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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: 25th August 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 21st Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 25 th August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Malwina’s intention
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Claude Turner Foundation Mass
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - All Peoples of the Universe (27)
		Offertory: - Alleluia Sing to Jesus (15)
		Communion: - Blest are the Pure in Heart (66)
		Recession: - There is a wideness in God’s Mercy (for words see overleaf)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 26 th August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes Family
Tuesday 27 th August	St Monica	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass - Vieira family
Wednesday 28 th August	St Augustine	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Martin Curry RIP foundation mass
Thursday 29 th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Friday 30 th August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – David Bloomfield RIP
Saturday 31 st August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 1 st September	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Stephen & George RIP
22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	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!

Recessional hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Saviour;
there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kind judgment given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

Souls of men! why will ye scatter
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts! why will ye wander
From a love so true and deep?

There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Saviour;
There is healing in His blood.

Today's Gospel

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant, a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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 18th August was £307.33. Thank you.

Catholic East Anglia

The September issue of *Catholic East Anglia*, the diocesan newspaper, is available in the narthex and contains news and pictures from historic ordinations of priests and deacons at St John's Cathedral in Norwich and an honour for a Suffolk nun for a career of teaching and inter-faith relations in Pakistan. This publication is free off charge, so please do take a copy. The newspaper is also available to read on-line at the Diocesan web site or you can follow the link from our own parish web site.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Monica Wright, Paul Trieber, John Edward Grant, John Eaton, Vincent O'Brien, Rose Carter and Richard Twomey 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.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Next Sunday, 1st September, is the world day of prayer for the care of creation. Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this moment to "reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork that he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

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.

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

Readings for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 25th August, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

Collect:

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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. 66:18-21 *They will bring all your brothers from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am going to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Mosech, Rosh, Tubal and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all the brothers, in horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 116

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7,11-13 *The Lord trains the one that he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; there the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 *Men from east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" He said to them, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter but will not succeed. Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying *Lord, open to us* but he will answer, *I do not know where you come from*. Then you will find yourself saying, *We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets* but he will reply, *I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!* Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last."

Prayer over the Offerings:

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your church. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion:

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord