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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: 26th January, 2020

Sunday Readings: Year A

Weekday Readings: Year II, Third Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

Sunday 26 th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Adolf von Fragstein RIP
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance: - The Lord is my Shepherd (533)	
	Offertory: - I the Lord of Sea and Sky (712)	
	Communion:- This Is My Body (556)	
	Recession: - Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer (190)	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 27 th January	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 29 th January	Feria – at St Pancras School 9:15 am	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Thursday 30 th January	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – James and Margaret Wright (FM)
Friday 31 st January	St John Bosco 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Saturday 1 st February	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Eric List RIP (FM)
Sunday 2 nd February	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Charles Vieira RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Molly McGarry
The Presentation of the Lord	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's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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. Today, our readers will be re-commissioned at the Mass they normally attend. 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.

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 19th January was £479.20. The retiring collection for the work of *Pax Christi* amounted to £114.52. Thank you. Both of these amounts were up slightly on the equivalent Sunday last year.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for John Mc Rase, Edward Coyle, Kitty Finn, Elizabeth Millar, Andrew Murray, Alfred Sheppard and Elizabeth Powell 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.

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.

Parish 150 Club

The January prize draw of the 150 Club will be made in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass today. The proceeds of this venture are much reduced this year and we desperately need new or additional membership. If you are not a member, please sign up today. If you are not sure the Club works, speak to Fr Mathew or Michael Long. This is quite a painless way of providing much needed additional financial support to your parish, and there are prizes to be won too!

Catholic East Anglia

The February edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is now available in the narthex. Please take a copy – they are free of charge! This edition of the newspaper contains among other interesting items, an article on the induction of the new Carmelite order at St Mark's parish and also on the refurbishment of the St Joseph's college chapel. The newspaper can also be read on –line: simply visit the parish web site and click on the link in the news article.

Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy

There is a mixed faith chaplaincy team working at the Ipswich Hospital, Heath Road. This team, in part full time staff paid by the NHS and in part volunteers, helps minister to the spiritual needs of in-patients. The newly appointed Catholic chaplain for the Ipswich Hospital is Fr Bineesh OCD, based at St Marks. Fr Bineesh can be contacted on 01473 684963. He is assisted by Deacon Clive Brooks who can be contacted on 01206 396319, and supported by lay volunteers drawn from 4 of the 5 the Ipswich parishes.

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Each Sunday morning, a volunteer Eucharistic Minister from one of the Ipswich parishes, visits the hospital to take Holy Communion to those that have requested it. However, as the hospital gives no patient information to the chaplains, the team has no knowledge of Catholic patients and can make no provision for any spiritual care or ministry to you unless advised by you yourself. So if you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital and would like to receive the ministrations of the Church whilst there, please let Fr Bineesh or Fr Mathew know, or leave a message for Deacon Clive.

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Entrance Antiphon:

O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in 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: Isa. 8:23-9:3 *In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 26:1,4,13-14

The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 1:10-13,17 *Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: "I am for Paul", "I am for Apollos", "I am for Cephas", "I am for Christ". Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt. 4:12-23 *He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophesy if Isaiah was to be fulfilled*

*** Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophesy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.* From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*** As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went around the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Short form: read between ***

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.