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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 13th October 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 28th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 13 th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Barbara & Jan
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Ford family
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - Father I Place Into Your Hands (133)
		Offertory: -In Bread We Bring You Lord (243)
		Communion:- Amazing Grace (36)
		Recession: - Now Thank we All Our God (375)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 14 th October	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 15 th October	St Teresa of Jesus	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Wednesday 16 th October	Feria	
	9:15 am	Mass in St Pancras school
Thursday 17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Friday 18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Deacon Andrew Morton RIP
Saturday 19 th October	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 20 th October	8:00 am	Holy Mass
29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Rex Ogden RIP
	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 we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Prisoner's Week

Today marks the start of Prisons week which runs up to the next Saturday. Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care, reflected in the Prisons Week Prayer offered throughout the week:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Each day of the week, a new prayer brings into focus a different group affected by prison or criminal justice. Churches and individuals are also asked to reflect on what they might do or offer as part of their response, through the range of Christian agencies and charities involved in supporting Prisons Week. The prayer booklets are available in the Narthex.

Installation of Parish Priests

The Bishop will install Fr Peter Raj as the parish priest of St. Mary's on Monday 21st October at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to this Mass celebrated by our Bishop and it would be wonderful if St. Mary Magdalen is well represented.

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 Frederick Dooley, Lesley Moss, Agnes Marchant, William Lynch, June Drew, Patrick Rea, John Brown, Jean Wade-Smith, Josef Stendera, James Wright and Helen Westbrook 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.

Blessed John Henry Newman

Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonised as a Saint of the Church at St Peter's, Rome, today. More information about the canonisation ceremony can be found at: www.newmancanonisation.com.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 29th September amounted to £429.53. The collection last Sunday, 6th October, came to £369.84. The special collection for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day came to £605.92. It is worth noting that of this amount, £438.00 was Gift Aided, thereby increasing its value by a further £109.50, clearly demonstrating the value to charitable organisations of Gift Aided donations.

St. Mary's Catholic Primary school

St. Mary's Catholic Primary school has two 'open days' on 30th October at 9.30 am and on 31st October at 1.30 pm for parents who are thinking about applying for a place for their children in September 2020. 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 school 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/>

150 Club – September Prize Draw

The delayed September prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made today in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass. Why not join us, have a cup of coffee with your fellow parishioners, and then you can be there in person to collect your prize! This draw will include the mid year bonus prizes.

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 still available in the narthex, or can be downloaded from the parish web site. To enrol your child, please complete a form today. The programme kick-off meeting for parents takes place this afternoon, 13th October at 4:00 pm in the Guild Room. It is a *parents only* meeting. Please come along even if you have not yet completed a form and you will be given one at the meeting.

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.

RCIA

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.

Catholic Women's League

As October is the month of the Rosary, the next meeting of the Ipswich CWL, to be held on Tuesday, 15th October, will commence in St Pancras church at 2:30 pm with the praying of the Rosary, led by the Chairman Judy Fell. This will be followed by tea and biscuits in the church hall. All are welcome to come along.

Eucharistic Ministers

Would ministers please note the new rota available on the notice board in the narthex, or downloadable from the parish web site

FIND

Have you wondered about the round tub in the corner of the church entrance porch? Families In Need (FIND) is our local foodbank. It is a registered charity providing a lifeline in our area (www.findipswich.org.uk). Parishioners of St Mary Magdalen have been supporting FIND for many years by donating food items into that bin which is emptied every week and taken to the foodbank. The need for non-perishable, basic food is constant and FIND depends on your donations: rice, pasta, long life milk, toiletries, tins (vegetables, fruit/desserts, fish, meat), cook-in sauces, tea bags, instant coffee, sugar, Jam, soup, biscuits, cereals... Please think of FIND when you do your shop and help fill the tub.

Readings for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 13th October, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect:

May your name, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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: 2Kings 5:14-17 *Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. "Now I know", he said, "that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please accept a present from your servant." But Elisha replied, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing." Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "Since your answer is 'no' allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 97:1-4

He Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 2Tim. 2:8-13 *If we hold firm, then we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 *No one can come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." And he said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion:

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.