

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



**11th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A**  
*Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week III*

“And as you go,  
proclaim that the kingdom of heaven  
is close at hand.””

Matthew 10:7

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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.

**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.

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

### **Gospel Reflection**

“In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church. Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word apostle when referring to the Twelve. The word apostle means “one who is sent.” In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.”

**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...**

**24/06/2023** – There will be a Parish Bingo Evening in the Stella Maris Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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; pleased 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please continue to pray for all of our children at this time.

### **Knights News**

We pray for the repose of the soul of past Grand Knight Bro Michael Heil, Golden Jubilarian of Lowestoft Council 518, who died at Southwold last weekend.

Parishioners have donated the listed items for Ukraine in both collecting boxes at church. Food, medical supplies, nappies, towels and bed linen have been gratefully received by the Lowestoft organiser David Bulkley. However, in view of the severe flooding caused by the recent dam breach, donations are needed more than ever.

### **Angela Ellis (RIP)**

The Funeral Service for Angela Ellis will take place at the Waveney Memorial Park & Crematorium on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9am. Parishioners are welcome to attend this short service and to support Angela's family with their prayers, and/or to attend the requiem Mass for Angela in the parish church (OLSS) at 12noon that same day.

### **Radio Maria**

Whether you find encouragement praying with others on-air or tuning into a conversation between listeners and interesting guests who can bring you new insights and help you feel less alone in your faith, Radio Maria is an invaluable Christian voice wherever you may be. We broadcast on Digital Radio in Cambridge, London, South Birmingham and Bristol areas. There is a free Radio Maria Play App for your mobile phones. Ask Alexa to "Play Radio Maria England". Or – listen online at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk).

### **Repository**

There are a selection of First Holy Communion Cards and Gifts on sale in the Repository. All items on the table at the back of OLSS cost £1, and others items in the Repository, such as Rosary Beads and Prayer Books, are priced individually. Our Parish Communion take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **Prayer Group**

Everyone is welcome to join us to sing, pray and praise the Lord on Wednesday 21st June at 3:00pm at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Please bring your bible.

### **Upcoming Second Collections for 2023**

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

**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July** – Missio – Mill Hill Mission Appeal.

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> July** – Society of St Columban – Mission Appeal.

### **Thank You**

A very big 'Thank you' to all who helped in anyway with the Parish Cake Sale last Sunday – especially to Pamela and Anne – and which went very well. A sum of £80.00 was raised for parish funds. Thank you all for baking, buying or supporting this event.

### **Weekly Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £400.12 (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. 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: June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Christine Jansen (RIP)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: The Deceased of the Capaldi Family

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - 12:00 - Our Lady's (Requiem Mass)** (Mem, St Aloysius Gonzaga)  
Offered for: Angela Ellis (RIP)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, St John Fisher  
Offered for: Paul Radforth's Intention & St Thomas More)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Etheldreda)  
Offered for:

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Solemnity, The Nativity  
Offered for: of St John the Baptist)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Michael Fernando (RIP)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: James & Edna McNamee (RIP)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish

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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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