

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady, Star of the Sea**



29th Week of Ordinary Time, Year C
Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week I

“Now will God not see justice done to his chosen
who cry to him day and night
even when he delays to help them?”

Luke 18:7

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Parish Church: Catholic Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Gordon Road, Lowestoft, NR32 1NL.

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Sacramental Preparation: Applications are made by Contacting Fr Pádraig – one month's notice is required for the Sacrament of Baptism and six months' notice for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - frpmfoh@gmail.com – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

Parish School: St Mary's, Kirkley Cliff - Tel: 01502 565384 - Website: www.stmarysrcps.com

Gospel Reflection

“This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, “Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?” In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.” **Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings:** <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

Consultation on Sunday Mass Times

The arrival of a new Parish Priest always provides a good opportunity for a review of the current Sunday Mass schedule and then to make any necessary changes. Currently there is not sufficient time between the two Sunday morning Masses for the Parish Priest to provide Pastoral Care to those who attend St Nicholas at 9am. With this in mind the following Four proposals are being made and **all Parishioners** are asked to email (or Snail Mail!) their preference to Fr Pádraig by the end of October please.

A) Saturday 5pm at St Nicholas', Sunday 9am and 11am at Our Lady's.

B) Saturday 5pm at St Nicholas', Sunday 8am and 10am at Our Lady's.

C) Saturday 5pm at Our Lady's, Sunday 9am at St Nicholas' and 11am at Our Lady's.

D) Saturday 5pm at Our Lady's, Sunday 8am at St Nicholas' and 10am at Our Lady's.

All future Weekday Masses will take place as advertised in the Weekly Newsletter.

Parish Devotions: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every week after the Saturday Morning Mass, from c.9:30 to c.10am, during which Confessions will be available. **NB** Confessions will no longer take place on Saturday Evening. The Rosary will be prayed together following each of the weekday Masses at Our Lady's, c.9:30, during this month of Our Lady.

First Holy Communion – Preparation Classes are due to begin in November. If your child is in year 3 or above please contact Fr Pádraig ASAP for a Registration Form.

The Listening and Prayer Ministry is looking to recruit new Helpers.

Do you feel called to be a more active part of the loving face of the Church? If so, you might be interested in joining the Diocese's Listening and Prayer Ministry. If you are a good listener, have compassion for others in their need, believe in the power of prayer to change lives and are in agreement with Church teaching, you could join our team who are already assisting parishioners in need by offering listening and prayer support. Applications to be received by mid December 2022, with interviews taking place online and training planned to commence in January 2023. Members of prayer groups, counsellors, those interested in counselling or people who use similar skills in their work would probably be well suited to this ministry although it is definitely not limited to these individuals. For more information on the Ministry and for a Person Specification please visit: www.rcdea.org.uk/prayer-ministry-needs-good-listeners-with-compassion/

Could you be a Foundation Governor in one of our Catholic Schools?

The Diocese of East Anglia is responsible for 26 schools across the diocese. They all need foundation governors to provide support and challenge and oversight of the work of the school. We need more practising Catholics to put themselves forward to serve as foundation governors. If this is something you feel you might be able to contribute to (and full training and support will be provided) we would love to hear from you. Please contact Andy Stone, Director of Schools' Service by email andy.stone@rcdea.org.uk or by phone on 07500701977 if this could be something of interest to you.

Dates for you Diary...

28/10/22 – K.S.C. Free Friday Lunch in the Stella Maris Hall at 12:45 – all are welcome.
30/10/22 – Installation Mass at 10:30am celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes.
10/11/22 – First Parish In-Council Meeting at 7:30pm in the Stella Maris Hall. Topics to be discussed and Items for the Agenda to be sent to Fr Pádraig by **Sunday 6th November**.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2022

22nd/23rd October – Missio – The Association for the Propagation of the Faith.
19th/20th November – Youth Sunday – Diocesan Youth Service
10th/11th December – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £345.59 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£403). Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: October 16th – October 22nd

Saturday 15th - 17:00 - Our Lady's (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: Jose Ximemes (RIP)

Sunday 16th - 09:00 - St Nicholas' (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: People of the Parish

Sunday 16th - 10:30 - Our Lady's (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for:

Monday 17th - 09:00 – Our Lady's (Mem, St Ignatius of Antioch)
Offered for:

Tuesday 18th - 12:00 – Our Lady's (Feast, St Luke)
Offered for:

Wednesday 19th - 09:00 - Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for:

Thursday 20th - 09:15 - St Nicholas' (Feria)
Offered for:

Friday 21st - 09:00 - Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for:

Saturday 22nd - 09:00 - Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for: Private Intention

Saturday 22nd - 17:00 - Our Lady's (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for:

Sunday 23rd - 09:00 - St Nicholas' (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: People of the Parish

Sunday 23rd - 10:30 - Our Lady's (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: Tony Long (RIP)

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.
Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.
