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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Sunday Readings: Year C

### Weekday Readings Year I: 23<sup>rd</sup> Week of the Year

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

### Services This Week

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert & Mary RIP
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Bolt family foundation Mass
	<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>	
	Entrance: - O God Our Help In Ages Past (392)	
	Offertory: - All That I Am (28)	
	Communion: - Christ Be Beside Me (79)	
	Recession: - Be Thou My Vision (61)	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9:30 am Holy Mass – Janes Family
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9:30 am Holy Mass - Vieira family
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9:30 am Holy Mass
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Feria	9:30 am Holy Mass – Frank Wilfred Janes
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	St John Chrysostom	<b>9:15 am Holy Mass in St Pancras School</b>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:30 am Holy Mass – William Anthony Cowan
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	8:00 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Raymond George James
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

There will be no children's Liturgy today due to holiday absences.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses today for the Catholic Education Service.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

## Today's Gospel

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation and so Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings, rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else - family, money, your own life - must come second. In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point - don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

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## The Catholic Education Service

The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. There are 2122 Catholic schools in England and 87 in Wales. Teaching more than 850,000 pupils, the Catholic church is the largest provider of secondary education and the second largest provider of primary education in the country. This week there will be a retiring collection after each Mass to help support the work of the Catholic Education Service.

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## Home Mission Sunday

Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday, and this year it is 15<sup>th</sup> September. On this day the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and there will be a retiring collection next week to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

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## School Mass

During this school term, the Mass at St. Pancras School on Wednesdays will be changed from 9:30 am to 9.15 am. If we do not have a school mass on a particular Wednesday, we will have a mass in church at 9.30 am instead. In short, all the weekday masses in the church will continue to be at 9.30 am as before. The change will affect only those parents and parishioners who attend the school mass. Please note, this week the school Mass is on Friday.

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## 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.

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## 150 Club

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

£15	No 103	Mr & Mrs M Pakes	£10	No 29	Mr & Mrs T Smith
£5	No 40	Mrs C M Bailey	£5	No 233	Mr T Butcher

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## Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August was £357.81 and on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September it was £396.31. Thank you.

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## Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Patrick Clifford, Jennifer Bishop, Canon William Burrows, Thomas Finnegan, Hilda Moss and Mary Bulbeck 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.*

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## Blessed John Henry Newman

Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonised as a Saint of the Church at St Peter's, Rome, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019. More information about the canonisation ceremony can be found at: [www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com).

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## **Catholic Women's League**

The next meeting of the Ipswich Catholic Women's League will be held in St Pancras church hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm. This will be an open meeting during which Nicky Reynolds will give a talk on the role of the Land Army Girls of World War II, so if anyone is interested please do come along.

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## **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.

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## **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 6<sup>th</sup> October. The form can also be downloaded from the parish web site. The programme kick-off meeting for parents will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00 pm in the Guild Room.

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## **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.

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## **World Day of Migrants and Refugees-29th September 2019**

The 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) will be celebrated on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 (IDPs) and victims of human trafficking, are part a wider concern for all marginalised people.

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## **Extraordinary Month of Mission**

The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with "the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the Missio Ad Gentes and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal". (Pope Francis, WMS 2017).

For more information and to download a guide for the Month of Mission 2019, visit the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emm/>

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## **Side By Side**

Side by Side is the supporter's news magazine published by CAFOD. The latest, Summer 2019, edition is now out and a copy has been posted on the parish web site for anybody interested in reading it. This edition contains articles on the June march for climate action, the Syrian crisis, a solar powered water pump project in Uganda, a report on the aftermath of cyclone Idai and a report about the toilet building nun!

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## **Pilgrimage to Knock – October 2019**

A fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in Ireland will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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## Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat you servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Collect:** O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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:** Wis. 9:13-18 *Who can divine the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 9:3-6,12-14

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

**Second Reading:** Phil. 9-10,12-17 *Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I do not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know that you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my father. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33 *None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, *Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.* Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in this way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."

**Prayer over the Offerings:** O God, who give us the gift of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.