francis FDC, Stella Langford, Pat Marshall, Denette Taylor, Angela Whaddon, Ann & Eddie Hodnett, Teresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Helen Philips, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Lina Givoni, Bridie O'Sullivan, Veronica Parker, David Motton, Pauline Hewitt, Jacqueline Price, Terry McGinn, Sarah Boylan, Tress Guild, Katherine Adams, Peter Hannaway and Maureen Butler. ***May the Lord bring them comfort and healing***

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** for Lissa Kinsey who died this week, and for Jimmy Schaffer, Eric Patrick Collins, Liane Dukes, Dudi Vaccari, John William Edwards, Abina Byrne, Jim Messenger, Sr M Clare, Alan Barlow and Peggy Green, ***whose anniversaries fall this week.***  
***May they rest in peace.***

### **12TH & 13TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD C**

#### **WATTON**

**17:00 Mass** **Welcomer:** Volunteer  
**Reader:** Terri Charman Jonathan Breach (Narrator)

#### **SWAFFHAM**

**8:30 Mass** **Welcomers** John Marshall & Bridget Dumbrell  
**Reader:** Sr Elaine & Sr Francis

**10:30 Mass** **Welcomers:** Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy  
**Reader:** Theresa Clovis & Cecilia Whitehead  
**Coffee:** Teresa & David West  
**Flowers:** No flowers during Lent  
**Church Cleaners:** Mariae Clark & Ina  
**Counters:** Jeff Guild & Volunteer (Monday 14th April)

### **20TH APRIL - EASTER SUNDAY C**

#### **WATTON**

**08:00 Mass** **Welcomer:** Volunteer  
**Readers:** 2 Volunteers

#### **SWAFFHAM**

**8:30 Mass** **Welcomers** John Marshall & Bridget Dumbrell  
**Reader:** Catherine Riedlinger & Volunteer

**10:30 Mass** **Welcomers:** Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy  
**Reader:** Rosie Wetherell & Tom Bedingfeld  
**Coffee:** No Coffee  
**Flowers:** Team  
**Church Cleaners:** Mariae Clark & Ina  
**Counters:** Rosie Wetherell & Cecilia Whitehead (Monday 21st April)

### **LISSA KINSEY RIP**

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Lissa Kinsey, who died peacefully at Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Tuesday morning at 5am. Please pray also for her family and friends at this time.

Lissa will be received into church at 4pm on Wednesday 23rd April in preparation for her Funeral Mass, which will take place at 11am on Thursday 24th April.

***May she rest in peace.***



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



If anyone is available to set up the **Altar of Repose in the Parish Room** on Maundy Thursday morning, or build the **Easter Fire** on Holy Saturday morning, please let Fr Mark know as soon as possible.



### **EASTER COLLECTION**

The collection taken at the Easter Masses is your traditional gift to your priest for his ministry. Along with the Christmas Collection it is a major part of their annual income. Special envelopes are available at this Mass for you to take away with you and return at Easter. If you are a Gift Aider, then please add your number to the front of your envelope. **THANK YOU.**



### **IGNITE FESTIVAL 3<sup>RD</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY HELP NEEDED**

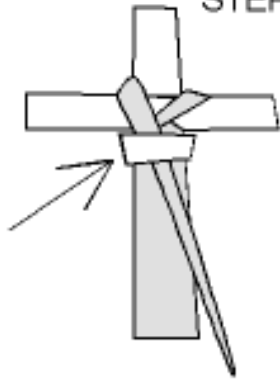
We already have over 300 young coming to the Ignite Festival (held in Bury St. Edmunds) and bookings are still open! As numbers are higher than we were expecting, we are appealing for people to help with night stewarding, through the night (or some of it) on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May. You need to have a DBS done by the Diocese of East Anglia or a Catholic School in East Anglia. Please email Hamish on [dys@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:dys@rcdea.org.uk) if you are interested in serving our young people in this way. Many thanks.



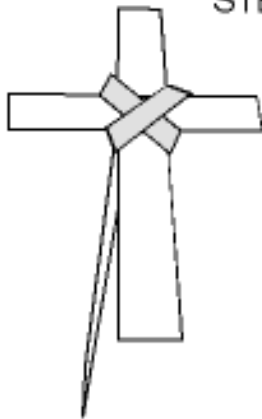
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STEP: 11

Tuck in the tapered end of the palm leaf and pull it through.



STEP: 12



Turn the cross over. This is the front view.



**GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE** inform the Chaplain:

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

Norfolk & Norwich - Cathedral Clergy 01603 624615

Swaffham Community Hospital, please inform Fr. Mark

**NEWSLETTER** Please contact Glenda Boulter on 07833 576178 or  
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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

### HOLY TUESDAY

**Tuesday 15th April**

11.30am **CHRISM MASS** at St John's Cathedral, Norwich

### HOLY WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday 16th April**

10.00am Mass followed by

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions until 11:15

*Please note, this will be the last opportunity for Confession before Easter!*

11:30 **Altar Servers' Practice**

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday 17th April**

7.00pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Followed by PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE &  
WATCH UNTIL MIDNIGHT*

### GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday 18th April**

3:00pm **SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION**

### HOLY SATURDAY

**Saturday 19th April**

8.00am **MORNING PRAYER**

8.00pm **SOLEMN VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

### EASTER SUNDAY

**Sunday 20th April**

8.00am Mass of Easter Day at WATTON

8.30am Mass of Easter Day at Our Lady of Pity

10.30am Mass of Easter Day at Our Lady of Pity

12noon **Short Ecumenical Act of Witness at the Butter Cross**

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in the last week. 5th & 6th April

Swaffham, £365.16 Watton, £121.90 Total: £449.51

Standing Orders: £250. Total: £737.06

CAFOD/DEC Myanmar Earthquake Appeal £302.59



## MAKING A PALM CROSS

At the beginning of Mass we will bless your palm branches and leaves which we wave joyfully as we enter Church. 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' Later, as we listen to the reading of the Passion, we shout with the same crowd, 'Crucify!' This should lead us to reflect on our sins for which Christ died on the Cross. To help us reflect in the coming days we can fashion our palm leaves into a Palm Cross.

The Cross is a reminder of Christ's suffering and death, but also of His great love for us, when He uttered those words from this Cross: *'Father, forgive them!'* and to the repentant thief, *'Today, you will be with me in paradise.'*

