

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday 13th April 17:00 Watton	3rd Sunday of Easter B People of the Parish
Sunday 14th April 08:30 Our Lady of Pity 10:30 Our Lady of Pity	3rd Sunday of Easter B Mike Skelding RIP (MMH) Eric Patrick Collins RIP (GB)
Monday 15th April CHURCH CLOSED, NO MASS TODAY	Easter Feria
Tuesday 16th April 17:00 Our Lady of Pity	Easter Feria
Wednesday 17th April 10:00 Our Lady of Pity 10:30-11:30 Our Lady of Pity	Easter Feria EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS
Thursday 18th April 19:00 Our Lady of Pity	Easter Feria
Friday 19th April 09:30 Our Lady of Pity	Easter Feria
Saturday 20th April 09:00 Our Lady of Pity 09:30-10:30 Our Lady of Pity 17:00 Watton	Easter Feria EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS 4th Sunday of Easter B

Our Lady of Pity, 31 Station Street, Swaffham, PE37 7HP
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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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14TH APRIL 2024 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER B

THE WORD OF GOD

LUKE 24:35-48

35 The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. 36 They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' 37 In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. 38 But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' 40 And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. 41 Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; 41 so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' 42 And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, 43 which he took and ate before their eyes. 44 Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' 45 He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses to this.'

REFLECTION

Before it concludes, the Gospel of Luke gives us an account of the appearance of Jesus to the eleven in Jerusalem and his departure from them. The two disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have given their report. Nevertheless, when Jesus appears, the disciples are still slow to believe. They were not gullible individuals, easily deceived. They struggle to comprehend what they are seeing. Jesus demonstrates the reality of his risen body. Though transformed, he appears to them in bodily form. Jesus teaches them, as he taught the two disciples on the road, that the Scriptures can help them to grasp what has happened. The writings of the Law, Prophets and Psalms have been fulfilled. Israel's hopes and dreams of salvation have been realised. The challenge of faith invites all people to embrace a new life. The disciples are sent out as witnesses to the world. The story of the spread of the gospel begins, and still continues today. The good news of Christ Risen must be told to all, beginning from Jerusalem and extending to the ends of the earth.

Do I realise that faith is seeking to come to know the Risen Lord more fully day by day?

Do I strive for a love and deeper understanding of the Holy Scriptures?

Let us pray that the whole Church may be renewed in this Easter season.

Let us pray for the mission of the Church to the world of today.

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

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Sue Moncaster, Sr Francis FDC, Stella Langford, Pat Marshall, Denette Taylor, Angela Whaddon, Ann & Eddie Hodnett, Sr Francis, Vic Head, 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, Jacqueline Price, Louise Gayton, Tony Gayton, Trevor McGinn, Terry McGinn, Karl Boylan & Sarah Boylan

May the Lord bring them comfort and healing

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED for Jimmy Schaffer, Eric Patrick Collins, Liane Dukes, Dudi Vaccari, John William Edwards, Abina Byrne, Jim Messenger, Sr M Clare, Alan Barlow & Peggy Green, *whose anniversaries fall this week.*

May they rest in peace.

13TH & 14TH APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WATTON

17:00 Mass Welcomer: Bill Gammell
Reader: Terri Charman

SWAFFHAM

8:30 Mass Welcomers Lynda Hopkins & Bridget Dumbrell
Reader: Rosemary Godfrey

10:30 Mass Welcomers: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy
Reader: David McPartlin
Coffee: Ann Darkins & Carmen Sell
Flowers: Bunty Baker & Vesna Rushton
Church Cleaners: Sue Rogers & Bridget Dumbrell
Counters: Sandra Stone & Chris Smith (Monday 15th April)

20TH & 21ST APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WATTON

17:00 Mass Welcomer: Bill Gammell
Reader: Rosemary Fisher

SWAFFHAM

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

10:30 Mass Welcomers: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy
Reader: Sue Moncaster
Coffee: Teresa & David West
Flowers: Mary Bedingfeld & Bridget Dumbrell
Church Cleaners: Sue Moncaster & Mariae Clark
Counters: Rosemary & Paul Godfrey (Monday 23rd April)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

SESSION 6 - 21st April
The Word of the Lord Chapter 6 in the Book
CHILDREN ONLY

SESSION 7 - 28th April
Bread To Offer Chapter 7 in the Book **CHILDREN ONLY**

SESSION 8 - 5th May
Fruit of the Vine Chapter 8 in the Book **PARENTS & CHILDREN**

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

CONFIRMATION GROUP 2024



Please remember that the Group gathers on Saturday 20th April at 11am in the Parish Rooms for the First Session of the preparation course. Please be prompt in arriving so that we can be equally prompt in finishing each session.

Bishop Peter assures you of his prayers as you begin your preparation, and asks that you join him, along with other young people from around the Diocese at the annual **IGNITE FESTIVAL, which is a residential weekend, 4th to the 5th May. It takes place this year at St. Benedict's High School, Bury St. Edmunds.**

YOU NEED TO BOOK THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For further information and to book, please visit www.ignitefestival.co.uk

THANK YOU for your generosity in the last week.

You gave £424.42 in the collection from Swaffham, and £96.00 from Watton, and £250.00 in standing orders. Total: £770.42



GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE inform the Chaplain:

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