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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sea Sunday– 8th July 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 8 th July	8:00 am	Robert and Mary
	10:00 am*	Lacey family – foundation Mass
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 9 th July	Feria	9:30 am	Janes family
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Tuesday 10 th July	Feria	No Mass
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Wednesday 11 th July	Feast of St Benedict, patron of Europe	No Mass
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Thursday 12 th July	Feria	9:30 am	Open intention
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Friday 13 th July	Feria	9:30 am	Open intention - followed by rosary
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Saturday 14 th July	Feria	9:30 am	Open intention - followed by Benediction
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15 th July	8:00 am	Joseph George RIP
15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Open intention
	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

This Gospel passage immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus' daughter and the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples. Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously, there are Gift Aid envelopes available in the narthex, and remember seafarers in your prayers. For more information on the work of Apostleship of the Sea please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We continue our children's Liturgy of the Word during the Mass at 10.00 am today. Special thanks to our catechists and parents for supporting this initiative that will help our children in their faith formation. 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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19 is now open for registration.

Children aged 7 and above (entering Yr 3 in September 2018) should apply for this programme. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Please return your form enclosing a copy of the baptism certificate to Fr. Mathew or one of the children's catechists as soon as possible and no later than 16 September 2018, to help us plan for the programme. Please help us spread the word about registrations and encourage family and friends to get those forms in as soon as possible. If your child is in St. Pancras School, please contact the school about the programme.

Sunday 15th July

Next Sunday, Fr. Mathew will be away in Walsingham with the Syro-Malabar Pilgrimage. All three Masses will be celebrated by a visiting priest.

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.

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 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 Francis Reddington, Daniel Crown, Bishop Michael Evans, Arthur Root, Christine Bowles, Evelyn Porter-Jones, Catherine Head, Aurelia Gay, Ronald Bailey and Walter Freeman 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 £392.41 and from Sunday 1st July it was £499.94. Thank you.

Readers

Please note there is a new rota for readers and those presenting the offertory gifts pinned on the notice board in the narthex. The rota can also be found on the parish web site if you would like to download a copy.

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 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 8th July 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Ezek. 2:2-5 *The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say 'The Lord says this'. Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them".

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2Cor. 12:7-10 *I shall be happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness." So I shall be very happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak, I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 *A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house"; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

F.I.N.D. "Families in Need in Ipswich".

FIND was established as a registered charity in 1990 by Maureen Reynel MBE. It helps those that are deprived of a minimum standard of living, whether they are single, families, lone parents, children, elderly, sick, disabled or homeless. The FIND tub in the narthex could be your opportunity to reach out to those who have fallen on hard times locally. Gifts of food, particularly non-perishables, especially welcome. Did you know FIND also supplies free of charge household items? If you have any usable appliances or furniture to dispose of, why not contact FIND to see if someone else can benefit. You can learn more about the work of FIND by visiting its web site www.findipswich.org.uk.

150 Club

The June prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made Sunday 24th June – 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.