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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 6th October 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 27th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 6 th October 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am Holy Mass 10:00 am* Holy Mass – Molly & Roger's intention Hymns for 10:00 Mass Entrance: - Firmly I believe and truly (143) Offertory: - Lord of all hopefulness (329) Communion:- Christ Be Beside Me (79) Recession: - Holy Virgin by God's Decree (218) 6:00 pm Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary No Mass Today
Tuesday 8 th October	Feria No Mass Today
Wednesday 9 th October	Feria No Mass Today
Thursday 10 th October	Feria No Mass Today
Friday 11 th October	Feria 9:30 am Holy Mass
Saturday 12 th October	Feria 9:30 am Holy Mass
Sunday 13 th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am Holy Mass 10:00 am* Holy Mass 6:00 pm Holy Mass – People of the parish

* Children's Liturgy is held during the 10:00 Mass each Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us - nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Hopefully, you all remembered the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day on Friday last, 4th October, and responded to CAFOD's invitation to eat a simple meal and make a donation of the money saved for the benefit of our brothers and sister in the poorest nations of the world. Today there will be a retiring collection taken after each Mass for the proceeds. Special envelopes are available in the narthex for use if you are able to Gift Aid your donation. If you are a tax payer, please do complete one of the envelopes and use it to make your donation. CAFOD will then be able to reclaim from the government 25 pence for every pound you donate, making a significant increase to the CAFOD income. Should you not be able to Gift Aid your donation, there is no need to use the special envelopes and your donation can be placed straight into the collection basket. Please do be generous – remember in this country we have so much and we should share generously with those who have not.

Weekday Masses

Please note changes to weekday Mass times this week as Fr Mathew is away in France.

Prisoner's Week

Next Sunday, 13th October, marks the start of Prisons week which runs up to the following Saturday. Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care, reflected in the Prisons Week Prayer offered throughout the week:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities
of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another.

To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ
in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Each day of the week, a new prayer brings into focus a different group affected by prison or criminal justice. Churches and individuals are also asked to reflect on what they might do or offer as part of their response, through the range of Christian agencies and charities involved in supporting Prisons Week. The prayer booklets are available in the Narthex.

Installation of Parish Priests

The Bishop will install Fr Russell Frost as the parish priest of St. Pancras tomorrow, 7th October during a Mass at 6.30 pm, Fr Paul Vincent OCD will be installed as the parish priest of St. Marks today during the Mass at 11.00 am and Fr Peter Raj will be installed as the parish priest of St. Mary's on Monday 21st October at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to these Masses celebrated by our Bishop. It would be wonderful if St. Mary Magdalen is well represented at these Masses.

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, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Patrick Youngman, Margaret Nicholas, Jean Denny and Guiseppe Buglione 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.

Blessed John Henry Newman

Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonised as a Saint of the Church at St Peter's, Rome, next Sunday 13th October 2019. More information about the canonisation ceremony can be found at: www.newmancanonisation.com.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 29th September is not yet available but will be published in the next newsletter.

St. Pancras Catholic Primary School and St. Mary's Catholic Primary school

St. Pancras Catholic Primary school has an open meeting on 8th October at 7.00 pm for parents who are thinking about applying for a place for their children in September 2020. St. Mary's Catholic Primary school has two 'open days' on 30th October at 9.30 am and on 31st October at 1.30 pm. A reminder to the parents: that the applications should be completed online and sent to Suffolk County Council by 15th January 2020. A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be completed and returned to the school by 15th January 2020. If you need more information, please attend the open days, speak to the schools or to Fr Mathew

World Mission Sunday 20th October and Extraordinary Month of Mission

Baptised and sent: the Church of Christian Mission in the World. The missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized person is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they give themselves to others and build life-giving relationships. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with "the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the *Missio Ad Gentes* and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal". (Pope Francis, WMS 2017). For more information and to download a guide for the Month of Mission 2019, visit the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emm/>

150 Club – September Prize Draw

The delayed September prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made next Sunday, 13th October. This draw will include the mid year bonus prizes.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

Application forms for enrolment in the First Holy Communion programme for those who will make their First Holy Communion in May next year, are available in the narthex. To enrol your child, please take a form, and return it completed by the end of this week. The form can also be downloaded from the parish web site. The programme kick-off meeting for parents will take place on next Sunday 13th October at 4:00 pm in the Guild Room.

Confirmation Programme 2020

Registration has now begun for those wishing to join the confirmation programme and receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year. There's a set of registration forms on the table in the narthex – please take one and return the completed form to Fr Mathew or Martin Pakes. The course will start in October.

RCIA

There are also registration forms in the narthex for the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. This programme is for adults who wish to be received into the Catholic church and will prepare adult converts for reception into the church at Easter 2020. This course will be run on demand, so please ensure if that if you feel God might be calling you in this way, you complete and return a registration form as soon as possible so that the necessary practical arrangements can be made. You will then have the opportunity to learn more about becoming a Catholic and potentially be received into the church next year.

Readings for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 6th October, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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: Hab. 1:2-3,2:2-4 *The upright man will live by his faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, "Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 94:1-2,6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2Tim. 1:6-8,13-14 *Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner, but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:5-10 *If only you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately'? Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards'? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he is told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ Our Lord.