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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19th September, 2021 **Education Sunday**

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Twenty Fifth Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

Sunday 19 th – 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass - The Vieira Family
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass - Martin Curry RIP (FM)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
Monday 20 th	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – The Janes Family
Tuesday 21 st	St Mathew, Apostle & Evangelist No Mass Today	
Wednesday 22 nd	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
Thursday 23 rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – The Vieira Family
Friday 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – The Vieira Family
Saturday 25 th	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Claude Turner RIP (FM)
Sunday 26 th – 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass The Vieira Family
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass

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

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house and in this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday 26th September is the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

The Holy Father has sent a message for this event, the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In the light of the recent disturbing scenes broadcast from Afghanistan, this day for migrants and refugees will have special poignancy. The theme for this year is "Towards an ever wider *we*" which is a major theme in the Pope's encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti*. The Pope's message pays particular attention to the care of our common family, which, together with the care of our common home, encourages us to become ever more welcoming and can be read on the parish web site. Other articles and interviews can be found on the CBCEW web site.

Nuala Scarisbrick RIP

Some of you may know this name - Nuala Scarisbrick was one of two co-founders with her husband, of the pro-life charity LIFE. She passed away peacefully at her home with her family around her on 31st August. She has left a wonderfully legacy having worked tirelessly for the rights of the unborn child since founding LIFE in 1970. Please remember her in your prayers and also pray for her family and all who mourn her passing. You can read more about Nuala Scarisbrick in a tribute article which you can find on the parish web site.

Vacancy

St Mary & St Peter Catholic Primary School in Gorleston, part of the St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust, is seeking to appoint a new Head of School to start as soon as possible, or in January 2022. Further details of the position along with an application form, can be found on the trust website stjohnthebaptist-cmat.org.uk and on the school web site smspprimary.co.uk or you can follow the links from the parish website article. Closing date for applications is Friday October 1st, with interviews for the selected candidates to follow on Thursday and Friday 7th and 8th October.

FIND

The organisers of FIND, the local support group for Families in Need, have passed on their thanks to the parish now that we have restarted food collection. We are told that 145 food parcels were sent out last week so the need is still there. Whilst all items donated will be gratefully received, there is a particular need for lentils, tinned tomatoes, peanut butter, tinned peas, tinned fruit, soup, flour and small (40 pack) teabags. The FIND tub in the narthex is there ready for any donations you are able to make, and our parish collectors are standing by to take your donations to the FIND depot for distribution. Please be generous.

Mass for Miscarriage

On Sunday 10th October at 12 noon, there will be a special Mass of consolation and hope for families who have lost a child. The Mass, organised by the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission, will be celebrated at the church of Our Lady & St Ethelreda, Newmarket. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Parish 150 Club

The September prize draw, which will include the September Bonus prizes, will be held in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass next Sunday, 26th September.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022 – A Reminder

The programme for children making their First Holy Communion in 2022 will be starting shortly. Children to join the programme must first register - to do this please download the registration form from the parish web site or take a hard copy from the narthex, complete, sign and date it and return it to Fr Mathew no later than October 10th. Valentina Borja Herrera is appointed as our new First Holy Communion Catechist. The diocesan Safeguarding Administrator is arranging her DBS. The first parents-only meeting will be on 17th October 2021 at which we intend to make decisions about the classes and the celebrations. This year we will use the new parish room for the classes. It will be slightly different from last year's as we are all now familiar with modern technology and online materials. The new room will have high speed internet facility. After the initial classes, Valentina will take her maternity leave, during that time Collett Long and Rity Sunny will continue the classes. After the return of Valentina we hope to celebrate the First Holy Communion in June 2022.

Thanks

Many thanks to the stalwarts who gave their time yesterday to help with tidying and general maintenance activities of the hall and grounds. The parish hall generates a significant income for the parish, without which we would be in serious financial trouble, and for the hall to remain an attractive prospect for those who rent it, it has to be kept in good shape, and that in turn relies on parishioners to give generously of their time and talents. Thanks to all those who already do so. To those who do not, please think seriously about the God-given talents you have and how these can be applied to help the parish – we need all the help we can get! Special thanks go to Linis Dolby, our hall manager, for organising this session and for the significant time and effort she gives to the parish.

Marriage Preparation

With the return to relative normality after the Coronavirus restrictions were lifted, the diocesan *Marriage and Family Life Commission* is preparing to return to in-person marriage preparation in 2022. On the parish web site, you can find the new registration form with details of the preparation provided and links for online enrolment and payment details.

As well as parish-based sessions using the *So Great A Mystery* Diocesan programme, couples will also need to sign up for a Saturday session on the *Smart Loving* program with Dr Bonnie Lander-Johnson, the marriage and family life coordinator for the Diocese. Sessions will be offered throughout 2022 in various locations in the diocese, details of which can again be found on the parish web site. If you have any questions in relation to Catholic marriage preparation please speak to Fr Mathew or contact the Marriage and Family Life Commission by email at mflc.eastanglia@yahoo.co.uk.

The Sick of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, 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 Sarah Quinn (1962), James Wright (1994), Bertie Armes (1988), John Murphy (2018) and Mary "Barbara" Moss (2009) 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.

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Collect:

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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. 2:12,17-20 *Let us condemn him to a shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 53:3-6,8

Response to the psalm is: *The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth. *R*

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. *R*

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *R*

Second Reading: James 23:146-4:3 *Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 *The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself the servant of all.*

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Prayer over the Offerings:

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion:

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.