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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4th August 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 18th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 4 th August 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am Holy Mass – Stephen & George 10:00 am* Holy Mass – T M Joseph RIP Hymns for 10:00 Mass Entrance: - O Lord Our Help in Ages Past (words overleaf) Offertory: - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (116) Communion: - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (300) Recession: - Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise (242) 6:00 pm Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 5 th August	Feria No Mass Today
Tuesday 6 th August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord No Mass Today
Wednesday 7 th August	Feria No Mass Today
Thursday 8 th August	St Dominic No Mass Today
Friday 9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross No Mass Today
Saturday 10 th August	St Lawrence No Mass Today
Sunday 11 th August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am Holy Mass – Fryatt family 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!

Entrance Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Today's Gospel

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help but instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: tear down his barns and build larger ones so that he will have things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then? God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

Mr T M Joseph RIP

Fr. Mathew is away in India for a family funeral. He will be back on Sunday 11th August hopefully in time to celebrate the 6:00 pm Mass with us. Today we welcome back Fr Michael Rear who has agreed to celebrate Mass for us in Fr Mathew's absence and to whom we are extremely grateful

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.

Catholic Voices Training in East Anglia

A team from the well-known Catholic Voices project are set to run a free training day in Wymondham on Saturday September 7th to help Catholics from across the Diocese of East Anglia talk about their faith in public situations. Called *How to Defend Your Faith in the Public Square*, CEO Brendan Thompson will lead a team from Catholic Voices in running the event which is aimed at young adults, parish communications champions and New Evangelisation reps in particular, but is open to all. Organised jointly by the diocesan communications department, New Evangelisation team and Ignite Youth Team, the workshop aims to get participants to see chances to share their faith in public as an opportunity and to share some tips and techniques in preparing them to do so.

It will include practical skills in “defending your faith without raising your voice” and how to talk about controversial topics with charity and clarity. New Evangelisation Co-ordinator, Rebecca Bretherton, said: “We know Jesus Christ asks each one of us to tell people about God’s Good News. This training will give some practical ideas about how to really do so. The training day will run from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and will be held at the parish hall of Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, 1 Norwich Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QE. The venue is a short ten-minute walk from Wymondham train station and there is plenty of free parking at the church. Places are free but are limited and participants are asked to book a free place in advance with Rebecca Bretherton via email at evangelisation@rcdea.org.uk Drinks will be available but you are asked to bring your own lunch. Further information can be found on the web site www.catholicvoices.org.uk

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.

St Mary Magdalens 150 Club

The July prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Congratulations to the following winners:

£15	No 243	Mr & Mrs M Pakes	£10	No 141	Mrs M Jermy
£5	No 122	Mrs M Palmer	£5	No 261	Mrs M Sparkes

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 28th July was £370.12. Thank you.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Morag Murphy, Francis Jordan, Frederick Rutter, Ann Glaze, Jacqueline Luncy, Noreen Lawrence, Giuseppe Dedona, William Kerr and Iris Harvey 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.

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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 4th August, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Collect:

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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: Eccl. 1:2.2:21-23 *What does man gain for all his toil?*

Vanity of vanities, the preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 89:3-6,12-14,17

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second Reading: Col. 3:1-5, 9-11 *You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised and the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythians, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 *This hoard of yours, whose will it be?.*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance." "My friend", he replied, "who appointed me your judge, or the arbiter of your claims?" Then he said to them "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." Then he told them a parable: "There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest on his land, thought to himself, 'What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion:

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.