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Mass is celebrated in the Ipswich Hospital chapel each Monday at 4 pm – all are welcome.



7th Sunday of Easter - World Communications Day

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Seventh Week of Easter

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and especially to any visitors.

Services This Week

	8:00 am	Stephen & George
Sunday 13 th May	10:00 am	Henry Teuma RIP
	11:30 am	First Holy Communion children
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 14 th May		Feast of St Matthias, apostle
	9:30 am	Janes family
Tuesday 15 th May		Easter Feria
	9:30 am	GCJ Vieira
Wednesday 16 th May		Easter Feria - in church not St Pancras school
	9:30 am	Holy Souls
Thursday 17 th May		Easter Feria
	9:30 am	Ken Bainbridge
	7:30 pm	The people of the parish
Friday 18 th May		Easter Feria
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Rosary
Saturday 19 th May		Easter Feria
	9:30 am	J V O Smith – followed by Benediction
Sunday 20 th May	8:00 am	Robert & Sean
	10:00 am	Noel Andrews RIP
Pentecost Sunday	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

No tea and coffee after 10:00 Mass this week because of First Holy Communion celebrations.

Today's Gospel

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17th chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus' signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel. Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him. And he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well.

World Communications Day

Today is World Communications Day 2018. It's a day when we pray for all those who work in the media. It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. To support the church's work in this important field, the Communications Office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales is a team working in the media to publicise and promote Catholic content within mainstream media and to help support its work, there will be a retiring collection today after all Masses.

First Holy Communion

Today is a very special day for Edith Wankowska, Bianca Banosz, Eniko Stuller, Feng Yu, Jacob Wojtczak, Stacey Boateng, Weronika Przybys, William Taylor, Yuri Teixeira, Kian Garvie, Filip Szczecina, Zofia Graves, Alicia Ianello, Taylor Green, Antonio Cocker, Michael Sykes, Jessica Milton, William Lebaga, Roxanne Martins, Boluwatife Adedapo, Rowan Hart, Florence Davey and Amelia Oliver as they receive Holy Communion for the first time. It is a day in which we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive in Holy Communion.

Fr Mathew writes *"I would like to thank the parents of our children for their commitment undertaken at Baptism to bring their children up in the knowledge and practice of their Catholic faith. They have done a marvellous job in preparing, encouraging and accompanying them towards this day. I would like them to continue to do that every Sunday from now on. The parents have received invaluable help from our catechists: Ernest Thomas, Lucille Southgate and other members of staff of St. Pancras School. To them I would like to say a big 'Thank you'. Please continue to pray for our young people."*

Pentecost Novena

Starting on Thursday 10th May there will be Pentecost Novena prayer after Mass seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Marriage and Family Celebration Mass

Bishop Alan warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on Saturday, 16th June 2018, 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email mflc@rcdea.org.uk.

Monday after Pentecost - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Memorial

This celebration was instituted in 2018 and then added to the General Roman (Universal) Calendar. The Decree states: *'This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.'*

Thursday after Pentecost — Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest – Feast

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.

Share the Journey

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. The timescale of the campaign is from now until the Pope goes to address the UN in September 2018. A week of action will also take place during Refugee Week in June. In support of the campaign, CAFOD are aiming to walk 24,901 miles - the distance around the whole world! All parishes and schools are invited to engage in this campaign. It's an act of solidarity to *Share the Journey* with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Every step you take, together with others from across the England & Wales, will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. They need to act with courage and compassion when they agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration in 2018. Resources are available on the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk> - please click the campaign heading.

150 Club

The April prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday, 6th May. The prize winners were:

First	£15	No 29	Mr & Mrs T Smith
Second	£10	No 163	Mrs T Rose
Third	£5	No 145	Mr & Mrs A Iannelli
Fourth	£5	No 86	Mrs O Burton

Sadly, there were 79 numbers removed from this draw, either because the subscription payment for the new year has not been received, or the numbers are not allocated. If you have not yet paid, please do so straight away. If you are not a member of the 150 Club, please do join as this is an effective way of contributing to parish expenses – and you might win a prize too!

Eucharistic Ministers

On the feast of Corpus Christi, which is celebrated on Sunday 3rd June this year, our Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned at the Mass they normally attend. This is an opportunity for those who are undertaking this Ministry to renew their commitment. It also presents us with an occasion to express appreciation to all who are willing to serve our parish in this special way. If you would like to be considered to become a Eucharistic minister, please speak to Fr Mathew.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Molly & Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcalf, Robert Mullan, Mary O'Reilly Maureen Sparks and Ken Banbridge.

Fr Mathew is preparing a list of the housebound who would like a regular visit from a priest or a Eucharistic Minister so that they can be offered adequate pastoral care. If you know someone who would like a visit from a priest, with their permission please pass on their details to Fr Mathew.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Frank Gay, John Smith, Clare Jermy, Stanley Poll, Florence Dooley, Philip Ford, Patrick Kiely and John Morley whose anniversaries occur about now.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass Readings 7th Sunday of Easter (Year B) 13th May 2018

Note: these will not be used at 10:00 or 11:30 Masses

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts. 1:15-17, 20-26

We must chose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading:

1Jn. 4:11-16

Anyone who lives in love, lives in God and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans says the Lord; I will come back to you and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 17:11-19

That they may be one like us!

Communion Antiphon:

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Regina Cæli

Celebrant: Queen of heaven, rejoice!

Response: Alleluia!

Celebrant: For He whom you did merit to bear

Response: Alleluia!

Celebrant: Has risen again as He said!

Response: Alleluia!

Celebrant: Pray for us to God.

Response: Alleluia!

Celebrant: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary!

Response: Alleluia!

Celebrant: For the Lord is truly risen.

Response: Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us pray, O God, who was kind enough to give joy to the world through the resurrection of Christ your son, grant we beseech you that that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Response: Amen.

Weekly Offertory

The offertory on Sunday 6th May was £359.98. The retiring collection, for First Holy Communion flowers, came to £102.10. Thank you.

Readers

We are organising a Reader's Training Evening for our readers on 6th June from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. It would be a wonderful opportunity for our existing readers, who are so generous in helping us listen to the Word of God at our Sunday and weekday Masses, to reflect and pray about their ministry and the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God to us and to learn how to do it even better. If you are not a reader yet, you are welcome to attend the evening and then decide whether God is calling you to this ministry for His people. Either way, feel free to talk to Fr. Mathew or Martin Pakes our Confirmation Catechist who organises the Reader's rota.

Quiz Evening

The Friends of St Albans are holding a Quiz Evening at St Alban's Catholic High School, Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ -Saturday 19th May 2018, 7.00 for 7.30 pm start. Teams of up to 8 (age 15 and over), however if not in a team, come along and you can be assigned to a team. £8.00 per person, including fish/sausage/vegetarian roll and chip supper (advanced booking essential due to food orders). Licensed bar, raffle prizes. For tickets please contact the School Office on 01473 726178. All proceeds go to the Friends of St Albans (registered charity).

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual children's pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Tuesday 29th May, which is during school half term week. The day will begin with a procession from the village at 10:45 am, walking to the shrine along the former railway line, with pauses for prayers and hymns along the way, with Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation at 12:00. After a picnic lunch at the shrine, the day will finish on the beach at nearby Wells-Next-the-Sea. More details are available from Christine Storman, tel. 01493 717121 or email chriessies@hotmail.com.