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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th July 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Seventeenth 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	Open intention
Sunday 29 th July	10:00 am*	Esthele Pinto RIP
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 30 th July	Feria	
	9:30 am	Janes family

Tuesday 31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola	
	9:30 am	Open intention

Wednesday 1 st August	St Alphonsus Liguori	
	9:30 am	Open intention

Thursday 2 nd August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention

Friday 3 rd August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention

Saturday 4 th August	St John Vianney	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Benediction

5 th August	8:00 am	Open intention
18 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

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark but today we hear the account from St John's Gospel of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. However, John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels: instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes - the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "*to give thanks.*" In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

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 was baptised during the 10: Mass last Sunday, 22nd July. Please continue to 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.

150 Club

The prize draw for the month of July, which should be held today as the last Sunday of the month, will be deferred one week due to holiday absence, and will take place in the church hall after 10:00 Mass next Sunday, 5th August. There are still many vacant subscriptions available. If you are not a member, please do consider joining this fund raising venture which contributes significantly to the annual parish income.

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.

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 John Perry, Josef Szczepanko, Mark Copper, Cyril Robinson, Anne Mongan, Ann Garnett, Leonard Gray, William Brennan, Stephen Fox, Patricia Jennings and Barrie Johnson 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

At the time of printing, the details of the offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 22nd July were unavailable, but will be published next week.

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.

St Elizabeth Hospice

The St Elizabeth Hospice has again launched its Sunflower Memories Appeal. The names of a loved one will be written on one of the sunflower emblems and displayed in the garden at the hospice grounds. The display can be viewed on Sunday 12th August between 2 and 4 pm, when you can reflect on memories in the garden to ambient music whilst enjoying refreshments. Details of how to donate to this appeal can be found in the narthex or you can get further information from the hospice web site www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk.

Holiday Absences

During the summer months, when many of us will be taking holidays away from home, we often find gaps occur in the various ministry and service rotas. If you are going away, can you please ensure that you have arranged cover for any duties for which you are scheduled whilst away.

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Kings 4:42-44 *They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baalk-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat" he insisted "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

Second Reading: Eph. 4:1-6 *One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one body, one Spirit, just as you were called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15 *Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each." One of the disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?. Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down". There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, "Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted." So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that the Lord had given, said, "This really is the prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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.