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



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd September 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 2 nd September	8:00 am	Holy Souls
	10:00 am	Tina's intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 3 rd September	St Gregory the Great	
	09:00 am	Margaret Janes – foundation Mass
Tuesday 4 th September	Feria	
	09:00 am	Open intention
Wednesday 5 th September	Feria	
	09:00 am	Open intention
Thursday 6 th September	Feria	
	09:00 am	Open intention
Friday 7 th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	09:00 am	Open intention, followed by Rosary
Saturday 8 th September	Feria	
	9:30 am	Bolt family foundation Mass – followed by Benediction
Sunday 9 th September	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am	Open intention
23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws and addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

Retiring Collection

As announced last Sunday, there will be a special retiring collection taken after all Masses today, to aid work in the Indian state of Kerala, Fr Mathew's home state. An appeal has been received from the priest in charge of Fr Mathew's home parish, for funds to assist with the education of some of the poor parishioners - £400 will pay for the education of two children for one year, not a huge amount of money by our western standards - and for material support to aid in the cleaning and rebuilding of homes damaged by the recent flooding. Please do be generous in your response.

St Pancras Primary School

The autumn term starts this week, with children returning after the summer holidays on Thursday 6th September.

150 Club

The August prize draw, which was advertised as taking place today after 10:00 Mass, has been postponed a further week and will now take place Sunday 9th September instead. This is due to the diary malfunction of the organiser who omitted to note the change of day of the derby match at Portman Road!

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.

Children's Liturgy

There will be a short meeting after 10:00 Mass today for all those interested in being involved in helping with the children's liturgy sessions for the new term. Everybody is welcome – the more that are involved in this, the better.

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 next Saturday, 8th September. We need to have somebody in the church to receive walkers and cyclist that may visit, stamp their sponsorship form to confirm attendance, and offer refreshments. 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.

Quiz Night

The annual Deanery Quiz, organised by the Knights of St Columba, will be held in St Mary's church hall, Woodbridge Road, on Saturday 6th October starting at 7:30. Three teams of 4 persons are invited from each parish, with entry price of £5 including a buffet supper. Full details can be found on the poster in the narthex,

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, Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcalf, Robert Mullan, Mary O'Reilly and Maureen Sparks.

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 19th August amounted to £316.89. Thank you. The collection for Sunday 26th August is not yet available, but will be published as soon as it is.

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 volunteers to work in the shop. If you have some time you can spare and are willing to help out, please contact Margaret.fish@thefairtradeshopipswich.co.uk, 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 Rose Carter, Richard Twomey, Patrick Byrne, Minnie Morris, Albert Richardson and Teresa Austin 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.

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect:

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8 *Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandments of the Lord..*

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, 'No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.' And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 *You must do what the word tells you.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do as the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father, is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, and they noticed that some of the disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So the Pharisees and scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?" He answered, "It was you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: *This people honours me only with lip service, while their hearts are far away from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions*". He called the people to him again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from the outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean".

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.