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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1st September 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 22nd Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 1 st September 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Stephen & George RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him (452)
		Offertory: - City of God, How Broad and Far (for words see overleaf)
		Communion: - Blest are the Pure in Heart (66)
		Recession: - Lord of All Hopefulness (329)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 2 nd September	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes Family
Tuesday 3 rd September	St Gregory the Great	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass - Vieira family
Wednesday 4 th September	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Thursday 5 th September	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Friday 6 th September	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Saturday 7 th September	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 8 th September	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert & Mary RIP
23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Bolt family foundation 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!

Offertory hymn

1 City of God, how broad and far
outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are
of every age and clime.

2 One holy Church, one army strong;
one steadfast, high intent;
one working band, one harvest song,
one King omnipotent.

3 How purely hath thy speech come down
from man's primeval youth!
How grandly hath thine empire grown
of freedom, love and truth!

4 How gleam thy watch fires through the night
with never fainting ray!
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,
to meet the dawning day!

5 In vain the surge's angry shock,
in vain the drifting sands;
unharm'd upon the eternal Rock
the eternal City stands.

Today's Gospel

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette - it is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society: it is yet another example of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

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 25th August is not yet available but will be published as soon as it is.

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 of 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 Patrick Burne, Minnie Morris, Robert Richardson, Teresa Austin and Javolslaw Bodnar 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.

Ipswich Film Society

Are you interested in the best of the world cinema as well as joining other members of our community for a friendly regular evening out? There are some brochures with application forms on the table in the Narthex. For more information please speak to Ernest Thomas or Fr. Mathew.

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

Family Fast Day, October 2019

Supporters across East Anglia are being asked to help CAFOD by taking part in its Family Fast Day to be held on Friday 4th October. The Family Fast Day has a long tradition of supporting communities around the world and CAFOD East Anglia rep, Jane Crone, is inviting people to eat simply and give to help people in poverty. “Whether you eat simply at home, have a simple meal with your family or organise a soup lunch with your parish, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to people living in poverty,” said Jane. “People like Fabiano whose village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety.” Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar-powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely.

On Family Fast Day, you are invited to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money saved to help children like Fabiano. “You can make it an event by inviting your family, friends and fellow parishioners to join you in having a simple soup lunch or supper, said Jane. “Your parish's support this Family Fast Day will help provide training, tools and resources to some of the world's poorest people – empowering them to build a brighter future. Get involved at cafod.org.uk/fastday

Readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 1st September, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry out to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect:

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good, and by your watchful care, keep safe what we have nurtured. 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: Ecc.3:19-21,30-31 *Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts no homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 67:4-7,10-11

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 *You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting or thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a "first-born son" and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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 14:1,7-14 *Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.*

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, *Give up your place to this man*. And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, *My friend, move up higher*. In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man that humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again."

Prayer over the Offerings:

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, O Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion:

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, O Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you. Through Christ our Lord.