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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th August 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 19 th August	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am	Open intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 20th
August

St Bernard
No Mass

Tuesday 21st
August

St Pius X
No Mass

Wednesday 22nd
August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Thursday 23rd
August

Feria
No Mass

Friday 24th
August

St Bartholomew
No Mass

Saturday 25th
August

Feria
9:30 am Claude Turner Foundation Mass – followed by
Benediction

26th August 8:00 am Martin Curry Foundation Mass
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 am Open intention
6:00 pm The people of the parish

Today's Gospel

Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

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.

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.

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 12th August amounted to £323.05. 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.

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@thefairtradeshopipswich.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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for William Gleeson, Michael Whitbread, John Grant, Guilio Fella and Claude Turner 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.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Fr John Warrington of St Marys, Woodbridge Road, on his recent Silver Jubilee. Please remember him in your prayers as he continues to recuperate after his recent serious illness.

Mass Readings for the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 19th August 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Collect:

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

First Reading: Prov. 9:1-6 *Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.*

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights "Who is ignorant? Let him step this way". To the fool she says, "Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception".

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-3, 10-15

Taste and see the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Eph. 5:15-20 *Recognise what is the will of God.*

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: John 6:51-58 *My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world". Then the Jews started arguing with one another: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they said. Jesus replied: "I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever".

Prayer over the Offerings:

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer after Communion:

Made partakers of Christ through these sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.