

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



30th Week of Ordinary Time, Year C
Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week II

“For anyone who exults himself will be humbled,
but the man who humbles himself
will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14

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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

“The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.”

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.**

Missio – World Mission Sunday

This weekend is World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: 'The essence of mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the father and of humanity.' All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the material needs of Catholic communities too young, too small or too poor to support themselves. Donations help them to live out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity.

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...

- 27/10/22** – The Parish Prayer Group meets in OLSS church at 3pm. All are welcome.
- 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 £357.34 (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. We pray for the **Rest of the Soul of Lisa McDowell** and for her family at this time.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: October 23rd – October 29th

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

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)

Monday 24th - 09:00 – Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for: Private Intention

Tuesday 25th - 12:00 – Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for:

Wednesday 26th - 09:00 - Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for: Private Intention

Thursday 27th - 09:15 - St Nicholas' (Feria)
Offered for:

Friday 28th - 09:00 - Our Lady's (Feast, St Simon & St Jude)
Offered for:

Saturday 29th - 09:00 - Our Lady's (Feria)
Offered for: Private Intention

Saturday 29th - 17:00 - Our Lady's (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for:

Sunday 30th - 09:00 - St Nicholas' (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: People of the Parish

Sunday 30th - 10:30 - Our Lady's (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for:

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.
