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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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th October 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

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

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

Services This Week

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| Sunday 7 th October | 8:00 am | Albert Fryatt |
| | 10:00 am* | Fox & Rose families |
| | 6:00 pm | The people of the parish |

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| Monday 8 th October | Feria |
| | 9:30 am |

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| Tuesday 9 th October | The Holy Guardian Angels No Mass |
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| Wednesday 10 th October | Feria – Mass in St Pancras school |
| | 9:30 am |

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| Thursday 11 th October | Feria |
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| Friday 12 th October | Feria |
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| Saturday 13 th October | Feria |
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| Sunday 14 th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:00 am | Martin Curry |
| | 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

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Regulated by the Law of Moses, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching, explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than that of the Pharisees, and Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to both men and women.

The final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Jesus has previously taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God, yet they try to prevent people from bringing their children to him. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children, offering them as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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. 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

On Friday 5th October CAFOD, the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world, held its Harvest Fast Day and we were invited by CAFOD to share in the abundance that God has given us, to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day we were invited to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we saved to help people like Longora. Today after each Mass there will be a retiring collection 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. Please be generous and help to provide CAFOD with the resources it needs to help those in the world who are so much less fortunate than ourselves.

Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life

Today, 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.

Fireworks Fun Night

Friends of St Albans is holding its annual fireworks night party on Friday 2nd November at St Albans Catholic High School, Digby Road. Gates open at 6:00 pm and the fireworks start at 7:15 pm. Free parking is available and a hot supper is served. Tickets can be purchased from the school office – telephone 01473 726178. Tickets on the night are £5 adult, £4 child £20 family (2 adults and up to 5 children), but discounts are available for tickets purchased in advance.

Baptisms

Today we offer a special welcome to the family of Damian Radzevicius whose baptism we will celebrate during the 10:00 Mass.

First Holy Communion Programme 2019: Parents meeting

The parents meeting for the children who are making their First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 28th October at 4.30 pm in the Guild Hall. Starting on 4th November, the classes will be on Sundays from 4.45 to 6.00pm in the Guild Hall. This will help the children and the parents to join the 6.00pm Mass. If your child is at St. Pancras School, please contact the school about the programme.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Peter Youngman, Margaret Nichols, Jean Denny, Guiseppa Buglione, Frederick Duolly, Leslie Moss, Agnes Marchant and William Lynch 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.

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 was made last week. The winners are:

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| Monthly prizes: | £15 | No 134 | Mrs P Gilbert | £10 | No 7 | Mrs C Long |
| | £5 | No 98 | Mrs L Dolby | £5 | No 2 | Mrs A Bardwell |
| Bonus prizes: | £40 | No 36 | Mrs T Rose | £20 | No 13 | Mrs V Davison |

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/>.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Ipswich branch of the CWL is on Tuesday 16th October at 2.30pm in St Pancras Hall when Rebecca Crear will tell us of the work done by the Suffolk Refugee Support Service in Ipswich. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in this work will be welcome.

Offertory

The offertory collections for recent weeks have been as follows: 16th September £469.70, 23rd September £355.84 and 30th September £474.53. Thank you.

St Mary Magdalen Choir

The next choir practice will be held on Wednesday 17th October at 7:30 pm in church. New members will be very welcome.

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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:

Gen. 2:18-24 *They become one body.*

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate." So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and he brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: "This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman for this was taken from man". This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading:

2Heb. 2:9-11 *The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel:

Mark 10:2-16 *What God has united, man must not divide*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses allowed us", they said, "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce". Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so un-teachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave his father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too." People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it". Then he put his arms around them, laid his hands on them, and gave them his blessing.

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ Our Lord.