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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th August 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time, Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 12 th August	8:00 am	Albertina Vieira
	10:00 am	Open intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 13 th August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Janes family
Tuesday 14 th August	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	
	No Mass	
Wednesday 15 th August	The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	Holyday of Obligation	
	9:30 am	Open intention
	7:30 pm	Open intention
Thursday 16 th August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Sheridan & Morris families foundation Mass
Friday 17 th August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Saturday 18 th August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Benediction
19 th August	8:00 am	Open intention
20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am	Open intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Today's Gospel

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass and we believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

The Assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the faith that Mary was taken up to heaven after her death. The Second Vatican Council teaches in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things". August 15th is a Holy day of obligation. We have masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

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 16th 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.

150 Club

The delayed prize draw for the month of July, took place last Sunday. The winners were:

£15	No 53	Mrs V Davison
£10	No 40	Mrs C M Bailey
£5	No 7	Mrs C Long
£5	No 12	Mr R Fox

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. Application forms may be found in the narthex, or can be downloaded from the parish web site.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Campaign

The annual Churches sponsored cycle or walk takes place on Saturday 8th September. If you can help by welcoming visitors to our church, sign up on the rota form in the porch for the hour or hours you would be able to cover.

Welcome

We welcome into the church and our community, Nadia Naomi Zylka who was baptised last Sunday, 5th August. Please remember her, her parents and her godparents in your prayers.

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.

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 5th August amounted to £407.68. Thank you.

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 today, 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.

Ipswich Fair Trade Shop

The Ipswich Fair Trade shop, a not-for-profit organisation in Upper Brook Street, is seeking a part time shop manager to work 16 hours a week, preferably four mornings. The ideal applicant will have previous retail and staff supervision experience and an interest in, and empathy with, the values of fair trade. Application forms are available from the shop, or contact Margaret.fish@thefairtradeshopsipswich.co.uk for more information. Closing date for applications is August 24th.

The shop is also appealing for volunteers to work in the shop. If you have a few hours a week you can spare and can help out, please also contact Margaret on the email address above, or pop into the shop.

Mass Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 12th August 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:4-8 *Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. "Lord", he said, "I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors". Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat". He looked around, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you." So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-9

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading:

Eph. 4:30-5:2 *Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 6:41-51 *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' "Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph" they said. "We know his father and mother. How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus said in reply, "Stop complaining to each other. No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.* Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Iris Harvey, Alice Ashard, Veronica Hudson, Douglas Clark, Violet Alehurst and Bridget Keenan 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.

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.