

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



**33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year C**  
*Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week I*

“All these things you are staring at now -  
the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another:  
everything will be destroyed.””

Luke 21:5

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**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.

**Other Clergy:** Rev. Fr. Stephen Bould; Rev. Fr. Neville McClement, Rev. Mr. Stephen Pomeroy.

**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.

### **Gospel Reflection**

“In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways. To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience. In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for “It will lead to your giving testimony” (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation. Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.”

**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 – Complete!**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November) 2022 the Sunday Mass Schedule will be as follows:

**Saturday 5pm at Our Lady's, Sunday 9am at St Nicholas' and 11am 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, from c.9:30 to c.10am, 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 have already begun. 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. **Meetings take place at 4pm on Saturdays in the Stella Maris Hall, followed by Mass at 5pm in the Parish Church (OLSS).**

## **Healing After Abortion**

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, North Norfolk. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Healing Weekends offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing. Do email so that we can correspond or arrange a time to chat. East England contact: [sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk) Further info about RV: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

## **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/)

## **APF/Missio Red Boxes**

Any final Red Boxes ready for emptying/counting need to be brought back ASAP, please. These will be returned to you for your continued support over the coming year.

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

**15/11/22** - Littleway Prayer and Praise Evening on Zoom 7-9pm. All very welcome. <https://zoom.us/j/98503370245> - Meeting ID: 985 0337 0245 - Password: 643344.  
**24/12/22** – Christmas! Mass and Service Times are now on the Parish Website...

## **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 £391.65 (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: November 13<sup>th</sup> – November 19<sup>th</sup>

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: Marie & Kathleen Walshe (RIP)
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: Peter & Christopher Bostock (RIP)
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 – Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Bishop-Elect Peter Collins' Intention
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 – Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Private Intention
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - 09:15 - St Nicholas'** (Feria)  
Offered for: Lorenzo Ada (RIP)
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Private Intention
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: Harry, Iris & Pascoe Family (RIP)
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)  
Offered for: Ray Hammond (RIP)

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**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.

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