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Easter Sunday

Prayers and Readings are from p. 364 in the missal.

Responsorial Psalm:

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad

Gospel Acclamation:

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Readings:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Ps 118 (117). 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8. John 20:1-9.

Divine Office:

Easter Octave

Daily Readings:

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THETFORD

Celebrating 200 years proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Sunday 5th April 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 5th		0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		1000	
Monday 6th	Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Tuesday 7th	Easter Octave	1000	
Wednesday 8th	Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Thursday 9th	Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Friday 10th	Easter Octave	NO MASS	

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday 11th		1730	<i>Private intention</i>
Sunday 12th		0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		1000	<i>Jason Calenti ✠</i>



Dates for your diary

- 1st May: Induction of Fr Andrew as Parish Priest, 7pm Mass
13th–14th June: First Holy Communions
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 and 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, Mgr Peter Leeming, and Greg Warwick.

Collections Sunday 22nd March: £569.94 (of which £110 gift aided) plus £335 in direct-to-bank contributions (average weekly figure). Many thanks for your financial support, which is much needed and much appreciated!

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.

Easter Collection. The Easter Collection is your gift to the priest of the parish, and for most priests forms a significant part of their annual income. Thank you for your generosity today and throughout the year!

- **Next week** Fr Andrew is attending a conference at **Durham University**, where he is giving a talk on St Elisabeth of the Trinity; and there will therefore be no weekday Masses in the latter end of the week.
- **Bishop Peter** will be visiting our parish on **Friday 1st May at 7 pm**, to celebrate Mass inducting Fr Andrew as parish priest, and to enjoy a parish celebration afterwards. Please put the date in your diaries – it is so important that the Bishop finds a full church when he visits the parish!

Christ is Risen – Alleluia!

The joy of Easter – the joy of the Resurrection – is that nothing is hopeless. Nothing is beyond remedy – not even death – and no-one is beyond redemption. All of us are capable of a new beginning.

However far away we have been hiding from God, Christ can reach us.

No matter what darkness we have been living in – whether it is the darkness of fear, or guilt and sin, or grief and illness – Christ will still find us. He will cross hell to find us. Nothing can stop Him.

There is always new life, and new light in our lives, if we believe in Christ, and trust in His grace and power.

Christ today invites you to share His Resurrection. Christ invites you to new life and a new beginning, at His side, within His Church.

Take His hand, accept His invitation. Live again.

Happy Easter to you and your families! God bless you all! *Fr Andrew*

- On **Easter Sunday** after the 10 am Mass there will be an **Easter Egg hunt** in the garden, for all the children of the parish.
- A very big **thank you** to everyone in the parish who has worked so hard for the Lord to make our Easter liturgies possible – thank you!
- **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! You need to be 18 by the summer of 2027.

