

## **MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 24th May**

**17:00** Watton

**Sunday 25th May**

**08:30** Our Lady of Pity

**10:30** Our Lady of Pity

**Monday 26th May**

**CHURCH CLOSED, NO MASS TODAY**

**Tuesday 27th May**

**10:00** Our Lady of Pity

**14:00** Breckland Crem.

**Wednesday 28th May**

**10:00** Our Lady of Pity

**10:30-11:30** Our Lady of Pity

**Thursday 29th May**

**19:00** Our Lady of Pity

**Friday 30th May**

**09:30** Our Lady of Pity

**Saturday 31st May**

**09:00** Our Lady of Pity

**09:30-10:30** Our Lady of Pity

**17:00** Watton

**Vigil Mass, 6th Sunday of Easter C**

Rosalind Breach RIP (JB)

**6th Sunday of Easter C**

People of the Parish

Ania Marina Espallardo RIP (IB)

**St Philip Neri, Memorial**

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,**

*Feast*

Mike Baker RIP (BB)

**Funeral of Stella Langford RIP**

**Easter Feria**

Ints of Fr Michael

**EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD,  
SOLEMNITY**

Patrick Gammell RIP (AM&CHG)

**Easter Feria**

Ints of Norah Reeve

**VISITATION OF B.V.MARY, Feast**

First Holy Communion Children

**EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS**

**Vigil Mass, 7th Sunday of Easter C**

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 07833 576178 or  
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## **Our Lady of Pity Swaffham & Watton Newsletter**

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**25TH MAY 2025 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER C**

### **MY HEART IS READY ... I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE**

The last week on retreat with Bishop Peter and forty or so of the priests of the Diocese has been a great blessing: a time of rest and relaxation in good company and also a time of encounter with the Lord sacramentally, but also in the reading, meditations and contemplation of the Word of God, led by Fr. Richard, a wonderful scholar and man of insight and humour. We explored, in particular, the Letter to the Hebrews, and rediscovered the depths of this Scripture, which leads us to appreciate the glimpse of heaven, 'beyond the veil', with which we, as baptised Christians are blessed in so many ways in the daily practice and celebration of our faith. I only hope that I can pass on something of what I received during this week to you over the coming months in my preaching and in the living out of my ministry of service to you.

One particular joy was to be among so many of our younger priests (two in particular whose names I will not disclose) whose enthusiasm and zeal for the mission is so strong and vibrant. One of the Psalms that came up on more than one occasion goes as follows:

My heart is ready, O God,  
my heart is ready.  
I will sing, I will sing your praise.  
Awake my soul,  
awake lyre and harp,  
I will awake the dawn.

I will thank you Lord among the peoples,  
among the nations I will praise you  
for your love reaches to the heavens  
and your truth to the skies.'

As, together, we approach the Solemnity of Pentecost, let us all pray that we may recover that sense of excitement and zeal, that experience of the God's presence and call in our lives, so that on Pentecost Sunday those words of the psalmist may be ours too.

***With every blessing, Fr Mark***

<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, 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, David Motton, Pauline Hewitt, Jacqueline Price, Terry McGinn, Sarah Boylan, Tress Guild, Katherine Adams, and Maureen Butler.

***May the Lord bring them comfort and healing***

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** for Ania Marina Espallardo, Veronica Parker and Stella Langford, who died recently, and for Brian Goodhall, Margaret Horhan, Baby Clark (Child of Barry & Joanne), Len Smith, Mary Harold, Jonathan Bristow, Rita Margaret Dickinson, Dony Davis, Patrick Gammell, Celestin Opara, Amy Bennett and Barbara Gillet.

