

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



34th Week of Ordinary Time, Year C
Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week II

“...You got the same sentence he did, but in our case we deserved it:
we are paying for what we did.
But this man has done nothing wrong.””

Luke 23:42

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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 – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

Gospel Reflection

“Today as the Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.”

Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

An Extract from the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI, *Quas Primas*, on the Feast of Christ the King: “It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavours. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his "charity which exceedeth all knowledge." And his mercy and kindness (Eph. iii, 9.) which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," (Dan. vii, 13-14.) since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.”

The full text of this Encyclical can be found by following this link:

https://www.vatican.va/content/pius-xi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xi_enc_11121925_quas-primas.html

NB: From Next Sunday – 27th November – the 10:30 Mass will be at the slightly later time of 11am.

Red Wednesday

Wednesday 23rd November is set aside as a day of prayer for persecuted Christians. We are encouraged, in support of Aid to the Church in Need, to wear something Red on that day as a sign of support for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are persecuted for their Christian faith.

First Holy Communion Classes

Preparation Classes have 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 Saturday.**

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, March 17 – March 19th 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 Further info about RV: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

Dates for you Diary...

10/12/22 – Parish Christmas Celebration at 1pm – more details to follow...

11/12/22 – Lowestoft Civic Carol Service at 3pm in the Parish Church (OLSS).

24/12/22 – Christmas! Mass and Service Times are now on the Parish Website...

Upcoming Second Collections for 2022

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 £415.07 (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. Our Parish also received £218.80 from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust as our share of this year's Sponsored Bike Ride – a big thank you to all who took part in this.

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 20th – November 26th

- Saturday 19th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: Harry, Iris & Pascoe Family (RIP)
- Sunday 20th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 20th - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: Ray Hammond (RIP)
- Monday 21st - 09:00 – Our Lady's** (Mem, The Presentation of the B.V.Mary)
Offered for: A Special Intention
- Tuesday 22nd - 12:00 – Our Lady's** (Mem, St Cecilia)
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Wednesday 23rd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Clement)
Offered for: For Persecuted Christians
- Thursday 24th - 09:15 - St Nicholas'** (Mem, St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions)
Offered for: Janice Lafferty (RIP)
- Friday 25th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Saturday 26th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Brian Lafferty (RIP)
- Saturday 26th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)
Offered for: Aubrey Shaw's Intention
- Sunday 27th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 27th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)
Offered for: Deceased Brothers of the KSC

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.
