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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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th November 2018

Remembrance Day

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Thirty Second Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 11 th November	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Requiem Mass for those killed in war.
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 12 th November	St Josaphat	
	9:30 am	
Tuesday 13 th November	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Wednesday 14 th November	Feria - Mass in St Pancras School	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Thursday 15 th November	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Friday 16 th November	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Rosary
Saturday 17 th November	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Benediction
Sunday 18 th November	8:00 am	
	10:00 am*	
33 rd 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 reading, Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching given in the temple area of Jerusalem; we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. By indicating that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the temple, Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury while those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions - two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity - it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

Remembrance Sunday

Today is Remembrance Sunday, a day on which we commemorate and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom in the two World Wars and later conflicts. This year is a special occasion, marking 100 years since the armistice which ended the First World War was signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The 10:00 Mass today will be a requiem for the all fallen of these conflicts, and we will join with the others across the country in observing the 2 minutes silence at 11:00.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Red Wednesday

Make a Stand for Faith and Freedom on Wednesday 28th November 2018. Christians around the world are being persecuted because of their faith. Will you show your support for the Suffering Church? Aid to the Church in Need is being joined by Christian Solidarity Worldwide for this campaign, but your help is needed.

Persecution against Christians in the worst-affected regions reached a new peak, the impact of which is only now beginning to be felt in all its horror. Join in on Wednesday 28th November – #RedWednesday, and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and faith minorities who suffer unjustly for their peacefully-held beliefs. Let's spread the word and use social media to make #RedWednesday 2018 a campaign that cannot be ignored.

A Mass will be celebrated for Persecuted Christians by Bishop Alan Hopes at the Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist at 7pm on Wednesday 28th November.

Offertory Collection

The collection taken at all Masses on Sunday 4th November was £490.92. The retiring collection for the St Edmunds Fund realised £148.50. Thank you.

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, Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcalf, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli and Mary O'Reilly.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Pat McCreery, Helen Kerr, Martin Cresswell, Agnes Collings, Michael Chapman, Pamela Oliver, Nora Scoging, Kathleen Royle, Malcolm Lewis, Anthony Hinton, Christine Fisher, Sybil Reynolds and Geraldine Lofthouse 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.

Eucharistic Ministers

Will Eucharistic Ministers please note there is a new rota for the period until the end of December pinned to the notice board in the narthex. A copy of this new rota can also be downloaded from the parish web site.

Readers and Offertory Procession

There is a new rota for readers and those who present the gifts at the offertory. This is pinned to the notice board in the narthex, and is also available for download from the parish web site.

Parish Hall

As mentioned last week, the You & Me playgroup, which was the main user of our church hall, and which looked after the basic cleaning as part of its hiring arrangements, has ceased operating and we now need to make alternate arrangements in order to keep the hall clean and tidy. We really need to do this from our own resources rather than incur cost hiring professional cleaners, and need volunteers to offer about one hour per week to help. We have one name offered so far, but really need more. If you can help out in this way, please add your name too the list in the narthex. We are also very grateful to the You & Me Playgroup organisers who have donated £500 to the parish in recognition and thanks for the support the parish has provided over the years.

CARITAS

The Catholic Women's League national project this year is to support Caritas, the aid and development agency of the Catholic Church established to serve the poor and to promote charity and justice throughout the world. To help in its refugee work, there will be a sale of cakes & preserves on 17th & 18th November in St Pancras Hall after 6 pm, 9.30 & 11 am Masses to raise funds. Please bake & bring & then buy. Proceeds will provide funds for a parish to provide accommodation, practical support and English tuition to a refugee family. The Government will fund match the amount raise up to £9000.

150 Club

The 150 Club has just presented Fr Mathew with a cheque for £1000, being the first contribution of proceeds from this year's account. There are vacant subscriptions still available and open to new members which, if taken up, would increase the amount raised for the parish as well as increasing the size of the prize fund. If you are not a member of the 150 Club, please do consider joining. Application forms can be found in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site.

The prize draw for the month of November will be made in the church hall after 10:00 Mass on Sunday 25th November.

Children's Liturgy

The recently started Children's Liturgy group is now well established and is proving to be very popular with our younger parishioners. We have three leaders who are leading these sessions with a number of other people supporting them. It would be ideal to have at least one more person who is prepared to lead a session on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 Mass, meaning each leader would only have one session per month, and giving greater depth of cover for when people are unavailable. If you would like to help in this way, please speak to Fr Mathew or use the contact form on the parish web site.

Readings for the Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): 11th November

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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:

Kings 17:10-16 *The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, "Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink." She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. "Please", he said, "bring me a scrap of bread in your hand". "As the Lord your God lives", she replied "I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die." But Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: '*Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.*'" The woman went off and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and hers son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading:

Heb. 9:24-28 *Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one: but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 12:38-44 *This poor widow has put in more than all.*

In his teaching Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive." He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion:

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.