***May they rest in peace.***

### **24TH & 25TH MAY - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER C**

#### **WATTON**

#### **08:00 Mass**

**Welcomer:** Volunteer

**Reader:** Terri Charman

#### **SWAFFHAM**

#### **8:30 Mass**

**Welcomers** Helen Hall & Bridget Dumbrell

**Reader:** Rosemary Godfrey

#### **10:30 Mass**

**Welcomers:** Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy

**Reader:** Ian Boast

**Coffee:** Sandra & George Stone

**Flowers:** Bunty Baker & Cecilia Whitehead

**Church Cleaners:** Catherine & Phil Riedlinger

**Counters:** Sandra Stone & Chris Smith (Monday 26th May)

### **31ST MAY - 1ST JUNE - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER C**

#### **WATTON**

#### **08:00 Mass**

**Welcomer:** Volunteer

**Reader:** Rosemary Fisher

#### **SWAFFHAM**

#### **8:30 Mass**

**Welcomers** Lynda Hopkins & Bridget Dumbrell

**Reader:** Peter de Gol

#### **10:30 Mass**

**Welcomers:** Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy

**Reader:** Marcus Stemmer Baldwin

**Coffee:** Anne Dryden & Pat Baker

**Flowers:** Mary Bedingfeld & Bridget Dumbrell

**Church Cleaners:** Mariae Clark & Ina Lepore

**Counters:** Denise & Sean Pettit (Monday 2nd June)

### **MASS AT OXBURGH**

**Saturday 7th June at 12:00 noon.**

*Our monthly celebration of Mass at historic **Oxburgh Hall**.*



### **PENTECOST VIGIL – "OUTPOURING"**

**Saturday, 7th June at 7:30pm**

**St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich**



The event, led by Fr Gladson Dabre OSA and Fr Luke Goymour, promises a rich programme of teaching, praise and worship, and Eucharistic adoration, aimed at opening hearts to the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. Praise and worship will be led by members of the Sibyl Collective.

**Transform Ministries** warmly invites all to come and encounter the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. More information can be found at: [www.transformministries.uk/up-coming-events](http://www.transformministries.uk/up-coming-events) or email [info@transformministries.uk](mailto:info@transformministries.uk)

*Booking is not required.*



### **COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 12th June 10.30-12.30**

**Parish Rooms**

***Coffee/Tea £1, Homemade cake £1.50***

There will also be a raffle. Donations of small raffle prizes will be most welcome. Please hand these to Ann Darkins or Fr Mark.



### **A WALK IN THE SOUTHERN USA AT DUSK**

**Saturday 14th June at 18:00**

**Parish Rooms**

***Come and join us for some true southern hospitality!!***

**Main Meal:** Marinated Grilled Chicken, Spring Greens Southern Smoked Turkey Meat), Great Southern Beans, Corn On and Savoury Corn Bread. *There will also be a vegetarian option.*

Style (With  
The Cob  
option.

**Dessert:** Peach Cobbler with Custard or Single Cream

**Drinks:** Southern Sweet Iced Tea, Still Lemonade, Water, Ice

**Tickets: £15**

**Raffle:** £1 a strip of tickets - 1st Prize - American Food Hamper

2nd Prize - Bottle of Southern Comfort

3rd prize - £10

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025



**Sunday 8th June 9:15**

**SESSION 9 - Do this in Memory of Me - Chapter 9 - CHILDREN ONLY**

**Sunday 15th June 9:15**

**SESSION 10 - The Body of Christ - Chapter 10 - PARENTS & CHILDREN**

## THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM OPEN HOUSE AND GARDENS



You are warmly invited to the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's Convent in Dereham for our annual open house and gardens! Join us on **26th May** at **House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, NR20 4AZ** between **midday and 5pm**. Teas, coffees, cream teas and a variety of homemade cakes will be on offer for a suggested donation of **£5.00**, and do feel free to bring a picnic lunch. All ages welcome! Please note that, unfortunately, we do not have disabled access at this time and the ground is uneven in places. If driving, we ask that you be mindful of the 10mph speed limit on the approach to our convent. Email [office@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:office@walsinghamcommunity.org) or call the sisters on **01362 692574** for further information. *We look forward to welcoming you!*



## CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

**Saturday 31st May**

Join **Bishop Peter Collins** and children from across the Diocese of East Anglia at **10.45am** for a procession from the village church to the Catholic National Shrine, along the Pilgrims Way. **Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine at 12 noon. This will be followed by a picnic lunch in the Shrine gardens.**

The theme for this year's Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham is 'Families of Hope'. So we want to encourage all the family to join us for this; let's have all the generations, including grandparents and great-grandchildren joining Bishop Peter for Mass at the Shrine and the picnic lunch.

