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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7th July 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings Year I: 14th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 7 th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am* Hymns for Entrance: - Offertory: - Communio	Holy Mass – George & Stephen RIP Holy Mass – Lacey family foundation Mass r 10:00 Mass O Worship the King (438) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (610) In: - Peace Perfect Peace (445) - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (342) Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 8 th July	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 9 th July	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass - Vieira family
Wednesday 10 th July	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Mass in St Pancras School
Thursday 11 th July		t, Patron of Europe Holy Mass
Friday 12 th July	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass
Saturday 13 th July	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 14 th July 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	

* Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass - please do come and join us!

Today's Gospel

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship - its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

Clergy Changes

Yesterday in the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, five new priests for the Diocese of East Anglia were ordained. Please remember Fr Jude Beinas, Fr Alan Hodgson, Fr Michael Brooks, Fr Paul Spellman and Fr Simon Davies in your prayers as they each start their priestly ministry. The bishop has taken this opportunity to announce where the newly ordained priests will be deployed and some other priestly moves and retirements across the Diocese of East Anglia. Full details of these changes can be found on the Diocesan web site but those moves affecting the Ipswich Deanery, scheduled to take place after the summer holidays, are:

- St Pancras: Fr Leeder retires, Fr Russell Frost becomes parish priest.
- St Mark: Fr Peter Raj moves to St Marys, Woodbridge Road. Announcement of a replacement for Fr Peter will be made later this month.
- St Mary: Newly ordained Fr Alan Hodgson is appointed assistant priest.
- St James: Will come under the canonical jurisdiction of St Mary, with pastoral responsibility being entrusted to Fr Thomas Parakandathil who will be in residence at St James' Presbytery.

The Apostleship of the Sea

90% of the world's goods are transported by sea and for a very large number of people working in shipping, this represents a way of life. The life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely - they may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. It provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. Its port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare services and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The Apostleship of the Sea in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in 334 ports with 227 port chaplains in 59 countries. The Apostleship of the Sea relies wholly on voluntary contributions and to aid in this work, there will be a retiring collection taken at all masses next Sunday, 14th July.

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, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly and Pippa Williamson.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual grandparents pilgrimage to Walsingham will this year take place on Sunday 21st July. Organised by the Catholic Grandparents Association, the outline programme for this pilgrimage is:

11:00am Reconciliation

12 noon Mass

2:30 pm The Walsingham Story

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration.

Full details of the programme can be found on the organisation's web site catholicgrandparents association.org.

Parish Picnic

The feast day of our parish patron, St Mary Magdalen, falls on Monday 22nd July. Due to various absences, we cannot mark the event nearer the day, so on Sunday 14th July there will be a parish picnic in the church garden in celebration of our patron's feast day. Please come along from 11:30, bring your own picnic gear, food and drink and be prepared to enjoy a friendly social gathering with your fellow parishioners.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 23rd June was £467.69 and on Sunday 30th June it was £464.88. The retiring collection last week for Peter's Pence amounted to £99.88. Thank you.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Frank McManus, Christine Bloomfield, Francis Raddington, Daniel Crown, Bishop Michael Evans, Arthur Root, Christine Bowles, Evelyn Porter-Jones, Catherine Head, Aurelia Gay and Ronald Bailey 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.

Holiday Season

As we approach the main summer holiday season, there will be a number of individuals absent and unavailable for duty on various rotas. If you are scheduled for a duty at church which happens to fall during your holiday absence, please arrange cover for yourself with one of the other team members so that there are no gaps left for others to have to fill at the last minute.

Pilgrimage to Knock – October 2019

A fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in Ireland will take place on 7th October 2019. The cost is £599.00 per person on a shared room basis. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Birmingham or Stansted, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment/guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex.

World Day if Immigrants and Refugees

The 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated on Sunday 29th September and the theme this year is "It is not just about migrants". With this theme, Pope Francis wants to stimulate our prayer and action by reflecting on ways in which migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons and victims of human trafficking, are part a wider concern for all marginalised people. To help prepare for the celebration of this day, the Migrants and Refugees Section is conducting a diversified communication campaign offering reflections, information materials and multimedia aids. Over seven months, the theme "It is not just about migrants" is developed in seven sub-themes. The sub-themes are "It's also about our fears" (March), "It's also about charity" (April), "It's about our humanity" (May), "It's about not excluding anyone" (June), "It's also about the very least" (July), "It's about the whole person and about every person" (August) and "It's about building the City of God and man" (September). Each month, the materials about the theme and its distinctive sub-theme are prepared and distributed. These are meant for our communication efforts, to educate and to inspire, to prepare progressively for celebrating the 2019 WDMR.

Readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 7th July, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the mist of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Collect:

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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: Isa. 66:10-14 Towards her I send flowing peace, like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20 Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second Reading: Gal. 6:14-18 The marks on my body are those of the Lord Jesus.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this: the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Your peace will rest on that man.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!' And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick and say 'The kingdom of God is very near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say. 'We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.' I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town." The seventy-two came back rejoicing. "Lord", they said, "even the devils submit to us when we use your name." He said to them, "I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven."

Prayer over the Offerings:

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.