

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady, Star of the Sea



13th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week I

“Anyone who finds his life will lose it;
anyone who loses his life for my sake
will find it.”

Matthew 10:39

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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.

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Gospel Reflection

“Today’s Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew’s audience. The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew’s Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew’s community, this choice brought division to their family. Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus’ followers. In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him. Today’s Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus’ name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God’s love.”

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...

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.

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 are on the posters around the church.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

There will be a Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham On Saturday 5th August being led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II. There is great need for prayer. The UK Government have pressed on with their determination to impose abortion on the unwilling population of Northern Ireland. Abortions in Scotland have reached a record high. There is continued pressure to introduce Assisted Suicide, a Parliamentary Committee in England and Wales currently taking evidence. Looking more widely there is increasingly aggressive silencing of views opposed to the liberal agenda, the latest examples being the arrest of a woman for silently praying outside an abortion clinic which was not even open, and the imposition of 'buffer zones' around

abortion facilities. We hope that you will be able to join the pilgrimage, if not in person then online, and through the year to come to help as many as possible to 'accept the gift' of life. More information is available at www.prolifepilgrimage.org

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 £426.84 (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.

We pray especially for all those making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

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| Emily | Eliska | Vera |
| Matthew | Graciela | Venancio |
| Tristan | Mia | Annabelle |
| Daniel | Alicja | Alex |
| Jakub | Harry | Theo |
| Ester | CJ | Leon |
| Teddie | Eliza | Keturah |
| Esme | Ester | Lenon |

And for those who were recently Baptised, Confrimed and made their First Holy Communion.

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Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: July 2nd – July 8th

- 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: Antonio Giuseppe D'Amore (RIP)
- Sunday 2nd - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Frist Holy Communion Children
- Monday 3rd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, St Thomas)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Tuesday 4th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Wednesday 5th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Thursday 6th - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 7th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Michael Heil (RIP)
- Saturday 8th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Our Lady's Intention
- Saturday 8th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: In Thanksgiving (Franks)
- Sunday 9th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 9th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Alfred Stone (RIP)

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.
