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The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 9th February, 2020

Sunday Readings: Year A

Weekday Readings: Year II, Fifth Week of the Year

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors and especially to Fr Carmine of the Verona Fathers who is celebrating Masses today

Services This Week

Sunday 9 th February The Presentation of the Lord	8:00 am	Holy Mass – The Smith family
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Richard Fox RIP
		Hymns for 10:00 Mass
		Entrance: - All People That On Earth Do Dwell (27)
		Offertory: - God, Whose Almighty Word (words overleaf)
		Communion:- Alleluia Sing To Jesus (15)
		Recession: - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross (610)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 10 th February		St Scholastica No Mass Today
Tuesday 11 th February		Feria No Mass Today
Wednesday 12 th February		Feria No Mass Today
Thursday 13 th February		Feria No Mass Today
Friday 14 th February		Sts Cyril and Methodius No Mass Today
Saturday 15 th February		Feria No Mass Today
Sunday 16 th February	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert, Mary & George RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
6 th 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!

Offertory Hymn 10:00 Mass God Whose Almighty Word

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Saviour who came to bring
On your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the in-ly blind,
Ah! Now to all mankind,
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the lamb of grace,
and in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

Blessèd and Holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might;
boundless as ocean tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

Today's Gospel

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Verona Fathers Mission Appeal

Today we welcome Fr Carmine, a visiting priest from the Verona Fathers. Fr Carmine will be making an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionary Order of Verona (the Verona Fathers) and has kindly agreed to celebrate all three masses with us today in Fr Mathew's absence. Please make him very welcome. There will be a retiring collection taken after all three Masses to help support the missionary work of the Verona as Fathers.

Racial Justice Sunday

Today, 9th February, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. When he met with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities, Pope Francis said: "The time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are so often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others." The aim of this Racial Justice Sunday is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.

Weekday Masses

Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week as Fr Mathew is still away on retreat. Whilst away, he will be unavailable either by mobile phone or by email. We wish him a safe journey and a fulfilling and spiritually rewarding trip.

Sunday of the Word

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 run from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. 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 the Apostolic letter *motu proprio Aperuit Illis*, which institutes the Sunday of the Word, 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.

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 2nd February was £460.35. Thank you.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Percy Beavis, Mary Conlon, Edmund Miles, Ellen Farrell, Catherine Bates, Lucille Spence, William Lower, Margaret Cleary, Arthur Bonner, Victoria Pagnillo, Mary Cuffe, Winnie Long, Harry McAuliffe and Elsie Robinson 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.

Catholic Women's League

The Ipswich Section of the CWL would like to invite you to its Valentide Tea Party to make new and chat to old friends. To be held in St Pancras church hall, the party will take place at 2:30 on Tuesday 18th February. The event will include a bring and buy sale and a raffle. Tickets, costing £3.50 each, will be available after Mass or on the door on the day. Monies raised will be used to support local and national charities, CWL charities and help run the Ipswich Section.

Children's Liturgy Group

Those who attend 10:00 Mass on Sunday will know of the success of our Children's Liturgy Group. The children go out of Mass at the beginning of the service for their own liturgy held in the Guild Room. Sessions usually consist of simple prayers, the day's readings, suitably abridged and simplified for the younger audience, along with some form of activity related to the readings. At the moment, we have three catechists who lead these sessions on a rota basis, but for this group to continue and grow, we need more adult helpers to spread the load. If you think you might be able to help with this group, please speak to Fr Mathew or Collett Long. If you would like to find out more before deciding if you would like to get involved, why not come out with the children one day to see and listen for yourself.

First Holy Communion Programme

Unfortunately, Ernest Thomas, our catechist who leads the First Holy Communion programme, has been unwell and is for the moment unable to continue. Consequently, the classes scheduled for 9th and 16th February have been cancelled. The situation will be reviewed on Fr Mathew's return and further announcements made at that time.

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Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Collect:

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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. 58:7-10 *Then will your light shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord: *Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say "I am here." If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 111:4-9

The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 2:1-5 *During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great "fear and trembling" and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt. 5:13-16 *You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven."

Prayer over the Offerings:

O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion:

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.