

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 and above 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, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66

RESPONSE: *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, "Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. "Give her what she wants," they said "because she is shouting after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. "Lord," she said "help me." He replied, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs." She retorted, "Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Or

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the
Lord.*

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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.

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.

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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 20th August 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A Services during the coming week – Twentieth Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 19 th August	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass for 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: I Suttle, Offertory: Hennon Family
Sunday 20 th August	8:00 am 10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family. Reader: J Cleary, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: E Cleary Holy Mass offered for all members of the Sheridan Family, living and dead. Reader: A James. Offertory: Pakes Family, Eucharistic Minister: W Lobo
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared & served by Julie & Karen</i>		
Monday 21 st August	St Pius X No Mass Today	
Tuesday 22 nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass Today	
Wednesday 23 rd August	Feria No Mass Today	
Thursday 24 th August	St Bartholomew No Mass Today	
Friday 25 th August	Feria 10:00 am	<i>Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Claude Turner RIP (Foundation Mass) followed by Exposition and a chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 26 th August	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Confessions Vigil Mass of 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today we welcome back to St Mary Magdalen's Fr Chris Dobson who will be celebrating our Masses this weekend.

Today's Gospel: Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions - what comes out of us - make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of, and confidence in, God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. *Courtesy of the Loyola Press.*

Fr Paul: On Thursday, Fr Paul will return from his pilgrimage and holiday absences and will say Mass as usual on Friday 25th August. Welcome back Fr Paul!

Ladies Meet Up: Also next Friday, being the last Friday of the month, the ladies will meet in the Garden Room at 2:30 for a cup of tea and chat. This is a session open to all – just turn up.

Parish 150 Club: The August prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass next Sunday. If you are not a member of this parish fund-raising venture, why not sign up today and you will be entered in next week's draw? Application forms are in the church porch or, even quicker, you can sign up on-line on the parish web site.

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 William Gleeson (1972), Michael Whitbread (2013), John Brant (2002), Giulio Fella (2009) and Claude Turner (2008) 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