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Mass is celebrated in the Ipswich Hospital chapel each Monday at 4 pm – all are welcome.



Pentecost Sunday – 20th May 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Seventh Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 20 th May	8:00 am	Robert & Sean
	10:00 am*	Noel Andrews RIP
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 21 st May	Feria	
	9:30 am	Janes family
Tuesday 22 nd May	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Wednesday 23 rd May	Feria – Mass in St Pancras school	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Thursday 24 th May	Feria	
	9:30 am	Albertina Vieira
Friday 25 th May	Feria	
	9:30 am	P V H Smith – followed by Rosary
Saturday 26 th May	St Philip Neri	
	9:30 am	Vieira family – followed by Benediction
Sunday 27 th May	8:00 am	G C J Vieira
	10:00 am*	Fox and Rose families
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

* Everybody is invited to join us for tea or coffee after Mass in the church hall

Today's Gospel

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem, the event that marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts - it is so we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

First Holy Communion

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the wonderful celebration last Sunday of the First Holy Communion of our children. Please continue to pray for Wankowska, Bianka Banosz, Eniko Stuller, Feng Yu, Jacob Wojtczak, Stacey Boateng, Weronika Przybys, William Taylor, Yuri Teixeira, Kian Garvie, Filip Szczecina, Zofia Graves, Alicia Ianello, Taylor Green, Antonio Cocker, Michael Sykes, Jessica Milton, William Lebaga, Roxanne Martins, Boluwatife Adedapo, Rowan Hart, Florence Davey and Amelia Oliver as they as they develop their knowledge of the Catholic faith and continue to grow in a loving relationship with Our Lord through the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ that we all receive in Holy Communion.

Monday after Pentecost - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - Memorial

This celebration was instituted in 2018 and then added to the General Roman (Universal) Calendar. The Decree states: *'This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.'*

Thursday after Pentecost — Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest – Feast

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.

Share the Journey

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. The timescale of the campaign is from now until the Pope goes to address the UN in September 2018. A week of action will also take place during Refugee Week in June. In support of the campaign, CAFOD are aiming to walk 24,901 miles - the distance around the whole world! All parishes and schools are invited to engage in this campaign. It's an act of solidarity to *Share the Journey* with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Every step you take, together

with others from across the England & Wales, will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. They need to act with courage and compassion when they agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration in 2018. Resources are available on the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk> - please click the campaign heading.

Parish Finances

A summary of the parish finances for 2017 has been prepared and is displayed on the notice board in the narthex, with copies available for you to take away. The summary documents can also be downloaded from the parish web site.

The synopsis of the accounts is that a surplus was made for the year of just over £8000 – this was due to some generous donations received and a reduction in some areas of expenditure.

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, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Molly & Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcalf, Robert Mullan, Mary O'Reilly Maureen Sparks and Ken Banbridge.

Fr Mathew is preparing a list of the housebound who would like a regular visit from a priest or a Eucharistic Minister so that they can be offered adequate pastoral care. If you know someone who would like a visit from a priest, with their permission please pass on their details to Fr Mathew.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Frederick Bolt, Elizabeth Sefton, Mary Chaisty, Maria Hewitt, Mary Poll, Henry Head, Joan Elliot, Fred Cartelli, Veronica Nicholson, Frank Janes and Terence Billberry 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.

Eucharistic Ministers

On the feast of Corpus Christi, which is celebrated on Sunday 3rd June this year, our Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned at the Mass they normally attend. This is an opportunity for those who are undertaking this Ministry to renew their commitment. It also presents us with an occasion to express appreciation to all who are willing to serve our parish in this special way and to say something about the importance of this ministry. In the first place the ministers facilitate the orderly distribution of Holy Communion without that being unduly prolonged – leaving time for a time of quiet reflection once everyone is back in their places in the church. Their ministry also makes it possible for everyone at Mass to receive Holy Communion under both kinds. The third important service which Eucharistic ministers render is to bring consolation to our sick and housebound, who are enabled, by their ministry, to receive Holy Communion every week, to be united with our Sunday act of worship and, of course, to enjoy some human companionship and regular contact with the everyday life of the church in this community. If you would like to be considered to become a Eucharistic minister, please speak to Fr Mathew.

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 13th May was £597.43. The second collection for World Communications Day came to £40.66. Thank you.

Readers Training Evening

There will be a training evening for readers on Wednesday 6th June from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. It would be a wonderful opportunity for our existing readers, who are so generous in helping us listen to the Word of God at our Sunday and weekday Masses, to reflect and pray about their ministry and the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God to us and to learn how to do it even better. If you are not a reader yet, you are welcome to attend the evening and then decide whether God is calling you to this ministry for His people. Either way, feel free to talk to Fr. Mathew or Martin Pakes our Confirmation Catechist who organises the reader's rota.

Mass Readings Pentecost Sunday (Year B) 20th May 2018

Entrance Antiphon:	The spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.
First Reading:	Acts. 2:1-11 <i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading:	Gal. 5:16-25 <i>The fruit of the spirit.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!
Gospel:	John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 <i>The spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.</i>
Communion Antiphon:	They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Dates for your Diary

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual children's pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Tuesday 29th May, which is during school half term week. The day will begin with a procession from the village at 10:45 am, walking to the shrine along the former railway line, with pauses for prayers and hymns along the way, with Mass at the Chapel of Reconciliation at 12:00. After a picnic lunch at the shrine, the day will finish on the beach at nearby Wells-Next-the-Sea. More details are available from Christine Storman, tel. 01493 717121 or email chrissies@hotmail.com.

Celebrate East Anglia

Celebrate East Anglia is a lively Catholic, faith-filled weekend for people of all ages. It takes place on Saturday 2nd/Sunday 3rd June 2018 at St Benedict's Catholic High School in Bury St Edmunds. The weekend consists of inspiring talks, multiple workshops, and age-appropriate groups for children and on Sunday Bishop Alan will be celebrating mass. A great opportunity in this Year of Mercy to accompany a friend and/or move along in your personal faith journey. More details can be found on the poster in the narthex, or contact Philip Walters on 07910157584. Alternatively check out the Celebrate web site for more details and a booking form - <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/eastanglia/> or follow the link on the parish web site.

Marriage and Family Celebration Mass

Bishop Alan warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on Saturday, 16th June 2018, 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email mflc@rcdea.org.uk.

Northern Saints Youth Pilgrimage

The Ignite Team is leading a pilgrimage to York, Durham, Lindisfarne and Iona for those aged between 16-35. The pilgrimage will take place from July 24th to 29th this year, and to confirm a place, bookings must be made by 15th June. More information can be found on the Diocesan web site – www.rcdea.org.uk/youth.