

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady, Star of the Sea



12th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week IV

“Do not be afraid.
For everything that is now covered will be uncovered,
and everything now hidden will be made clear.”

Matthew 10:26

Parish Priest: **Fr Pádraig Hawkins**

Parish Priest's Phone Number: **01502-572453**

Parish Priest's E-Mail: **frpmfoh@gmail.com**

Parish Address: **The Catholic Presbytery
19 Gordon Road
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR32 1NL**

Parish Web Site: www.ourladystarofthesealowestoft.wordpress.com

R.C. Diocese of East Anglia:
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.
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.stmarysrcps.com>

Gospel Reflection

“We read today’s Gospel in the context of last week’s Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week’s reading and today’s reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples’ commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today’s Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth. This section of Matthew’s Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew’s intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today. In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.”

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

The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul

The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, falls on the 29th June. There will, therefore, be both a **Vigil Mass on Wednesday 28th at 6pm** and a **Mass of the Day on Thursday 29th at 12noon**.

Gospel Reflection for St Peter and St Paul

“Mark places this incident at Caesarea Philippi. Luke, because of the importance he wishes to give to prayer in his Gospel, places it in the context of Jesus praying. But Matthew keeps it at Caesarea Philippi. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a “field report” by asking what people are saying about him. He refers to himself as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that “Son of Man” is best understood to mean “human being.” As Jesus turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe, Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they

believe Jesus to be the Christ. “Christ” is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for “messiah,” which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the “messiah” was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Because Jesus has referred to himself a number of times in Matthew by Christological titles this moment is not the revelation of who Jesus is as in Mark. Instead it marks an important moment in the development of the Church. Jesus uses this occasion to bless Peter, who represents all the disciples but also has a unique role to play in the founding of the new community. Peter is blessed not because of a personal insight but because God revealed to him who Jesus is. Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build the Church.”

Time, Talents and Treasures

Thank you all for your many positive and encouraging responses so far. For those who haven't yet been able to complete a form but would like to do so, extra copies may be found at the back of the church, or please just speak to Fr Pádraig.

Dates for your Diary...

02/07/2023 – The Parish First Holy Communion Celebration will take place at the 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd July, followed by a celebration in the Stella Maris Hall, to which all are invited. Please continue to pray for all of our children at this very special time.

19/08/2023 – There will be a Parish Afternoon Tea held in the Stella Marris hall on the Afternoon of Saturday 19th August. Further details will be available soon.

SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The SVP National Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Sunday 2nd July. The Pilgrimage will include Mass at 1:30pm, Celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick at 3:15pm and Benediction at 4pm. The Pilgrimage is being led by Bishop Peter and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

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 £433.42 (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 25th – July 1st

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

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

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

Monday 26th - 09:00 - Our Lady's *(Feast, Dedication of the Cathedral)*
Offered for: The Diocesan Family

Tuesday 27th - 12:00 - Our Lady's *(Feria)*
Offered for: In Thanksgiving (Reami)

Wednesday 28th - 09:00 - Our Lady's *(Mem, St Irenaeus)*
Offered for: Bishop Alan's Intention

Wednesday 28th - 18:00 - Our Lady's *(Solemnity, Vigil of St Peter & St Paul)*
Offered for: Bishop Peter's Intention

Thursday 29th - 12:00 - Our Lady's *(Solemnity, St Peter & St Paul)*
Offered for: Pope Francis' Intention

Friday 30th - 09:00 - Our Lady's *(Feria)*
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 1st - 09:00 - Our Lady's *(Feria)*
Offered for: Our Lady's Intention

Saturday 1st - 17:00 - Our Lady's *(13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)*
Offered for: Michi McLellan (RIP)

Sunday 2nd - 09:00 - St Nicholas' *(13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)*
Offered for: People of the Parish

Sunday 2nd - 11:00 - Our Lady's *(13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)*
Offered for: First Holy Communion Children

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.
