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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 27th October 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 30th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 27 th October 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert & Mary
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (242)
		Offertory: - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (116)
		Communion:- O Jesus Christ Remember (397)
		Recession: - Holy Virgin By God's Decree (218)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 28 th October		Saints Simon and Jude - Apostles
		No Mass Today
Tuesday 29 th October		Feria
		No Mass Today
Wednesday 30 th October		Feria
	9:30 am	Holy Mass (in church)
Thursday 31 st October		Feria
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Friday 1 st November		Feast of All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	Holy Mass
Saturday 2 nd November		The Commemoration of all The Faithful Departed
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Sunday 3 rd November 31 st	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Fryatt family
	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.

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

Today's Gospel

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude to prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

All Saints Day

Friday of this week, 1st November, is All Saints' Day, a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven whether recognised as saints by the church or not. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, on which all Catholics are required to attend Mass. Mass will be celebrated in the morning at 9:30 and at 7:00 pm.

All Souls Day

Saturday, 2nd November, is All Souls Day, or more correctly called the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but many like to additionally attend Mass on this feast to pray especially for all those family members, friends, associates and other acquaintances who have passed away.

November – The Month of Remembrance

The parish community as a whole will pray for the departed souls from our parish in the month of November. If you have anyone to be specially remembered, please write his or her name on a piece of paper and put it in the box on the altar. The box will remain on the altar for the whole month of November. There are also special envelopes in the Narthex to offer Masses for the dead.

All Souls-Tide Blessing of Graves

The traditional Blessing of Graves in the Ipswich cemetery will take place on Sunday, November 3rd at 3 pm. We assemble in the Lawn Cemetery, and after saying together Afternoon Prayer from the Office of the Dead, clergy will be available to be taken to, and bless, individual graves.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for Sunday 20th October is not yet available but will be published next week.

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 Peter Donnelly, Douglas Robinson, George Lawrence, Terence Ferris, Frederick Peck, Stanley Manthorpe, Francis McMahon, Luisa Scott, Doris Parker, Robin Haywood-Farmer, Francis Walmsley-Cotham, Josie Maksymiw, Mabel Youngman, Evelyn Murray, Winifred Flory and Jean Hynes 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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

The first instruction class for those on this programme will be held in the Guild Room this afternoon starting at 4:45 pm. Parents of children still wishing to join must speak to Fr Mathew immediately.

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

St Edmund's Fund

Caritas East Anglia encourages, supports and co-ordinates works of social outreach in the diocese. It is a member of the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the social action arm of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The management team of Caritas East Anglia includes representatives of each deanery and of caring organisations active in the diocese. The St Edmund's Fund, which makes crisis grants to needy individuals and families, is administered by Caritas East Anglia, and to assist in this work, there will be a retiring collection taken after all Masses next Sunday, 3rd November.

Fireworks

The Friends of St Albans Catholic High School will be holding a Fireworks Fun Night on Friday 1st November in the grounds of the school, Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ. The gates open at 6:00 pm with the fireworks starting at 7:15. There will be various stalls selling refreshments, games, candy floss and popcorn. Ticket prices in advance are £4 adult, £3 child, £15 family (2 adults and up to 5 children). On the day prices are £5 adult, £4 child, £20 family. Free parking is available. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St Alban's" and payment made to the school office in an envelope marked "Fireworks". For ticket returns please include name and address details in a marked envelope. For more details email: friendsofstalban1@gmail.com.

Date for your Diaries

The Friends of St Alban's are holding a Christmas Craft Market on November 16th from 10 am until 2 pm at St Alban's Catholic High School, Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ. There is no entry fee. There will be a range of handmade crafts, gifts, refreshments & more with all proceeds going towards a school minibus.

Parish 150 Club

The October draw of the 150 Club is due to be made today. However, there are a number of subscribers who pay 6 monthly, and whose contributions for the second half of the year are now due. It has therefore been decided to delay the draw by one week to allow those payments to be made and ensure those numbers are included in the draw. It will now be made after 10:00 Mass on Sunday 3rd November.

Aid to the Church In Need

RedWednesday is a day of prayer, action and fund raising organised by *Aid to the Church in Need*, and this year takes place on 27th November. The world is largely silent when it comes to religious persecution, so it is up to us to defend religious freedom and shine a light on the sufferings of persecuted Christians and help highlight the plight of Christians suffering because of their faith – especially in Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and China. In this, our prayers and action are vital. Further information about this year's campaign can be found on the *Aid to the Church in Need* website: <https://acnuk.org/ourcampaigns/red-wednesday>.

The God Who Speaks

2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'. Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word. Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. For more information on this project visit <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>.

Readings for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 27th October, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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. 35:12-14, 16-19 *The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of the poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Second Reading: 2Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18 *All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 *The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all that I get.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said. 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' This man, I tell you, went home at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion:

May your sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.