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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 20th October 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 29th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 20 th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Suamus RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Rex Ogden RIP
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure(32)
		Offertory: - O God Our Help In Ages Past (392)
		Communion:- Lord For Tomorrow and Its Needs (322)
		Recession: - The Servant King (Words overleaf)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 21 st October	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 22 nd October	Feria	
	9:00 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 23 rd October	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Thursday 24 th October	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Friday 25 th October	Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Ellen Maguire
Saturday 26 th October	Feria	No Mass
Sunday 27 th	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert & Mary
October 30 th	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

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

Today there will be a retiring collection at all Masses for Missio.

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

Recessional Hymn – the Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

*This is our God, the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King*

Today's Gospel

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. And every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News, and by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

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 baptized 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/>

Weekday Masses

Please note changes this week – Tuesday's mass will be at 9:00 am as Fr Mathew has to attend a meeting in Norwich, and there will be no mass on Saturday.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 13th October amounted to £357.79. Thank you.

Installation of Parish Priests

The Bishop will install Fr Peter Raj as the parish priest of St. Mary's tomorrow, 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 Evelyn Sweeny, Christine Firmin, Malcolm Long, Kathleen Galloway, Lillian Margaret Park, George Roberts, Doris Butterworth, Alec Rumford and William Swann 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.

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.

150 Club – September Prize Draw

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

£15	No 221	Mrs T Rose	£10	No 228	Mr C Croker
£5	No 58	Karen Ingleton	£5	No 238	Mrs A Payne
Bonus Prizes:£40	No 221	Mr & Mrs M Pakes	£20	No 235	Mr S Moore

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

The *Parents Meeting* of the 2020 First Communion Programme took place last Sunday. Parents of any children still wishing to join the classes need to fill a form and meet Fr. Mathew at the earliest possibility. The first instruction class for those on the programme will be held in the Guild Room next Sunday, 27th October, starting at 4:45 pm.

Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of John Henry Newman

Solemn Mass in thanksgiving for the Canonisation of John Henry Newman will take place on Tuesday 29th October – at Our Lady & the English Martyrs, Cambridge, at 7pm: Preacher: Mgr Roderick Strange (St Mary's Catholic University, Twickenham). Also on Tuesday 5th November – at the Cathedral church of St John the Baptist at 7pm: Preacher: Fr Michael Rear

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.

FIND

Have you wondered about the round tub in the corner of the church entrance porch? Families In Need (FIND) is our local food bank. 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 food bank. 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 20th October, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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:

Exo. 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Pick out men yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hill top, the staff of God in my hand." Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword, Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 120

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading:

2Tim. 3:14-14:2

The man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. "There was a judge in a certain town," he said "who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefitting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.