

Your guide to this coming week

Monday 28th April

10am Bible Study – Lounge
11.30am Midday Prayer – Small Hall
(**Gospel Reading: John 15: 18-21**)
11am – 4pm Community Friendship Café – Church Centre
Serving lunches 11am – 1.30pm & Serving Refreshments 2pm – 4pm
6pm Bell Ringing Practice – In Church

Tuesday 29th April

2pm Busy Fingers

Wednesday 30th April

12pm Midday Prayer – Church Centre
(**Gospel Reading: John 3: 16-21**)
2pm Fellowship Walk – Meet at Carlton Marshes Carpark
5.30pm Silent Prayer – In Church

Friday 2nd May

9.30am Piano Tuning – In Church
12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm – 4pm - Church Open for visitors
6pm Choir Practice

Saturday 3rd May

1.30pm Concert Set-Up for Waveney Sinfonia – In Church
7.30pm Waveney Sinfonia Concert – In Church

Sunday 4th May

10am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Service

Prayers for Your Parish - Street by Street

This week, please pray for the residents of:

Evergreen Road - Map no. 130 / Map Ref. I 8-10

Elim Terrace - Map no. 146 / Map Ref. J 13

Elizabeth Close - Map no. 105 / Map Ref. H 7

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please note, the 10am service is livestreamed.
The seats in the side aisles are never in view

Toilet & Baby Changing available in the Centre

CONTACT DETAILS

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Office hours for this week:

Emails & Phone monitored: Tues, Wed & Thurs this week

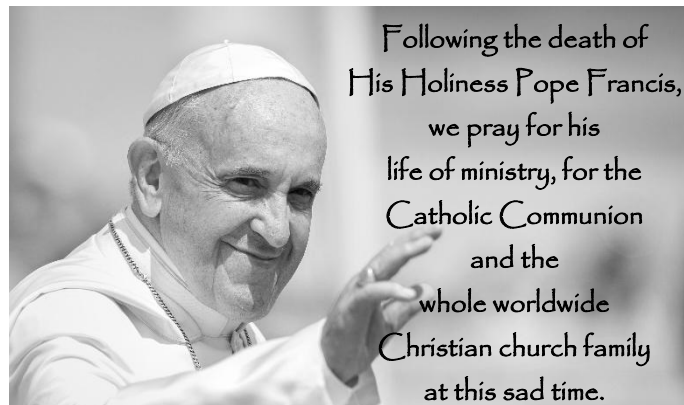
Office Open: Wednesday & Thursday this week

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Following the death of
His Holiness Pope Francis,
we pray for his
life of ministry, for the
Catholic Communion
and the
whole worldwide
Christian church family
at this sad time.

Sunday 27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist

Mass Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Presiding: Rev Jim

Preaching: Gerda

Deacon: Gill

Reader: Kay S

Reading: Acts 5: 27-32

Gospel John 20:19-31

Intercessor: Sarah

Hymns: 218, 818, 204, 209, 641(i)

Anthem: Now the green blade rises (Bullard)



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Refreshments will be served in the Church Centre.

6pm Sung Evensong

Presiding: Rev Geoff

Preaching: Rev Geoff

Reader: Caroline

Readings: Exodus 14: 10-end & Acts 5: 27-32

Hymns: 753, 813 & 453

Psalm: 136 verses 1-9

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide (Wood)

Sunday 4th May 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter – Thanksgiving Service

10am Sung Eucharist in Church

No Evening Service

Stewardship - Giving in Grace

Please return your forms today, even if you plan to keep your giving the same. We'll then offer these in prayer at our Thanksgiving service.

If you need another form, please speak with a Church Warden or Kathryn.

Readings for Sunday 27th April

Old Testament: Exodus 14: 10-end

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

New Testament: Acts 5: 27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.