

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust.' Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 24

**RESPONSE: Remember your mercy, Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

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>If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:<

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;

and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.*  
**Alleluia!**

Or

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow me.*  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, 'Certainly, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first," they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

Or

**By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

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## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A Services during the coming week – Twenty-sixth Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Confessions  
September 6:00 pm Vigil Mass of 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday, offered for the repose of the soul of Heather Poll RIP (Poll Family).  
Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am Holy Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cleary Family  
October Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary  
10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Heather Poll RIP (MM). Reader: M Pakes,  
Offertory: Long Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel

*Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared & served by Ascension & Rosemary*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> The Holy Guardian Angels  
October **No Mass Today**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feria  
October 10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Roger Mayhew RIP

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> St Francis of Assisi  
October 12 noon Holy Mass offered in thanksgiving (SC)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feria  
October 10:00 am Holy Mass offered in thanksgiving for Heather and Jim Poll

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Feria  
October 10:00 am Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Confessions  
October 6:00 pm Vigil Mass of 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday, offered for the people of the parish

**Parish 150 Club:** The September prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass. There is plenty of room for new subscribers – why not sign up today? Membership forms are available at the back of the church, or on-line – scan the QR code. Come in after Mass and join us for tea and coffee, and your numbers can go straight into the draw!



**Harvest Fast Day:** Friday of this week is the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets lifesaving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. There will be a second collection next Sunday at all Masses in support of CAFOD's appeal, or you can donate on-line at the CAFOD web site - scan the QR code to take you directly there or follow the link on the parish web site.



**Catholic East Anglia:** The October edition of *Catholic East Anglia*, the free Diocesan newspaper, is out now - please take a copy from the church porch. This edition includes a report on the East Anglia pilgrimage to Lourdes, a first Caritas festival in Cambridge and Bishop Peter's vision for Catholic education. Also included is a report on the Dowry of Mary pilgrimage to Walsingham, a Vatican scholarship for a Norfolk priest and vocation stories from a new priest and one with 47 years of service. It is also available online – follow the parish web site link or scan the QR code.



**Help Required:** Next Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, we are asking for as many as possible to volunteer a couple of hours from 9:30 a.m. to help with a general tidy up of the parish hall, and specifically the area at the back of the hall which forms part of the emergency exit route. Please come along - your time will be put to good use! Bacon rolls will be provided afterwards.

**Parish Social Activity:** There will be a meeting in the Garden Room at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October to discuss social activity within the parish. This will be an informal meeting open to all. Please do come along, have your say and engage with fellow parishioners to help build a stronger community within the parish through social activities.

**Prisons Week:** For more than forty years Prisons Week, a registered charity, has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community, through individuals and churches, to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons. With the objective of raising awareness and motivating prayer, Prisons Week 2023 commences next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**First Holy Communion 2024:** Parents of children seeking to make their First Holy Communion next year please note registration forms are now available at the back of church and on the web site – scan the QR code to take you directly there. Please return completed forms to Fr Luke or Fr Paul. Closing date for registration is 8<sup>th</sup> November.



**The Sick of the Parish:** We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran and all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed.

*Lord, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit. Amen.*

**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Stephen Smith (2008), Aleksandrs Svystun (2013), Norman Nicholas (1995) and Ernest Thomas (2020) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*