

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.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord." Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 84

RESPONSE: *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

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

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." It was Peter who answered. "Lord," he said, "if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come," said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. "Lord! Save me!" he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. "Man of little faith," he said "why did you doubt?" And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered
and by your power you transform them
into the mystery of our salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Or

*The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,
and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

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.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 13th August 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A **Services during the coming week – Nineteenth Week of the Year, Year I**

Saturday 12th 5:30 pm Confessions

August 6:00 pm Vigil Mass for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Sunday 13th 8:00 am Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the Soul of Philip Razzell RIP. Eucharistic Minister E Cleary

August 10:00 am Holy Mass offered for Demetria Rambayon and all deceased members of the Rambayon family.
Eucharistic Minister M Long

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

Monday 14th St Maximillian Kolbe

August **No Mass Today**

Tuesday 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – a Holy Day of Obligation

August 12 noon Holy Mass offered for the Repose of the Soul of Albertina Vieira RIP. For other options, see below

Wednesday Feria

16th August **No Mass Today**

Thursday 17th Feria

August **No Mass Today**

Friday 18th Feria

August **No Mass Today**

Saturday 19th 5:30 pm Confessions

August 6:00 pm Vigil Mass of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today we welcome Fr Tom Ryan from The Columban Missionaries who is visiting to make an appeal for the Missions.

Please make him feel welcome and be as generous as possible with the second collection that will be taken.

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people and now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey, but the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost but the impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus and asks Jesus to call him out onto the water; Jesus grants this request, but Peter's fear and doubt overtake him once he is walking on the water and Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters and this teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. *Courtesy of the Loyola Press.*

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday 15th August, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Unfortunately, with Fr Paul being away, it has not been possible to get cover from anybody else, so Fr Luke will be celebrating three Masses across his churches on Tuesday. There will be a Mass at 10:00 am at Holy Family, Brantham, there will be Mass here at St Mary Magdalen at 12 noon and there will be an evening Mass at St Marks at 7:30 pm. As it is a Holy Day of Obligation, all Catholics are required to attend Mass if possible.

Social Committee: Following on from the recent parish AGM, there will be an inaugural, open meeting tomorrow, Monday 14th August in the Garden Room at 7:30 pm to formulate ideas and discuss options for future social activity within the parish. Do come along and share your views.

St Albans Catholic High School: The deadline for applications for the 2024 school intake is 31st October, and to ensure that all Catholic families, especially new ones moving to the area, have the opportunity to visit the school, there will be Open Mornings between 9:15 and 10:25 am on Monday and Tuesday 2nd & 3rd October. Additionally there will be an Open Evening on Wednesday 20th September from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Places on any of these sessions need to be booked in advance on the school website www.st-albans.suffolk.sch.uk

Thanks: Thank you Mike Geisel who has cleaned, repaired and restored our Paschal Candle holder to its original condition.

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 Alice Ashard (2000), Veronica Hudson (1978), Douglas Clark (2006), Violet Akehurst (1979) and Bridget Keenan (1963) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace