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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd July 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

	8:00 am	Charles Vieira
Sunday 22 nd July	10:00 am*	Laura Elizabeth Croker RIP
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 23 rd July	St Bridget, Patron of Europe
	9:00 am Note change of time Janes family

Tuesday 24 th July	Feria
	No Mass

Wednesday 25 th July	St James, Apostle
	No Mass

Thursday 26 th July	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	No Mass

Friday 27 th July	Feria
	No Mass

Saturday 28 th July	Feria
	9:30 am Open intention – followed by Benediction

29 th July	8:00 am	Open intention
17 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

In today's Gospel, we hear the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest, but the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, so they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place, but the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

In today's reading, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Thank you

We extend our grateful thanks to Fr John Abrugi for saying Sunday Masses last week in Fr Mathew's absence.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Today we will be holding the final session of our children's Liturgy of the Word for this term during the Mass at 10.00 am. Special thanks to our catechists and parents for supporting this initiative that will help our children in their faith formation. We will be taking a break over the school summer holiday period, and during this time, reflecting upon these sessions to see what can be done to improve them. Please feel free to give any comments or feedback. As with all things, the more people that are involved, the smaller the burden on individuals. If you are able to assist in preparing, supporting or leading these groups, please speak to Fr Mathew as all help will be gratefully received.

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19

The First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19 is now open for registration. Children aged 7 and above (entering Year 3 in September 2018) should apply for this programme. Registration forms are available in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site. 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.

Confirmation

We are joining St. Mark's and St. Pancras for the confirmation programme 2019. If you would like to join please speak to Fr. Mathew or Martin Pakes.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations, and extend a warm welcome to, baby Harrison Jacob Barnett who will be baptised today during the Mass at 10.00 am. Please pray for him, his parents and Godparents.

Bridget Atkins RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Atkins, who passed away 17th July. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary Magdalens at 1:00 pm Friday 10th August.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will ministers please note there is a new rota, for the period to end October, on the notice board in the narthex. A copy can also be downloaded from the parish web site. We are below strength in the number of ministers we currently have commissioned - If you feel you would like to serve your parish in this ministry, please speak to Fr Mathew.

As part of this ministry, each parish of the Deanery carries out visits to Heath Road Hospital each Sunday on a rotational basis, to take Holy Communion to in-patients. This week, it is St Mary Magdalen's parish which will be carrying out this ministry – please remember in your prayers our Eucharistic Ministers and all those patients who will be joining us spiritually in our Eucharistic celebration today.

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 Robert Coyle, Margaret McManus, Eileen D'Souza, Laura Croker, Veronica Brooks, Evelyn Davies, Stephen Moss, James Barrett, Frederick Scoging, Karl Barc and Mary Sheridan 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 15th July was £340.76. Thank you.

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.

CAFOD – Support for Fairtrade

A year ago, Sainsburys, the largest retailer of Fairtrade products in the world, decided to remove the Fairtrade Mark from some of its most popular own-brand tea and instead to pilot its own "Fairly Traded" scheme. At the time, CAFOD among others expressed concern that the new "Fairly Traded" tea, and any other products that might follow it, could mean an unfair deal for the poor farmers and producers. At the time Sainsburys stated that the new approach would not leave farmers out of pocket and would have more positive outcomes, such as allowing increased investment and enhanced environmental measures. As part of a campaign to get Sainsburys to reconsider, CAFOD is asking, now the pilot is over, for concerned persons to write to Sainsburys to ask how the pilot scheme has met the stated objectives. A draft letter has been produced, and can be downloaded from the parish web site. This can be printed, your address added, signed and handed in to your local Sainsburys store. As a Fairtrade parish, we should all consider supporting the CAFOD campaign in this way.

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Jer. 23:1-6 *The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.*

“Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them: no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I shall raise a virtuous branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Eph. 2:13-18 *Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and he has made the two into one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single new man in himself out of the two of them by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 *They were like sheep without a shepherd*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, “You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while”; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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.

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.