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Masses Days and Times

Saturday 10am and 6pm

Sunday 10am

9.30am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Confessions will be 10.45am on Saturdays. T

The Rosary Group meets each Saturday at 9.30am.

Holidays of Obligations are usually held at 10 am on the day of the solemnity.

Blessing for items/articles - If you would like a blessing given for your home, car or other articles, please speak to Fr. Alex.

Volunteering

We are looking for someone to be in charge of our Parish Library and Religious Articles in the Community Room. If you

are interested in volunteering, please speak to Fr Alex.

There are always opportunities to volunteer within our Church

Community. If you would like to become a **READER,**

SACRISTAN, WELCOMER, or to assist with the FOOD BANK, the CLEANING or the PARISH LIBRARY please speak with Fr.

Alex or contact the office.

As always, thank you to everyone who volunteers to help our Church Community.

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Bishop Peter records his first pastoral letter

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In the Acts of the Apostles we hear St Peter delivering a descriptive outline of the Lord's public ministry that began on the banks of the River Jordan. From Nazareth in Galilee, Jesus went down into Judaea and was there anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The revelation unfolds and we begin to rejoice that the Lord has come into our midst to cure our ills, to liberate us from the power of evil.

Today's feast of the Lord's Baptism brings our Christmas season to its completion and provides a transition into a new contemplation of the public ministry of Jesus. During these past weeks we have witnessed afresh the Nativity of Christ and contemplated anew the years of his nurturing. Within the fabric of our history, Mary and Joseph taught the art of human speech to the Divine Word, taught the Son of the Eternal Father how to walk upon the Earth that he himself had fashioned at the dawn of time. The Blessed Virgin and her beloved and honourable husband themselves then had to learn how to follow their child. We must accompany Mary and Joseph and learn the same lesson.

With Christ we must journey from infancy to maturity. On today's feast we must begin again the great pilgrimage of accompanying Jesus into the desert of isolation and temptation. Jesus is forever making his way into the midst of our desolation and speaks of the reassurance promised in the writings of the prophet Isaiah: "I come not to break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame."

When Jesus emerged from his immersion in the River Jordan he beheld the Holy Spirit like a dove come down upon him and heard the voice of his Heavenly Father saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him." In the Beloved Son, all the baptised come to enjoy God's favour by adoption. By faith we are empowered to behold the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, privileged to hear the voice of the Father in the depth of our being. Heaven is revealed and the whole Earth is addressed. Power is

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entrusted to us and privilege bestowed upon us for a purpose. In our own baptism we are called, taken by the hand, formed as disciples, appointed to become a light for the nations.

It was providentially fortuitous that my appointment as Bishop of East Anglia was announced on the feast of St John XXIII, the date last October which marked the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. As this year progresses, we will continue to pray and prepare in anticipation of the forthcoming Synod. All the baptised are being called to entrust themselves to the Light of the World.

My chosen episcopal motto is 'Credite in lucem' (Believe in the Light). In John's Gospel we are told: 'Believe in the light and you will become children of the light.' Our own baptismal candles drew their light from the Paschal Candle, symbolising the Risen Christ. As we prepare for the challenges of the coming year, let us be refreshed in the full glory of faith, inspired through the wide vision of hope and empowered by the endurance of charity.

I am so looking forward to visiting the entire diocesan family over the coming months. Please pray that the Angels will accompany me as I make my way through the narrow highways and unlit byways! Let us pray for a blessing upon all our parishes and religious communities. Let us pray that the Prince of Peace will reign supreme across the face of the Earth.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+Peter.

'NEW CHURCH CLEANING ROTA IS UP IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM. Please put your name against a slot convenient to you. Thank you to everyone who regularly cleans our church building.'

'CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS: Please collect your prize and cross your name off the winners list. Thank you.'

THE DIOCESE IS SEEKING A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS SERVICE -

PLEASE SEE DIOCESAN WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS:
[HTTPS://WWW.RCDEA.ORG.UK/VACANCIES/](https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/) [1]

Retrouvaille is a programme for couples who are having difficulties in their marriages. **The next face to face Retrouvaille programme is the weekend 24-26 February 2023 in Welwyn Garden City.** Retrouvaille would really value your help in bringing these programmes to the attention of the people of your parish. Further information is available via the Retrouvaille website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Inviting all young people to a special Candlelight Mass - 7th January - A special Mass for young people at the start of January, celebrated by Bishop Peter, followed by hotdogs, fireworks and refreshments. It will take place from 4pm - 6pm at The White House, 21 Ugate,

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Poringland, NR14 7SH. There will be a collection of gifts for the Welcome Rucksack Project which helps children who are refugees. Suitable gifts (please bring unwrapped) include small games, stickers, children's shampoo and bodywash. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

8 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2023 = 16th-23rd March

For any of our parishioners who are interested, further details can be had by phoning Margaret Donnelly. Tel 01953 861479

Healing After Abortion - Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. - March 17 – March 19th 2023, North Norfolk Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Healing Weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing. Do email so that we can correspond or arrange a time to chat.

East England contact: sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk .

Further info about RV: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

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Could you be a Foundation Governor in one of our Catholic Schools? The Diocese of East Anglia is responsible for 26 schools across the diocese. They all need foundation governors to provide support and challenge and oversight of the work of the school. We need more practising Catholics to put themselves forward to serve as foundation governors. If this is something you feel you might be able to contribute to (and full training and support will be provided) we would love to hear from you. Please contact me, Andy Stone, Director of Schools' Service by email andy.stone@rcdea.org.uk or by phone on 07500701977 if this could be something of interest to you.

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WAVENEY VALLEY FOOD BANK - ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED:

- **Rice pudding, Tinned fruit, UHT milk, Sugar, Custard, Biscuits, Instant Mash, Long Life Fruit Juice, Sponge Puddings, Tinned potatoes, Rice, Jam/Spreads**

Catholic Social Action Network - Advice on how you can help people caught up in the war in Ukraine is available from the Catholic Social Action Network at <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>

The Tuesday Club is held on the **third Tuesday of each month** . We meet at **7 pm in the evening** and have planned activities throughout the year . Some activities are in the community room and others will be local to Diss. We will always aim to help with transport between ourselves . Everyone is very welcome .

Special Mass Intentions – envelopes are available in the Community Room for your Mass Intentions. If it is difficult for you to come to Church to pick up an envelope you may email a request for a Mass Intention to the office. Please ensure to include the following information; **your name and phone number, the name for whom the Intention Mass is for, RIP or other reason, your preferred date if you have one.** If the date

requested is unavailable you'll receive a telephone call so that an alternative date can be agreed. Your donation may be posted (cheque), given to Fr. Alex or left in the office when you come to Church – please place any donation in an envelope and include the name for whom the Mass is to be said. Email: office@holytrinitydiss.plus.com

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