Contact Fr Pat Cleary for more details: [patrick.cleary@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:patrick.cleary@rcdea.org.uk)



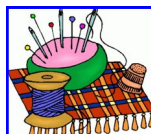
## COFFEE STOP AFTER 5PM MASS AT WATTON

**Saturday 31st May**

Coffee will be served after Mass in the vestry.



## SEWING, KNITTING AND CRAFT GROUP Monday 2nd June 2-4pm in the Parish Rooms



The cost is **£3 per session**, reducing to **£2.50** if you decide you like us and pay by subscription.

*Bring along your sewing, and enjoy the company of other crafters.*

**Contact Margaret 07767 435090 or Linda on 01760 723718, or just come along.**

## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

### MONDAY 26TH MAY

**12:00-17:00 OPEN HOUSE AND GARDENS COLW** (See p6)

### TUESDAY 27TH MAY

**10:00 MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS** Parish Rooms

**14:00 FUNERAL OF STELLA LANGFORD**  
at Breckland Crematorium, Scoulton

### WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

**11:00 PRAYER GROUP** in the Parish Rooms

**19:00 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** in the Parish Rooms

### FRIDAY 30TH MAY

**14:00 BEGINNERS BRIDGE CLUB** in the Parish Rooms

**14:30 LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** in the Church

### SATURDAY 31ST MAY

**10:45 CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** (See p.6)

**17:00 COFFEE STOP AT WATTON AFTER MASS** in the Vestry

### MONDAY 2ND JUNE

**14:00-16:00 SEWING, KNITTING & CRAFT GROUP** Parish Rooms

### TUESDAY 3RD JUNE

**10:00 REQUIEM MASS FOR STELLA LANGFORD**

### WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

**16:00 RECEPTION INTO CHURCH OF VERONICA PARKER**  
**RIP**

### THURSDAY 5TH JUNE

**11:00 FUNERAL MASS FOR VERONICA PARKER RIP**

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in the last week.

**Week 17th & 18th May**

Swaffham, £313.86 Watton, £117.00 Total: £430.86

Standing Orders: £250. Total: £680.86



## 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



## THE WORD OF GOD JOHN 14:23-29

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Whoever does not love me does

not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

**Page 863** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67 (66) Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

## COMMENTARY

*In these final discourses of Jesus at the Last Supper, as he sketches the outlines of his future Church, come four passages promising the coming of a Paraclete or Advocate, the Holy Spirit. 'Paraclete' and 'Advocate' mean the same: someone called to your side as a supporter, often in a legal situation. The Father will send this Paraclete, in the name and power of Jesus, so that the Paraclete will make Christ present in the Church, not physically but in a new way. The Paraclete will strengthen Jesus' disciples with Christ's own strength. The Paraclete will lead the disciples into all truth, so that they gradually come to a fuller understanding of all the implications of the teaching of Jesus. Like any legal advocate, the Paraclete will provide the followers of Jesus with power in teaching and argument to withstand opposition. This is the power which will guide the Church in ages to come, not only the official teachers of the Church, the successors of the apostles, but all the faithful who preserve and enrich the tradition of the Church by their prophetic office. The decree of Vatican II on the Church leaves no doubt that not only the call to sanctity but the prophetic office also extends to all the members of the Church, an inspiring and awesome responsibility.*

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## VERONICA PARKER RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Veronica Parker, who died on Wednesday, 7th May at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, having received the Sacraments of the church earlier in the evening. We pray too for her family and friends at this time.

Veronica will be received into church on Wednesday 4th June at 4pm in preparation for her Funeral Mass on Thursday 5th June at 11am.

*May she rest in Peace.*



## MARRIAGE CELEBRATION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Saturday 14th June at 11.30am**

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the annual Marriage Celebration Mass. All are welcome! Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, until 60 years where we celebrate each year thereafter) will receive a certificate from the Bishop.

Refreshments will follow the Mass.

For more details and to register please go to:  
<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>



## DEANERY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 21st June**

**Deanery Pilgrimage to St Edmund's Shrine  
Bury St Edmunds**

**Sunday 22nd June**

**Deanery Corpus Christi Procession,  
Oxburgh Hall 3pm**

**Sunday 17th August**

**Procession to historic Redmount Chapel,  
Our Lady of the Annunciation, King's Lynn at 3pm**

*A pilgrimage is also being planned to the shrine of St Eltheldreda, Ely. These events are part of our celebration of Holy Year*