

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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 Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 95

RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you
grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you
all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it
came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You will shine in the world like bright stars
because you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to
trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,
together with the Herodians, to say, "Master, we know that you are
an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and
that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay
taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me
see the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a denarius,
and he said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?" "Caesar's,"
they replied. He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.**

Or

**The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
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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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -22nd October 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A Services during the coming week – Twenty-ninth Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 21 st October	5:30 pm	Confessions
October	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of 29 th Sunday, offered for Angelo Paoletti. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 22 nd October	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: M Pakes, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister: J Poll

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

Monday 23 rd October	Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 24 th October	Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass, open intention
Wednesday 25 th October	Feria	12 noon Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family
Thursday 26 th October	Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass, open intention
Friday 27 th October	Feria	10:00 am Holy Mass, offered for the Deceased Members of the Cleary Family (Foundation Mass) followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy 12 noon Funeral service for Anthony Philip Watkins RIP
Saturday 28 th October	Feria	5:30 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Vigil Mass of 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: Today we hear how the Pharisees try to entrap Jesus by their question about the lawful payment of taxes. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin and asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Then Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus' response suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God? *Courtesy Loyola Press*

First Holy Communion 2024: Registration forms for the 2024 First Holy Communion program are available at the back of church and on the parish web site – the QR code will take you directly there. Please note that parents of First Holy Communion candidates are required to themselves attend the Alpha course which commences 15th November - see further details below. Completed forms should be returned to Fr Luke or Fr Paul no later than 8th November.



Confirmation 2024: Candidates wishing to be confirmed in 2024 must register before, or at, the first session which will take place at St Mark's on Saturday 4th November at 11:00 am. Registration forms can be found in the church porch or can be downloaded from the parish web site – the QR code will take you straight to the form.



The Alpha Course: Alpha is an 11 week course providing an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is proven to awaken faith in lapsed Catholics, gives faithful Catholics a path and a language to fulfil their baptismal call to evangelise and is a proven method of introducing people to a living relationship with Jesus Christ. This year, attending the Alpha course is compulsory for parents of the 2024 Holy Communion children and for those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter, but it is open to all parishioners. The 90 minute weekly sessions start 15th November and will be held on Wednesdays at 12:30 at St Mary Magdalens and include a light lunch and at St Marks they will start at 7:30 pm and include a cooked meal. Registration forms are available at the back of church and on the parish web site - the QR code takes you straight to the form. Closing date for registration is 8th November.



Margaret "Peggy" Heffer: Margaret Heffer, who many of you will know as a parishioner of many years standing, passed away on Wednesday 18th October after a long battle with cancer. Please remember Margaret in your prayers, and pray also for her family and friends who mourn her passing. Funeral arrangements will be announced once known.

Welcome: On Saturday 21st October, Kian McMahon was baptised and we welcome him to our parish community. Please remember Kian in your prayers, and also pray for his parents Riccardo and Rachel, his Godparents and all his family.

Ladies Tea & Chat: On Friday 27th October, being the last Friday of the month, the ladies of the parish will meet in the Garden Room at 2:30 for the regular tea, cake and chat session. This is open to all – just turn up on the day.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran, Ida James 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 Christine Firmin (1975), Malcolm Long (1992), Kathleen Galloway (2006), Frank McManus (2003), Lillian Park (2008), George Roberts (1974), Doris Butterworth (1981), Alec Rumford (1990), William Swann (1967), Patrick Donnelly (1972) and Douglas Robinson (2007) whose anniversaries occur about this time.