

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



22nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week II

“If anyone want to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross
and follow me.”

Matthew 16:25

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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 – 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

“Today’s Gospel continues the story that began in last week’s Gospel. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in his way of the cross. Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way. Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus’ disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.”

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

Parish 100 Club

Why not join the Parish ‘100 Club’?! A single number for a whole year (October to September) costs just £12 and you can purchase as many ‘Numbers’ as you like. On the first Sunday of each month, beginning this October, a draw will be made from among all the purchased ‘Numbers’ producing three Winners, 1st, 2nd and 3rd, each of whom will win a cash prize. To buy your own ‘Number’ please collect a form from either Fr Pádraig or Mrs Caroline Langan on email: cazzylangan_249@hotmail.com.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above) are due to begin – please collect your application form for either Preparation Class directly from Fr Pádraig at the end of whichever Mass you happen to attend. Those preparing for Confirmation will meet for the first time at 3pm Saturday 23rd September. Parents and children beginning FHC preparation will meet for the first time at 3pm on Saturday 30th September. Both meetings will be in the Stella Maris Hall.

Dates for your Diary...

12/09/2023 – The next CWL meeting is on Tuesday 12th September at 1:30pm in the Stella Maris Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Knights News

- 1 - Daily Mass Scheme for the KSC is on Monday 4th September 6pm at OLSS.
- 2 - Volunteer Recording stewards are needed for the SHCT Ride and Stride at OLSS from 9am on Saturday 9th September - please contact Chris Tel 563208 if you can spare an hour. To sponsor Janet's cycle ride please contact her in person or sign up on the yellow sponsor form on the church notice boards.
- 3 - A Quiz & Chips social evening in aid of Parish funds is being organised by the KSC for parishioners and friends on Saturday 23rd September from 6pm in the Stella Maris Hall. Prices include choice of supper at £10 adult (+ £2 worth free raffle tickets) and £5 child by payment on the day. Teams of four adults (+ accompanied children) needed for the quiz. Please bring a prize for the raffle. Supper should preferably be pre-booked on the list on the notice board at OLSS to give an idea of number. See posters and leaflets for full details.

Heritage Open Days – 8th to 19th September 2023

As in previous years and with many other heritage venues in Lowestoft, we will be taking part in the above national event. Pick up one of the HoD printed guides to see what is on where and when. **Our Lady's** will be open to the public each day between 2pm and 4pm. with the option of using our state-of-the-art digital church guide and taking a guided trip up the tower for a panoramic view of Lowestoft. There will be the following events: Saturday 9th, 2pm to 3pm, The Arcani Ensemble with a recital of baroque and pre-baroque music. Monday 11th, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Marie Long playing modern piano music by: Einaudi, Glass, Crain and Tierson. Sunday 17th, 2:15pm to 3:15pm, The Aurora Consort will sing unaccompanied pieces from the 13th C to the present day. ALL EVENTS ARE FREE and do not need to be pre-booked. Tony and Pat Walmsley would welcome support with the stewarding. Please see them if you can give some time. **St Nicholas** will be open for public visits on Saturday 9th from 9am to 4pm. If you can help with stewarding, please see Mary Hunt.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

16th/17th September – Home Mission Sunday.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £345.45 (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: September 3rd – September 9th

- Saturday 2nd - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Tony Smith (RIP)
- Sunday 3rd - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 3rd - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Mrs Theresa Madden (RIP)
- Monday 4th - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Lowestoft Council 518 Knights of St Columba
- Tuesday 5th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Bishop Alan Hopes' Intention
- Wednesday 6th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Delia Burden (RIP)
- Thursday 7th - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 8th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, the Nativity of the B.V.Mary)
Offered for: Our Lady's Intention
- Saturday 9th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Saturday 9th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Simon Aspinall (RIP)
- Sunday 10th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 10th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for:

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.
