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Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Prayers and Readings are from p. 374 in the missal.

Entrance antiphon:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-23. Ps 16 (15). 1 Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24:13-35

Marian Antiphon (at the end of the 5.30pm & 8.00am Mass)

Regina Caeli – please see the prayer cards.

Daily Readings:

3rd Week of Easter (Yr II)

Divine Office:

Week 3

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Sunday 12th April 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Saturday 18 th | | 1730 | <i>Teresa Savidee</i> ✕ |
| Sunday 19 th | | 0800 | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| | | 1000 | <i>Luna Freitas</i> ✕ |
| Monday 20 th | Easter Feria | | NO |
| Tuesday 21 st | St Anselm | | WEEKDAY |
| Wednesday 22 nd | Easter Feria | | MASSES THIS |
| Thursday 23 rd | St George | | WEEK |
| Friday 24 th | Easter Feria | | |

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Saturday 25 th | | 1730 | |
| Sunday 26 th | | 0800 | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| | | 1000 | <i>Patricia Beswick</i> ✕ |

Confessions Saturday at 4 pm, or *by appointment after any Mass.*
Don't forget to make your Confession during the
Easter season!

Dates for your diary

- 1st May: Induction of Fr Andrew as Parish Priest, 5.30 pm Mass
4th May: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham
13th–14th June: First Holy Communion
5th July: Mass with Bishop Peter to open Anniversary Year
11th July: Parish Day of Recollection: a day of prayer & Recollection

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert & Maureen Huggett, Theresa Lescott, Irene Sheahan, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Mavis Bassett, Delfim Bonfim, Olga Devonish, Luna Freitas, Ann Griffin, Mgr Peter Leeming, and Greg Warwick.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Griffin, who died suddenly this week, and for the comfort and consolation of Rod and all the family. May she rest in peace, and rise in glory with the Lord!

- **Parish phone number.** The Parish now has a mobile number, 07356 019511. The old landline will remain in place for the time being, but will automatically forward calls to the new number.
- **Next week** Fr Andrew is away on his Easter break during the week ahead, and therefore there will be no weekday Masses – apologies for this!

◦ **Visit of Bishop Peter Friday 1st May.** Bishop Peter will be visiting our parish on **Friday 1st May at 5.30 pm**, to celebrate Mass inducting Fr Andrew as parish priest, and to enjoy a parish celebration afterwards. We would like the Bishop to enjoy the different culinary traditions of our parish. If you have a favourite traditional dish that you are able to offer, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Please put the date in your diaries – it is very important that the Bishop finds a full church when he visits the parish!

Catechesis Corner – explaining the teaching of the Church

St George (feast day 23rd April) was martyred in the terrible persecution by the Emperor Diocletian around the year 303, which was particularly aimed at rooting out Christianity in the armed forces. He was a soldier, martyred for refusing to bow down to the Emperor and to pagan gods. This makes St George one of the **military saints**. These are saints who exemplify the military virtues, of loyalty, courage, and obedience to your superior officer; but who then as Christians recast those virtues and perfect them: unflinching loyalty not to the emperor, but to God; obedience not to superior officers, but to the call of Christ; courage shown, not against invading armies, but in standing up for your faith. Perhaps we can ask for the prayers of St George, that these virtues may be ours today. Loyalty to God; obedience to the call of Christ; courage in standing up for our faith! St George of England and Portugal – pray for us!

- **Singing to Mary.** As a parish under the protection of Our Lady, it is good that we sing together for her as often as possible! At the end of the Saturday 5.30 pm Mass and the Sunday 8 am Mass, we now sing the **Marian Antiphon** of the season – at present, the Regina Caeli. We now have prayer cards printed with all the antiphons.
- **Ignite Festival** is back – an invitation to ALL young people in Year 8 upwards **2nd-4th May** at **St. Benedict's School in Bury St. Edmunds**. Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun!
- **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea.** If you are interested in going on this amazing pilgrimage, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Places are limited - sign up soon!

