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Please contact Deacon Clive Brooks (01206 396319) or let Fr Mathew know if you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital. 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, you will not be visited by a priest or any other member of the chaplaincy team.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: 3rd November 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 31st Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 3 rd November 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance: - Thine Be The Glory (554)	
	Offertory: - All That I Am (28)	
	Communion:- Love Divine All Loves Excelling (337)	
	Recession: - Alleluia Sing to Jesus (15)	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 4 th November	St Charles Borromeo	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Winifred Flory (Foundation Mass)
Tuesday 5 th November	Feria No Mass	
Wednesday 6 th November	Feria No Mass	
Thursday 7 th November	Feria No Mass	
Friday 8 th November	Feria No Mass	
Saturday 9 th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica No Mass	
Sunday 10 th November	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert & Mary
32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Frank Edward Janes junior
	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!
There will be a retiring collection taken after each Mass today for the St Edmund's fund.

Today's Gospel

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners, yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognizes the faith this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

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 today.

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

This afternoon the traditional Blessing of Graves in the Ipswich cemetery will take place 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.

Weekday Masses

Please note there are no weekday Masses on Tuesday – Friday this week as Fr Mathew is away on a diocesan training event.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for Sunday 20th October was £346.26. The retiring collection for the work of Missio came to £195.10. Thank you. The collection for Sunday 27th will be published next week.

Refurbishments: Font, Lectern and Floor

Fr Mathew writes: *"In the coming weeks the church floor will be professionally cleaned. We would like to take this opportunity to bring back the matching font and lectern that were removed due to practical inconvenience. After due deliberation and consultation with the diocesan Liturgy Commission and the priests who were involved in the installation and removal of the font and the lectern, I have decided to have them back slightly altered. I hope that it will enhance our celebrations."*

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.

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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for John Cuffe, Corrado Giudieiani, Walenty Bialobrzycki, Minnie Spooner, Margaret Woods, Mary Dwyer, Cyril Youngman, Dermont O'Connell, Ellen McCarthy and Michelina Di Franco 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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

The instruction classes for those on this programme continue today starting at 4:45 pm in the Guild Room.

Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of John Henry Newman

Solemn Mass in thanksgiving for the Canonisation of John Henry Newman will take place on Tuesday, 5th November, at the Cathedral church of St John the Baptist in Norwich at 7pm. The preacher at this special service will be Fr Michael Rear.

Parish 150 Club

The delayed October draw of the 150 Club will be made today in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass. Why not join us for coffee, and then you can collect your prize in person!

Catholic East Anglia

The November edition of the Diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, is available in the narthex – it is free of charge so please do take a copy and keep yourself apprised of news and developments across the diocese of East Anglia. You can also read the newspaper on line by following the link on the parish web site.

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://acunuk.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/>.

RCIA

There are still 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.

Ipswich Film Society

Are you interested in the best of the world cinemas 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.

Readings for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 3rd November, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive things you have promised. 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. 11:22-12:2 *You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.*

In your sight, Lord the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Second Reading: 2Thes. 1:11-2:2 *The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of the Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered around him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 *The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zachaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: "Zachaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house" they said. But Zachaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, "Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

Prayer over the Offerings:

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion:

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.