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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8th August, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Nineteenth Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

Sunday 8 th – 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – The Vieira family
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Laura Croker RIP
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – The People of the Parish
Monday 9 th	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	
	10:00	Holy Mass – Connie Riches
Tuesday 10 th	St Lawrence	
	10:00	Holy Mass – The Janes family
Wednesday 11 th	St Clare	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Thursday 12 th	Feria	
	No Mass Today	
Friday 13 th	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
Saturday 14 th	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 15 th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 am	Holy Mass The Vieira family
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Laura Croker RIP
	2:00 pm	Syro Malankara Mass
	6:00 pm	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 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. Although no longer mandatory, we are committed to following Government guidance 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 guidance is still that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

Today's Gospel

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognise him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God; those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our Eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

Parish 150 Club

The July prize draw of the 150 Club was made last Sunday, 1st August. Congratulations to the following winners:

£15	No 28	Mrs D Casey	£10	No 234	Mrs C Riches
£5	No 216	Miss S Fosker	£5	161	Mr & Mrs T Smith.

There is room in the Club for more members and it is never too late to join. If you are not a member please do sign up and help support your parish. Application forms are available in the narthex and on the parish web site.

Petition for an Apology

Fr Mathew writes: "I would like to encourage you all to sign a petition (you may choose not to do so) for an adoption apology for women and their babies, now adults who were cruelly separated by past forced adoption practices. A study in 1968 of mother and baby homes revealed that 11.6% of the homes were run by the Catholic Church. I am aware that it all happened, including the study even before I was born and in countries that I thought I would never be in. (Well, India had worse incidents and they have not addressed them yet). But there is a collective Catholic responsibility to encourage healing. The link to follow in order to sign the petition is: <http://movementforanadoptionapology.org>"

Offertory Receipts

During the lockdown, and restricted Mass attendance post-lockdown, the parish income through the "collection plate" has been reduced, but we are grateful to those who have switched to standing order payments or have made direct payments on-line to help keep the bills paid! The offertory income for the month of June was £1949.66 of which £839.66 was collected at church in the collection box and £1110.00 was donated by standing order direct to the parish bank account. Additionally, the special collection taken on Sea Sunday for the work of Stella Maris amounted to £200.34. Thank you all for your generosity.

Photo Gallery

A new section has been added to the parish web site – a photo gallery showing a series of pictures of our church over time. If you have any pictures of the church, the hall or parish life over the years, and would like them added to the collection, please contact webmaster@marymagdalens.org.

Catholic East Anglia

The August edition of the *Catholic East Anglia* newspaper is now available online and paper copies are available in narthex. This publication is free of charge – please do take a copy home with you. The edition includes reports on the latest priestly ordination, a Catholic boy from a council estate that became Lord Mayor of Norwich and catechists honoured for passing on their faith. There is also an East Anglian CAFOD report from the G7 Summit in Cornwall and a Papal honour for a Cambridge Catholic.

If you are not attending church to collect a copy, you can read it on-line on the parish web site.

Icon of St. Joseph

The icon of St. Joseph is going around the diocese for special prayers for families. Our chance to welcome the icon is on Sunday is on the Sunday after Christmas - the Feast of the Holy Family. Here is a prayer from the Holy Father to St Joseph for all families to pray.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ grew to maturity.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen*

Step 4 Guidance from the CBCEW

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued a statement of guidance to churches following the Step 4 easing of Covid restrictions by the Government, which commenced on 19th July. This guidance is available to read on the parish web site.

Confirmation Classes

As in previous years, we are going to be part of a three-parish group with St Marks and St Pancras, to prepare candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. It is hoped that classes will commence in September. Candidates from school Year 9 upwards are invited to register their interest. The confirmation round in 2019-2020 never took place due to Covid restrictions, and candidates who were part of that group are also welcome to resume or revise their preparations.

It is also hoped to hold RCIA preparation classes if there is enough interest. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults interested in becoming Catholic or for Catholics who missed out on key events, for example the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you are interested in either one of these classes, or even both, please contact Martin Pakes on 07918 174651, email contact@marymagdalens.org or use the contact form on the parish web site.

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 Anne Glaze (2002), Jaqueline Luzny (1995), Giuseppe de Dona (2009), Carole Johnson (2018), William Kerr (1970), Cyril Robinson (1970), Iris Harvey (2006), Alice Ashard (2000), Veronica Hudson (1978) and Douglas Clark (2006) 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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 8th August, 2021.

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which 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, forever and ever.

First Reading: 1Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'O Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 33:2-9

Response to the psalm is: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. ☩

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. ☩

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
From all my terrors he set me free. ☩

The angel of the Lord is encamped
Around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. ☩

Second Reading: Eph. 4:30-5:2 *Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God as children of his that he loves and follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:41-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Prayer over the Offerings:

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion:

May the communion in your sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.