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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment

Please let Fr Mathew know if you are going into hospital.

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th September 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Twenty Sixth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 30 th September	8:00 am	Martin Curry
	10:00 am*	Fox & Rose families
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 1 st October	St Therese of the Child Jesus
9:30	Open intention

Tuesday 2 nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels
9:30	Open intention

Wednesday 3 rd October	Feria – Mass in St Pancras school
9:30	Open intention

Thursday 4 th October	St Francis of Assisi
9:30	Open intention

Friday 5 th October	Feria
9:30 am	Joel Le Roux – followed by Rosary

Saturday 6 th October	Feria
9:30	Open intention – followed by Benediction

Sunday 7 th October	8:00 am	Albert Fryatt
27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Tommy Stromblad
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

* Tea and coffee will be available in the church hall after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us

Today's Gospel

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest and Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name and perhaps John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal and John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Catholic East Anglia

The October edition of the diocesan newspaper Catholic East Anglia is available this weekend. Please pick up a free copy from the narthex to take home, or alternatively you can download a copy from the parish web site.

Bishop's Synod

In October, Catholic Bishops from around the world will meet in Rome to focus on how the church helps, guides and accompanies young people as they grow in faith and discern the part they can play in shaping the future of the Church. Here in East Anglia, it is intended to hold a meeting which will discuss the same questions and issues that the Synod fathers will be looking at. This will take place on November 4th at St. John's Church, Mildenhall, starting with a light lunch served from 12:30pm and concluding by 5pm after Adoration and Benediction. The afternoon will be hosted by Hamish McQueen (Director of the Diocesan Youth Service), Father Luke Goymour (Chaplain to the Youth Service) and the Ignite Team and will be attended by Bishop Alan. The bishop is asking for two representatives from our parish: i) a young person of secondary school age/a young adult and ii) an adult who is working with young people – a catechist, a youth group leader, teacher or a member of the parish with an interest in the work we do with young people. If you would like to be involved in this and represent your parish, please speak to Fr Mathew or use the contact form on the web site.

Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy group continues today during the 10:00 Mass. This is aimed at younger children - below first Holy Communion age – who will be very welcome. Will all those who assist with children's liturgy, please note there will be a short meeting with the parish safeguarding coordinator in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass today. If you would like to be involved in leading or assisting with Children's Liturgy, please speak to Fr Mathew or email childrensliturgy@marymagdalens.org.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD, the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world, is holding its Harvest Fast Day on Friday 5th October. On this day we are all invited eat simply – perhaps by giving up a meal, or just having a bowl of soup – in solidarity with those in the world who have less than adequate food available to them, and to give the resulting savings to CAFOD. Next Sunday, 7th October, there will be a retiring collection taken to receive your donations. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the narthex and all tax payers are encouraged to increase the value of any donation by means of the Gift Aid scheme. Further details can be found on the poster in the narthex or on the CAFOD web site www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Harvest-Appeal.

Deanery News

Fr Adrian Gates, parish priest of St James' parish and chaplain to the Ipswich Hospital, is moving to Cambridge to take up a new role as permanent chaplain to Addenbrooks and Papworth combined

hospitals. It is not yet known who will replace Fr Adrian as the Ipswich Hospital chaplain. Until the new chaplain is appointed, if you or a member of your family are going into hospital either for elective or emergency treatment, please let Fr Mathew know or contact Deacon Clive Brooks.

Fr Peter Raj is taking over as parish priest of St Mark's with Holy Family Brantham, replacing Fr Christopher Smith who has moved to Newmarket.

Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life

On Sunday 7th October, the annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham will take place, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. Further details can be found on the poster in the narthex or pick up a leaflet also in the narthex.

Quiz Night

The annual Deanery Quiz, organised by the Knights of St Columba, will be held in St Mary's church hall, Woodbridge Road, on Saturday 6th October starting at 7:30. Three teams of 4 persons are invited from each parish, with entry price of £5 per person including a buffet supper. Full details can be found on the poster in the narthex.

Baptisms

Today we welcome Fr Pat Cleary to St Mary Magdalens. He will be celebrating the baptism of Mabel McCarthy at 3:00 pm. Next Sunday, 7th October, we will celebrate the baptism of Damian Radzevicius during the 10:00 Mass.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Stephen Smith, Norman Nicholas and Patrick Youngman 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.

Hedge Cutting

Thank you to all those who turned up yesterday in response to the appeal for help in tidying up the various hedges in the church and hall grounds, carting away the rubbish and generally working to tidy the garden. Your efforts are much appreciated and hopefully everyone will be able to notice the improvements resulting from this effort.

Light a Candle Service of Remembrance

On Saturday 27th October at 11:00 am, an ecumenical service of remembrance will take place at St Mary & St Botolph church, Whitton Church Lane, Ipswich, led by its rector Rev Mary Sokanovic, and attended by the Ipswich Hospital chaplain and Fr Mathew. The service is organised by Hunnaball funeral directors and is intended to bring together those who have suffered bereavement in their lives and offer them comfort and reassurance as they remember their departed loved ones. If you would like to attend, please advise Hunnaball's by telephone 01473 748808 or by email ipswich@hunnaball.co.uk.

Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day

The next Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day will take place at St Mary's church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, on Saturday 13th October starting at 10:00 am, the theme being *Knowing God's mercy and discerning his will*. The day will be led by Gemma Wildsmith, a trained youth worker with many years experience in young adult Christian formation and member of the national leadership team for *Celebrate* events. The day will include praise and prayer, Holy Mass, adoration, reconciliation and prayer for healing. Tea and coffee will be provided but please take your own packed lunch.

150 Club

The September prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be held in the church hall after 10:00 Mass today, Sunday 30th September.

School Vacancy

There is a vacancy for Executive Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School Lowestoft & St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School Gorleston (the 'Coastal Catholic Schools'). See Diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>.

Offertory

Owing to continuing illness, publication of the details of the recent week's collections has been delayed, but will be published as soon as possible.

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.

First Reading:

Num. 11:25-29 *Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!*

The Lord came down in the cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came upon them, they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp: one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, "Look", he said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Then said Joshua, the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, "My Lord Moses, stop them!". Moses answered him, "Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his spirit to them all!"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second Reading:

James 5:1-6 *Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 *Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, "Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him." But Jesus said, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of those little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where the worm does not die nor the fire go out."

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 for us. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

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.