

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



**31st Week of Ordinary Time, Year C**  
*Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week III*

“...for the Son of Man has come  
to seek out  
and save what was lost.””

Luke 19:10

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A Registered Charity (Charity Commission No. 278742)

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

**Chapel of Ease:** St Nicholas' Catholic Church, Morton Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0JQ.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysrcps.com)

### **Gospel Reflection**

“In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house. Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.”

**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 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 **Weekday Masses** will take place as advertised in the Weekly Newsletter. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place every week after the Saturday Morning Mass, during which **Confessions** will be available. The **Rosary** will be prayed together following each of the weekday Masses at Our Lady's.

### **First Holy Communion Classes**

Preparation Classes are due to begin. If your child is in year 3 or above and they wish to Celebrate their First Holy Communion in the Summer of 2023 then please contact Fr Pádraig ASAP for a Registration Form. The first meeting is at 4pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov

## **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/](http://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](mailto:andy.stone@rcdea.org.uk) or by phone on 07500701977 if this could be something of interest to you.

## **Dates for you Diary...**

**3/11/22** - Littleway Zoom Evening of Healing, 7-9pm. All are very welcome to join: <https://zoom.us/j/98503370245> - Meeting ID: 985 0337 0245 Password: 643344.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

**11/11/22** – K.S.C. Free Friday Lunch in the Stella Maris Hall at 12:45 – all are welcome.

## **Upcoming Second Collections for 2022**

**19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November** – Youth Sunday – Diocesan Youth Service

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December** – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund

## **Weekly Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £358.64 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£403), and for the second collection of £105.18 taken in support of Missio. 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 30<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for:
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for:
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - 09:00 – Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Private Intention
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 – St Nicholas'** (All Saints' Day)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- 12:00 – Our Lady's  
Offered for: Ben & Alex Walmsley (RIP)
- 18:00 – Our Lady's  
Offered for: Kathryn Munden (RIP)
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:00 - St Nicholas'** (All Souls' Day)  
Offered for: Pope Francis
- 12:00 - Our Lady's  
Offered for: Queenie Ada (RIP)
- 18:00 - Our Lady's  
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Charles Borromeo)  
Offered for:
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Private Intention
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for:
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
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