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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 28th July 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 17th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 28 th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – T M Joseph RIP
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance: - Lead Us Heavenly Father (298)	
	Offertory: - All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure (32)	
	Communion: - Soul of My Saviour (498)	
	Recession: - Praise to The Lord The Almighty (456)	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 29th July St Martha
9:30 am Holy Mass – T M Joseph RIP

Tuesday 30th July Feria
No Mass Today

Wednesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola
No Mass Today

Thursday 1st August St Alphonsus
No Mass Today

Friday 2nd August Feria
No Mass Today

Saturday 3rd August Feria
No Mass Today

Sunday 4th August 8:00 am Holy Mass

August 18th 10:00 am* Holy Mass

Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer but Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because of the neighbour's persistence, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God but rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

Mr T M Joseph RIP

Fr Mathew writes: *"While in India earlier this year, I celebrated a special Mass of the 50th wedding anniversary of a family friend and celebrated the first Holy communion of their grand daughter who is student at St. Alban's, Ipswich. My local parish priest was happy for me to do that as their 'English local Parish Priest'. Two weeks ago the couple came to see their children and grandchildren in Ipswich. They were regulars at our church for the week day masses. Sadly the gentleman passed away in his sleep on 23rd. I was called out at night to do the 'last rites' what we call now as the sacrament of the sick. When the formalities are over, the body will repatriated to his home town for burial. We do not have a firm date yet. It could be anything between 8 and 15 days. I am going to India for the funeral on 30th July and returning on 10th August hoping that I will be able to conduct his funeral within that window. Like in many countries the funeral takes place on the day the body arrives at the airport. Please keep his wife, children and grand children in your prayers. Our usual 9.30 Mass on Monday will be for the repose of his soul (in English) after which there will be an office of the dead in Malayalam language."* Masses at St Mary Magdalen next week, 4th August, will be covered by a visiting priest.

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.

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 21st July was £394.99. Thank you.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for John Perry, Josef Szczepanko, Mark Cooper, Cyril Robinson, Anne Morgan, Ann Garrett, Leonard Gray, Elistan O'Connor, William Brennan, Stephen Fox, Patricia Jennings and Barrie Johnson 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.

Confirmation Programme 2020

Registration has now begun for those wishing to join the confirmation programme and receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year. There's a set of registration forms on the table in the narthex – please take one and return the completed form to Fr Mathew or Martin Pakes. The course will start in October.

There are also registration forms in the narthex for the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. This programme is for adults who wish to be received into the Catholic church, and will prepare adult converts for reception into the church at Easter 2020. This course will be run on demand, so please ensure if that if you feel God might be calling you in this way, you complete and return a registration form as soon as possible so that the necessary practical arrangements can be made. You will then have the opportunity to learn more about becoming a Catholic and potentially be received into the church next year.

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.

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 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 28th July, 2019

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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. 18:20-32 *I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.*

The Lord said, "How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know." The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, "Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it!" The Lord replied, "If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them." Abraham replied, "I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?" "No", he replied, "I will not destroy it if I find forty five just men there." Again Abraham said to him, "Perhaps there will only be forty there." "I will not do it", he replied, "for the sake of the forty," Abraham said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there." "I will not do it" he replied "if I find thirty there." He said, "I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there." "I will not destroy it", he replied, "for the sake of the twenty." He said, "I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten." "I will not destroy it" he replied, "for the sake of the ten."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 37:1-3,6-8 On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading: Col. 2:12-14 *He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 *Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "Say this when you pray: *Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.*" He also said this to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him'; and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. "So I say to you: ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Prayer over the Offerings: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace, these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion: We have consumed, O Lord, this divine sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the passion of your Son; grant, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.