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The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 27th June, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Thirteenth Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

Sunday 27 th – 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am 10:00 am (Streamed) 6:00 pm	Holy Mass – Vieira family Holy Mass – Doreen Andrews RIP (FM) Holy Mass – The People of the Parish
Monday 28 th	St Irenaeus 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 29 th	Saints Peter and Paul 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 30 th	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Ernie Lacey RIP (FM)
Thursday 1 st July	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Leslie Harry Robinson
Friday 2 nd	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Elsie Mary Lacey RIP (FM)
Saturday 3 rd	St Thomas - Apostle 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Gladys & George Collins
Sunday 4 th – 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am 10:00 am (Streamed) 6:00 pm	Holy Mass – Emily Earley RIP Holy Mass – Mary & Stanley Poll RIP Holy Mass – The People of the Parish

The 10:00 Mass on Sunday is streamed live. The link to watch this on the Mass Times page of the parish web site.

Under the current restrictions there will be no Children's Liturgy group, no coffee after church and no hymns sung at 10:00 Mass. The bidding prayers will not be said, the homily will be kept short, the collection and offertory procession will be omitted, the sign of peace will not be exchanged and special arrangements for Holy Communion will apply. **We are committed to following the Government guidelines on social distancing.** Please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance separation from each other whilst entering, leaving and inside church and remember that government regulations require that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

Today's Gospel

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon.

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing - one tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter, the other tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a haemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus' impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus' worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus' home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus' faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community, the other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly, the other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions, but in each case, they seem to emphasise the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.

Thank You

A special thank you goes out to all those who gave up their time on Saturday 19th June to help tidy up the church grounds. A lot was achieved but there remains more to do, so watch this space for a further opportunity to help out!

First Holy Communion 2022

Parents who would like their children to celebrate their First Holy communion in 2022 are welcomed to book their places. Enrolment forms are available in the narthex, or can be found on the parish web site. An enrolment form must be completed for each child, signed, dated and returned to Fr Mathew no later than Sunday 10th October 2021. There will be a kick-off meeting for the parents of all the children enrolled and this will take place at 4:00 pm in the Parish Room on Sunday 17th October. We hope to begin the classes in November 2021.

Living Stones Prayer group

A joyful, friendly community which meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, Ipswich, to praise, worship and listen to the word of God together in a way that is open to the Holy Spirit and affiliated to the English Charis National Service Communion. These sessions are open and all are welcome.

Teaching Vacancies

Two Catholic teaching vacancies have been announced:

Coastal Executive Head Executive head teacher for St Mary's (Lowestoft) and St Mary & St Peter (Gorleston)

Head of School Head of school at St Mary & St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston.

Full details of these posts, along with application forms, can be found on the Diocesan Website, <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/schools/school-vacancies/>

The closing date for applications for both vacancies is midday Friday 2nd July, 2021.

Congratulations

A celebration Mass con-celebrated by Bishop Alan for a number of priests from across the Diocese who were celebrating ordination jubilees last year and this year, took place at Poringland on June 23rd. Congratulations to all of them and especially to Fr Dick Healey, former St Mary Magdalens parish priest, who celebrated 40 years of priesthood last year but the celebration was cancelled due to Covid, and our dean of the St Edmund's Deanery, Fr John Barnes of St Felix church, Felixstowe, who celebrates 25 years.

Returning to Normal

As Government restrictions are gradually being lifted, we can begin to return to something a little closer to normality. With that in mind we are seeking people to think about signing up for the various roles and duties normal parish life involves. We need volunteers to read at Mass, we need flower arrangers, we need cleaners, we need collection counters, we need people to make coffee after Sunday Mass, we need people who can sew and help repair vestments and altar cloths, we need people to help with children's liturgy, we need people to help as catechists – to prepare First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and adult converts, we need people with practical skills to help with maintenance (carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, gardening), we need people who can help by providing lifts to church for the elderly or housebound – the list is endless!

We all have God-given talents and everybody is asked to think about how they can use the talents they have to help contribute to the life of our parish, and to make your offer of service known either using the contact form on the parish web site, or by speaking to Fr Mathew. To get things fully back up and running we need lots of help so please do think seriously about what you can do to play your part. The more volunteers we have, the more life we can bring back to our parish post-lockdown, and the wider we can spread the workload so as not to over-burden a few. But it would be nice not just to get back to normal but to build and improve on what we had before and use this restart as a catalyst to help rejuvenate the parish. Thank you in anticipation.

The New Parish Room

Work should be starting on Monday 28th June to remodel the front of the church to form the entrance to the new parish room. During these works the church entrance area may be disrupted and whilst everything will be safe, extra care should be taken to avoid any dirt or debris and avoid treading it into church.

The Sick of the Parish

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

Parish Anniversaries

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Hugh Scott (2001), Michael Rock (2005), Paulo Buglione (2004), Catherine Crewdson (2004), Clive Ivemy (1981), Margaret Robinson (1983), Margaret Twomey (1984), Ethel Glendenning (1980), Frank Morris (1981), Michael Melvein (1983) and Sebastian Higgins (2018) whose anniversaries occur this week. A complete list of anniversaries of all the dear departed of the parish can be found on the web site.

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.

Mass Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 27th June, 2021.

Entrance Antiphon:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

First Reading: Wis. 1:13-15;2:23-24 *It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 29:2,4-6,11-13

Response to the psalm is: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me	his favour through life.
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.	At night there are tears,
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,	but joy comes with dawn. ☩
Restored me to life from	The Lord listened and had pity.
those who sink into the grave. ☩	The Lord came to my help.
Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,	For me you have changed my
Give thanks to his holy name.	mourning into dancing,
His anger last but a moment;	O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. ☩

Second Reading: 2Cor 8:7,9,13-15

In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 *Little girl, I tell you to get up.*

*When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life." Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. "If I can touch even his clothes," she had told herself "I shall be well again." And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples said to him, "You see how the crowd is pressing round you, and yet you say 'Who touched me?'" But he continued to look all around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. "My daughter," he said "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint." While he was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, "Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?" But Jesus overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, "Do not be afraid; only have faith." And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep". But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, "Talitha, kum!" which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up." The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat. **Shorter form – read italicised text only.***

Prayer over the Offerings:

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Prayer after Communion:

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts forever. Through Christ our Lord.