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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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th October 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 28 th October	8:00 am	Martin Curry RIP
	10:00 am*	Tommy Stromblad RIP
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 29 th October	Feria
	No Mass

Tuesday 30 th October	Feria
	No Mass

Wednesday 31 st October	Feria
	No Mass

Thursday 1 st November	Feast of All Saints – Holyday of Obligation	
	9:30 am	Janes family
	7:30 pm	The people of the parish

Friday 2 nd November	All Souls Day	
	9:30 am	Followed by Rosary
	7:30 pm	Holy Souls

Saturday 3 rd November	Feria
	9:30 am

Sunday 4 th November	8:00 am	Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	Winifred Mary Flory – foundation Mass
31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

* Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays for pre-first Holy Communion children.

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, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him and when the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity, but the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus' sight, no elaborate action is required as in other healing stories in Mark's Gospel where actions accompany Jesus' words. In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus' faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help as, for example, with the woman with the haemorrhage. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith - "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus' words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

All Saints and All Souls

This year the solemnity of All Saints falls on Thursday. The school will join at us at the church for the Mass at 9.30am. It is a Holy day of Obligation. Both on All Saints Day and All Souls Day the masses will be at 9.30am and 7.30pm. Those who work on those days are warmly encouraged to come for the evening mass to specially pray for their dear ones. The parish community as a whole will pray for the departed souls from our parish in the month of November. If you have anyone to be specially remembered, please write his or her names on sheet and put it in the box on the altar. The box will remain on the altar for the whole month of November. There are also special envelopes in the Narthex to offer Masses for the dead.

From Fr. Mathew

I am very sorry for letting you down last Sunday. Those who came for the 8.00am Mass was clearly disappointed. Hopefully that will not happen again. I would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers. The cards that our children left for me on my table particularly gladdened me. It did lift my mood when I got back from the hospital to an empty house. So thoughtful and so kind! Thank you. I am not out of the woods yet. However, there is a clear plan of follow up from all concerned. I am very grateful for that. Please continue to pray for me. I will be away at our diocesan priest's retreat from November 5th to 9th, which will be an opportunity for me to pray, rest and to have some quality time with my fellow priests. I have an early morning GP appointment on All Saints Day. So when you come for Mass at 9.30 and not see me please do not think that I am unwell again. I will be there for the morning Mass.

St Edmund's Fund

Caritas East Anglia encourages, supports and co-ordinates works of social outreach in the diocese. It is a member of the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the social action arm of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The management team of Caritas East Anglia includes representatives of each deanery and of caring organisations active in the diocese. The St Edmund's Fund, which makes crisis grants to needy individuals and families, is administered by Caritas East Anglia, and to assist in this work, there will be a retiring collection taken at all Masses on Sunday 4th November.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of hope with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love of all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to www.missio.org.uk.

Bishop's Synod

During 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. Following on from this, here in East Anglia, there will be a meeting to discuss the same questions and issues to be held on next Sunday, November 4th at St. John's Church, Mildenhall, starting with a light lunch served from 12:30 pm and concluding by 5 pm after Adoration and Benediction. The bishop has asked for two representatives from each parish – we have one volunteer from St Mary Magdalen so far. If you would like to be the second, please contact Fr Mathew.

First Holy Communion Programme 2019

The parents meeting for the children who are making their First Holy Communion will be today, 28th October at 4.30 pm in the Guild Room. Instruction classes will commence on Sunday 4th November, and will run from 4.45 to 6.00 pm also in the Guild Room. This will help the children and the parents to join the 6.00 pm Mass. The complete schedule for the First Holy Communion programme 2019, is available in the narthex - please take a copy for reference purposes. Alternatively, you can download a copy from the *First Holy Communion* page of the parish web site.

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Appeal

Does anybody have a floor rug they can donate for the Children's Liturgy group to use on Sunday mornings? Ideally about 2 metres by 3 metres, but any size or shape would be welcome to save the children having to sit on the floor during the liturgy sessions. If you can help, please contact Collett Long or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Childrens Liturgy.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for George Laurencin, Terence Feris, Frederick Peck, Stanley Manthorpe, Francis McMahon, Louisa Scott, Doris Parker, Robin Haywood, Patrick Walmsley-Cotham, Jeasie Maksymw, Mabel Youngman, Evelyn Murray, Winifred Flory, Jean Hynes, John Cuffe and Corrado Giudiciani 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.

Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy

Because of the shortage of priests in Ipswich, it might not be possible to supply a permanent chaplain for the Ipswich Hospital to replace Fr Gates, and whilst this is still being pursued, it may instead be necessary to appoint a *Lay Chaplaincy Co-ordinator*, preferably a Eucharistic Minister, who would be responsible for gathering patient information, administration and making first contact ward visits. If you might be interested in such a post please contact Deacon Clive Brooks for further information. Until an appointment can be made, Deacon Clive is acting in this role.

The hospital gives no patient information to the chaplains, so if you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital and would like to receive the ministrations of the Church whilst there, please let Fr Mathew know, or leave a message for Deacon Clive on 01206 396319.

Fireworks Fun Night

Friends of St Albans is holding its annual fireworks night party next 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.

Offertory Collection

The collection taken at all Masses on Sunday 14th October was £300.28 and for Sunday 21st October it was £253.20. Second collection on Sunday 14th for PACT was £76.51 and on Sunday 21st for Missio it was £50.47.

Mass Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 28th October

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we merit what you promise. 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: Jer. 31:7-9 *I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.*

The Lord says this: *Shout with joy Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: "The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!" See, I will bring them back from the land of the north and gather them from the far ends of the earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Heb. 5:1-6 *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 *Master, let me see again.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and to say, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me". And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me". Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here". So they called the blind man. "Courage", they said, "get up; he is calling you". So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabbuni", the blind man said to him, "Master, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go: your faith has saved you." And immediately his sight returned to him and he followed him along the road.

Prayer over the Offerings:

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion:

May your sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.