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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 22nd September 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 25th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 22 nd September 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Martin Curry RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - O Worship the King (438)
		Offertory: - Lord Accept the Gifts We Offer (320)
		Communion: - O Jesus Christ Remember (397)
		Recession: - Holy God We Praise Thy Name (213)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 23 rd September		St Pius of Pietreicina
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 24 th September		Our Lady of Walsingham
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 25 th September		Feria – Mass in St Pancras school
	9:15 am	Holy Mass – for St Pancras school
	1:15 pm	Requiem Mass – Carmine Ragosta
Thursday 26 th September		Feria
		No Mass Today
Friday 27 th September		St Vincent de Paul
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Saturday 28 th September		Feria
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 29 th September	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Martin Curry RIP
26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

* Children's Liturgy is held during the 10:00 Mass each Sunday.

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

Today's Gospel

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favour for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

Our Lady of Walsingham

The feast of Our Lady of Walsingham falls on Tuesday next, 24th September. She is the Principal Patron of our diocese and Fr Mathew would like to invite you to attend Mass if possible on that day.

Prayer for the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: Lord God, in the mystery of the Incarnation, Mary conceived your Son in her heart before she conceived him in her womb. As we, your pilgrim people, rejoice in her patronage, grant that we also may welcome him into our hearts, and so, like her, be made a holy house fit for his eternal dwelling. We ask this 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. Amen.

Ipswich Hospital Catholic Chaplaincy

Fr Mathias Odigbo formally resigned as the Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich Hospital on September 1st. A new permanent chaplain is yet to be appointed, but will be made from one of the Carmelite priests who is yet to arrive at St Marks parish. In the mean time, Fr Alan Hodgson, recently appointed curate at St Mary's, will provide cover during the intervening period, assisted in this role by Deacon Clive Brooks. Deacon Clive can be contacted on 01206 396319. Please contact Fr Mathew or Deacon Clive if you or any member of your family is going into hospital or are taken ill in an emergency and require a priest. **Please be aware that for reasons of patient confidentiality, the current practice in the NHS is NOT to inform the chaplains of any Catholics that are admitted to hospital.** So unless you or your relatives inform the chaplains of your hospital stay yourselves, you will not be visited by a priest or any other member of the chaplaincy team.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - 29th September 2019

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 (IDPs) and victims of human trafficking, are part a wider concern for all marginalized people.

Installation of Parish Priests

The Bishop will install Fr Russell Frost as the parish priest of St. Pancras on Monday 7th October during a Mass at 6.30 pm, Fr Paul Vincent OCD will be installed as the parish priest of St. Marks on Sunday 6th October during the Mass at 11.00 am and Fr Peter Raj will be installed as the parish priest of St. Mary's on Monday 21st October at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to these Masses celebrated by our Bishop. In fact it would be wonderful if St. Mary Magdalen is well represented at these Masses.

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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for John Murphy, Patrick Macken, Mary Barbara Moss, Wolfgang Barc, Alison Clarke and Edward Cuffe 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.

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.

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 13th October 2019. More information about the canonisation ceremony can be found at: www.newmancanonisation.com.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 15th September is not yet available but will be published in the next newsletter.

St. Pancras Catholic Primary School and St. Mary's Catholic Primary school

St. Pancras Catholic Primary school has an open meeting on 8th October at 7.00 pm for parents who are thinking about applying for a place for their children in September 2020. St. Mary's Catholic Primary school has two 'open days' on 30th October at 9.30 am and on 31st October at 1.30pm. A reminder to the parents: that the applications should be completed online and sent to Suffolk County Council by 15th January 2020. A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be completed and returned to the school by 15th January 2020. If you need more information, please attend the open days, speak to the schools or to Fr Mathew

World Mission Sunday 20th October and Extraordinary Month of Mission

Baptised and sent: the Church of Christian Mission in the World. The missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised person is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they give themselves to others and build life-giving relationships. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. 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/>

CAFOD Family Fast Day

No one should be beyond reach of love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Donations from parishes will help the poorest in many parts of the world. On 4th October CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal and give the money we save to help children we support who are loved by their parents as we love our own. Fast day envelopes are available in the Narthex. There will be a retiring collection on Sunday 6th October. If possible please Gift Aid your donation.

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.

150 Club – September Prize Draw

The September prize draw of the parish 150 Club, due this Sunday, will be delayed until Sunday 13th October due to holiday absence.

Readings for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 22nd September, 2019

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

Collect: O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Amos 8:4-7 *Against those who "buy up the poor for money".*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, and who say, "When will the New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, "Never will I forget a single thing you have done."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 112:1-2, 4-8 Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second Reading: Tim. 2:1-8 *There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.* My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich in his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 *You cannot be the slave of both God and money.*

**** Shorter form read between ****

Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.' Then the steward said to himself, 'Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.' Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' *One hundred measures of oil* was the reply. The steward said, 'Here take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.' To another he said, 'And you, sir, how much do you owe?' *One hundred measures of wheat* was the reply. The steward said, 'Here, take your bond and write eighty.' The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. ** The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and money." **

Prayer over the Offerings: Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion: Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ Our Lord.