

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



7th Week of Easter, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week III

“And eternal life is this:
to know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.””

John 17:2

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

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.

Catholic Primary School: St Mary's, Kirkley Cliff Road, NR33 0DG. Tel: 01502 565384. For more information please visit the school website: <https://www.stmarysreps.com>

Gospel Reflection

“Today’s reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus’ final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples. Jesus’ prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John’s Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father’s work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus’ life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John’s Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus’ death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit. In today’s Gospel we also note the distinction found in John’s Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus’ prayer is for the disciples’ work in the world.”

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

Dates for your Diary...

25/05/2023 - Prayer Group: Everyone is welcome to join us to sing, pray and praise the Lord on Thursday 25th May at 3pm at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Please bring your bible.

29/05/2023 – The community of Our Lady of Walsingham are holding an ‘Open Gardens’ event on Monday 29th May from 12:30pm to 5:30pm at the House of Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, NR20 4AZ. For more information, or to book a Cream Tea, please visit their website: <https://walsinghamcommunity.org/>

11/06/2023 – There will be a Bring and Buy Cake Sale after the 11am Mass on Sunday 11th June. Donations of baked goods, in any shape or size, would be much appreciated, being brought either to the church on the morning of or to the Presbytery in advance.

24/06/2023 – There will be a Parish Bingo Evening in the Stella Maris Hall on Saturday 24th June starting at 7pm. Tickets costing £5pp will go on sale soon and will include entrance and a delicious Meal of a Baked Potato and a selection of Toppings. Bingo Strips and Raffle Tickets will be on sale throughout the night. Donations of prizes for this event would be greatly appreciated; please drop them at the church at any time.

02/07/2023 – The Parish First Holy Communion Celebration will take place at the 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd July. Please continue to pray for all of our children at this time.

Annual Marriage Celebration Mass

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to join him at the annual Marriage Celebration Mass on Saturday June 3rd at 11.30 at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist. All married couples and their families are welcome! Those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries (one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, or individual years from 60 years onwards) will receive a certificate from the Bishop. If you would like to register for a certificate please visit the website <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, Dr Antonia Braithwaite, on mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk Join us after Mass for tea and cake in the Cathedral Hall. Photographs of couples with the Bishop will be available online after the day.

Family Enrichment Conference

Raising a family as a couple or as a single-parent has always been challenging. Issues range from spousal relationship, social media influence, challenging behaviour at home, how to pass on the Catholic Faith and many others. Everyone is invited to attend the Family Enrichment Conference on Saturday 10th June 2023 to explore these topics and to take home practical tips and encouragement from the four guest speakers. The conference will start at 11:00am at Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda church hall in Newmarket. To book tickets and for more details, please visit <https://familyenrichmentconference.eventbrite.co.uk> or email fecjune2023@gmail.com. Children's activities and lunch are free but need booking due to limited spaces. Free parking.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

20th/21st May – Catholic Communications Network – World Communications Day.

26th/27th May – Life Charities – Day for Life.

1st/2nd July – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Work.

8th/9th July – Missio – Mill Hill Mission Appeal.

29th/30th July – Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £353.64 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£398). 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. **We Pray in particular for the response of the soul of Kathleen McAteer who passed away peacefully on Monday 15th May at her home in Kilsyth, with family around her, aged 91 years.** 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: May 21st – May 27th

- Saturday 20th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(7th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Frank Capaldi (RIP)
- Sunday 21st - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(7th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 21st - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(7th Sunday of Easter, Year A)*
Offered for: Paddy Rooney (RIP)
- Monday 22nd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Tuesday 23rd - 12:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for:
- Wednesday 24th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Easter Feria)*
Offered for: Tracey Howarth (RIP)
- Thursday 25th - 18:00 - Our Lady's (Followed by 1/2hr Adoration)** *(Mem, St Bede)*
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 26th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Mem, St Philip Neri)*
Offered for:
- Saturday 27th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** *(Feast, St Augustine of Canterbury)*
Offered for: Our Lady's Intentions
- Saturday 27th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** *(Pentecost Sunday, Year A)*
Offered for: Tony & David Fernando (RIP)
- Sunday 28th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** *(Pentecost Sunday, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 28th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *(Pentecost Sunday, Year A)*
Offered for: Ita Miller's Intention

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.
