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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st July 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 1 st July	8:00 am	Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	Open intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 2 nd July	Feria 9:30 am
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Tuesday 3 rd July	Feast of St Thomas, apostle 9:30 am
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Wednesday 4 th July	Feria – Mass in school 9:30 am
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Thursday 5 th July	Feria 9:30 am
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Friday 6 th July	Feria 9:30 am
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Saturday 7 th July	Feria 9:30 am – followed by Benediction
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8 th July	8:00 am
14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*
	6:00 pm The people of the parish

* Everybody is invited to join us for tea or coffee after Mass in the church hall

Today's Gospel

Today's reading from St Mark's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter, the other about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a haemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him - the crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus' impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus' worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus' home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus' faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed not to speak of what they have witnessed. It is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions, but in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make their own judgment about Jesus' identity and their own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Sea Sunday

Next Sunday, 8th July, is Sea Sunday - the day which many Christian Churches set aside to remember and pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. In the Catholic Church, mission to seafarers is supported by the Apostleship of the Sea. A second collection will be taken next Sunday after each Mass, with all funds raised going to the Apostleship of the Sea to support its work. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.00 am Mass which we started last week, continues today. Please feel free to give your comments and feed back so that we can improve on what we are starting in imparting faith to our young ones.

Changes to the Data Protection Law

Churches hold a lot of data about their worshippers, like Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy communion, marriage and death records. They also hold some financial data regarding standing orders and to satisfy Gift Aid requirements. Most importantly churches have their worshippers address and contact details. Diocesan guidance on the new GDPR regulations, which came into force in May, mean that parishioners need to explicitly authorise the church to allow the use of this data for contact purposes, and to define the manner of that contact. Forms are available in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site - if you have not completed a GDPR form, please do so this week and give it to Fr Mathew.

150 Club

The June prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday – the winners were:

First	£15	No 19	Canon M George
Second	£10	No 132	Mrs S Wilding
Third	£5	No 242	Mr J Poll
Fourth	£5	No 155	Miss T M Cleary
Bonus Prize	£20	No 80	Mrs P Williamson

There are still many subscriptions unallocated – if you are not a member please do consider if you can help support your parish through this venture, and sign up today. Application forms are in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site.

Catholic Basics – 123

A new group has been established at St Pancras church and will be holding just three sessions in the month of July on Tuesday evenings. Each session will consist of:

- 1 a talk;
- 2 a bible/catechism study;
- 3 share your thoughts and questions.

You are invited to join the group for these sessions which will be held in St Pancras church hall:

- Tuesday 3rd July – *The Promises of Christ*
- Tuesday 10th July – *The role of Mary in our lives*
- Tuesday 17th July – *Prayer and how to do it.*

Each session, which is open to all, will run from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Please bring a bible and catechism if you can.

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.

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 and Maureen Sparks.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Frederick Albon, Hugh Scott, Michael Poch, Paolo Buglione, Catherine Crewdson, Clive Ivemy, Margaret Robinson, Margaret Twomey and Frank Morris whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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.

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 24th June was xxx. Thank you.

Grandparents Pilgrimage

On Sunday 22nd July, the National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place. This will commence at 11:00 am with reconciliation, music and song and include Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12 noon. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex, or from the Catholic Grandparents Association web site www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

Northern Saints Youth Pilgrimage

The Ignite Team is leading a pilgrimage to York, Durham, Lindisfarne and Iona for those aged between 16-35. The pilgrimage will take place from July 24th to 29th this year, and to confirm a place, bookings must be made by 15th June. More information can be found on the Diocesan web site – www.rcdea.org.uk/youth.

Mass Readings for the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 1st July 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading:

Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading:

2Cor. 8:7,9,13-15

In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says 'the man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he

has proclaimed life through the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 5:21-43

Little girl I tell you to get up

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying "My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life". Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all around him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any better for it, in fact she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. "If I can touch even his clothes," she had told herself "I shall be well; again". And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said "Who touched my clothes"? His disciples said to him "You see the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me"?" But he continued to look all around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the truth. "My daughter" he said "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint". While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?" But Jesus overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official "Do not be afraid; only have faith". And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep". But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the little girl by the hand he said to her "Talitha, kum!" which means "Little girl, I tell you to get up". The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.