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Please contact Fr Mathias, Deacon Clive Brooks (01206 396319) or let Fr Mathew know if you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital. Please be aware that for reasons of patient confidentiality, the current practice in the NHS is **NOT** to inform the chaplains of any Catholics that are admitted to hospital. So unless you or your relatives inform the chaplains of your hospital stay, you will not be visited by a priest or any other member of the chaplaincy team.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 21st July 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 16th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 21 st July 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Laura Croker RIP
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance: - Lord of all Hopefulness (329)	
	Offertory: - Lord for Tomorrow and its Needs (322)	
	Communion: - Blest Are the Pure in Heart (66)	
Monday 22 nd July	Recession: - Christ Be Beside Me (79)	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Tuesday 23 rd July	St Mary Magdalen	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Wednesday 24 th July	St Bridget – Patron of Europe	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Thursday 25 th July	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Mass in Church not school
Friday 26 th July	St James – Apostle	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Saturday 27 th July	SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 28 th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

* 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

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both these stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man" and today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfil the dual command which begins chapter 10 - love of God (Mary) and love of neighbour (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual grandparents pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place today, 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 catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

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.

Parish Missio Secretary

We are grateful to Matthew Thomas who has agreed to take on the role of parish secretary for Missio, the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. Mathew is taking over from Chris Codd who has filled this role for the past 6 years and we are very grateful to Chris for her work during that time. The Missio promoters in the parish have been contacted and advised of Mathew's appointment. Will all promoters please check the letter rack in the narthex where they will find contact details for Mathew.

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.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 14th July was £358.50. The retiring collection for the Apostleship of the Sea amounted to £169.95. Thank you.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Robert Coyle, Margaret Mc Manus, Eileen D'Souza, Laura Croker, Veronica Brooks, Evelyn Davis, Stephen Moss, James Brett, Fredrick Scogging, Karl Barc and Mary Sheridan 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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

Application forms for enrolment in the First Holy Communion programme for those who will make their First Holy Communion in May next year, are available in the narthex. To enrol your child, please take a form, and return it completed by Sunday 6th October. The form can also be downloaded from the parish web site. The programme kick-off meeting for parents will take place on Sunday 13th October at 4:00 pm in the Guild Room.

World Day of 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 theme materials 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.

Ipswich Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy

Fr Mathias Odigbo (tel: 07951 066607) is the Catholic chaplain to Ipswich Hospital aided by Deacon Clive Brooks (tel: 01206 396319) – please contact either of them if you or a family member is going into hospital or taken ill in an emergency and requires a priest. For reasons of patient confidentiality, the current practice in the NHS is NOT to inform the chaplains of any Catholics admitted to the hospital. The priest or deacon will not visit unless you have informed them a visit is required. On Sunday morning a team of Eucharistic Ministers from each of the parishes in the Ipswich deanery will take Holy Communion to the wards. If you or one of your family would like to receive Holy Communion while in hospital, please let Fr. Matthias or Deacon Clive know.

Tower Tours

Every Saturday until 28th September, St John's Cathedral in Norwich is offering Tower Tours – climb the 230 steps up the tower to the highest vantage point overlooking Norwich, with views as far as Happisburgh to the north and Great Yarmouth to the east. Tours of the cathedral, including the cellars, narthex and hidden gardens, are also available. Bookings can be made on 01603 724381 or by email to heritage@sjbcathedral.org.uk.

Parish Vacancies

Unfortunately, due to ill health, our parish treasurer has been forced to retire and we are still seeking to appoint a new parish treasurer. Do you have some finance / accounting experience and are happy to give generously some of your time for the parish?

We are also looking for a new Gift Aid Coordinator for the parish. This person will take responsibility for managing the Planned Giving Scheme within the parish and liaison with the Diocesan Finance in regard to the HMRC Gift Aid scheme.

If you have the time and the generosity to help with either of these roles, please speak to Chris Croker, Declan Moore or Fr Mathew. Alternately, you can email finance@marymagdalens.org or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Finance.

Hearing Aid Users

Do you wear hearing aids? Do you find it difficult to follow the services in church because you cannot hear clearly? Are you aware that there is an induction loop installed to assist hearing aid users? To use the loop system, simply switch on the induction receiver in your aids, on older devices this is a manual switch which should be moved to the "T" or "MT" position, for newer digital devices switch to the induction receiver using the mode switch. Once enabled, you may need to adjust the volume setting to suit yourself, but will then find it much easier to hear what is going on! Please note the induction loop runs around the perimeter of the church so while there is a good signal throughout the church, the signal is stronger the nearer you sit to the outside wall.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please use the contact form on the parish web site to report them, or speak to Michael Long.

Readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 21st July, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect:

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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. 18:1-10 *Lord, do not pass your servant by.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. "My Lord," he said "I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction." They replied, "Do as you say." Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. "Hurry", he said "knead three bushels of flour and make loaves." Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk, and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. She is in the tent" he replied. Then his guest said, "I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 14:2-5 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Col. 1:24-28 *A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to the pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 *Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do all the serving by myself? Please tell her to help me." But the Lord answered "Martha, Martha," he said "you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her."

Prayer over the Offerings:

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion:

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.