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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19th January, 2020

Peace Sunday

Sunday Readings: Year A

Weekday Readings: Year II, Second Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

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| Sunday 19 th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:00 am | Holy Mass – Holy Souls |
| | 10:00 am* | Holy Mass – Richard Fox RIP |
| | Hymns for 10:00 Mass | |
| | Entrance: - At the Name of Jesus (50) | |
| | Offertory: - Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (342) | |
| | Communion:- Lord Jesus Christ (326) | |
| | Recession: - Now Thank We All Our God (375) | |
| | 6:00 pm | Holy Mass – People of the Parish |
| Monday 20 th January | Feria | Note Mass is at 9:00 today not 9:30 |
| | 9:00 am | Holy Mass – Janes family |
| Tuesday 21 st January | St Agnes | |
| | 11:00 am | Requiem Mass for Richard Fox |
| Wednesday 22 nd January | Feria – at St Pancras School | |
| | 9:15 am | Holy Mass – K J Mathew RIP |
| Thursday 23 rd January | Feria | |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Richard Fox RIP |
| Friday 24 th January | St Francis de Sales | |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Vieira family |
| Saturday 25 th January | The Conversion of St Paul | |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Daisy Abraham RIP |
| Sunday 26 th January | 8:00 am | Holy Mass – Vieira family |
| | 10:00 am* | Holy Mass – Adolf von Fragstein RIP |
| 3 rd 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

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel, the primary Gospel for Cycle A, to read from John's Gospel. Last Sunday, we heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism but instead, in this account, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us: John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptises with water, Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry - the purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptised in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Today is Peace Sunday

Every year *Pax Christi*, as the Catholic movement for peace in England and Wales, promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day Message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. It works across England & Wales with a small team of paid staff and volunteers to promote the gospel message of peace through outreach work, peace education in schools, presence on social media and in the press, and the production of well-respected resources. In the media, we see scenes of terrible human suffering as a result of violent conflict. Feeling overwhelmed and unable to help is understandable. Alongside heartfelt prayers, we are invited to be part of the many parishes who have a collection for the work of *Pax Christi* at this time as a way to make a practical contribution to building peace in our world and consequently there will be a retiring collection taken. After each of today's Masses to support the work of *Pax Christi*.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

The 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a unique opportunity for mission and evangelisation. This year's Week is 18th - 25th January. Please visit www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer for more information.

Stella Maris – The Apostleship of the Sea

Stella Maris Supporters Mass will be held in the chapel at the Felixstowe Port Seafarers Centre on Tuesday 28th January at 2.30pm. This is open to all and you will be very welcome. Please enter by Dock Gate 1. For any enquiries or for further information please contact Julian Wong on 07709309168.

CAFOD Volunteering

CAFOD is currently recruiting new school volunteers. Use your free time to inspire young people to build a fairer world: CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. It needs people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing its work in secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid.

Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools and you can either work on your own or as part of a team. None of CAFOD's work is possible without you, so join CAFOD and put your faith into action.

If you are interested please contact Jane Crone, Community Participation Officer for East Anglia Diocese by mail: jcrone@cafod.org.uk or by telephone, 01223 358552 or mobile 07779 804252.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, Margaret Arbon, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Monica Ford, Josephine Kalagira, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Annick Smith and Pippa Williamson.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for Sunday 12th January was £392.99. Thank you.

Richard Fox RIP

Richard, a long standing member and supporter of the parish, sadly passed away on Friday 20th December after illness bravely borne. On Tuesday, 21st January, at 11:00 am we will celebrate a requiem Mass for Richard, which will be followed by his interment at the Ipswich Millennium Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of Richard's soul and remember his widow Jo and the rest of his family in your prayers.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Giuseppe Micelli, Ivy Scaife, Josephine Horne, William Irvine, Anna Graham Peket, Sarah Kelly, John Mc Rase, John Frederick Hughes and Mary Corrigan 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.

Sunday of the Word

With his *motu proprio Aperuit Illis* Pope Francis has established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (this year- Sunday 26th January) to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Bishop has cancelled the planned diocesan celebration on that day at the Cathedral and has instructed the priests to instead have it in their own parishes. Our readers will be re-commissioned at all masses on that Sunday. For more information see: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/thegodwhospeaks>.

2020 is the 1,600 anniversary of Saint Jerome's death and the 10th of Verbum Domini - Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord'. The Bishops of England and Wales are marking these events by designating 2020 a year of focus on the Bible. There will be other events all through the year. We are planning a Lenten Bible study group. On Saturday 7th March Churches Together in Ipswich are organising an event Named "Enjoy the Bible: Sensing the Sacred through Art and Music at The St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich, IP1 1QU. It will be from 9.30 am to 1.00pm. The event is free, but registration is necessary. To register please go to www.enjoy-the-bible.eventbrite.co.uk or call 07780613754. More details on the poster in the narthex. Copies of *motu proprio Aperuit Illis* can be bought from CTS for £3.95. There are simple printed copies of the whole text in the narthex free for you to take home and read, or you can download a copy from the parish web site.

The Angelus and the Dowry of Mary

England has been known as the 'Dowry of Mary' for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was built. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as 'her dowry.' He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later, and so, for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. On 29th March, 2020, England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, 'some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden.' We profess our faith in 'The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us,' and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ.

Ipswich Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Ipswich branch of the CWL will be held on Tuesday 21st January, starting with Mass in St Pancras church at 2:30 pm and followed by a social in St Pancras church hall. New members will be most welcome to come along, existing members are reminded that their subscriptions are due!

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Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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:

Isa. 49:3,5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified"; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 39:2,4,7-10

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading:

1Cor. 1:1-3

May our God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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:

John 1:29-34

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: *A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.* I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion:

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.