

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



**25th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A**  
*Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week I*

“Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, ‘Woman, this is your son.’ Then to the disciple he said, ‘this is your mother.’”

John 19:27

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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.stmarysreps.com>

### **The Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham – 24<sup>th</sup> September**

“The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was established around 1061 when, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad (c 1485), Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. “ Our Lady led Richeldis in spirit to Nazareth and showed her the house where the angel had greeted her. ‘Look, daughter’ said Our Lady. ‘Take the measurements of this house and erect another one like it in Walsingham, dedicated to praising and honouring me. All who come there shall find help in their need. ‘It shall be a perpetual memorial to the great joy of the Annunciation, ground and origin of all my joys and the root of humanity’s gracious Redemption. This came about through Gabriel’s message that I would be a mother through my humility, and conceive God’s Son in virginity” (*Pynson Ballad 1485*). The Lady Richeldis was a holy woman with a great love of the Mother of God. She asked Our Lady for a way to honour her, and it was from this desire in her heart that the events of Walsingham unfolded. Richeldis was not a visionary like the children in Lourdes and Fatima. She was a woman of faith, she pondered, meditated and prayed. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. This Holy House was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation. Although we have very little historical material from this period, we know that with papal approval the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c 1150). Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom. Walsingham is therefore a Marian Shrine of the Incarnation, a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at “the great joy of the Annunciation.” Let us, like Mary, conceive Him in our heart, that we may bring Him forth into our world, rejoicing with His Mother. Let us find help in our need here at Mary’s ancient Shrine where we rejoice with the Mother of God in the truth that “The Word became flesh and lived among us”.”

**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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:cazzylangan_249@hotmail.com).

## **First Holy Communion**

Parents and Children beginning Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) will meet for the first time at 3pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Stella Maris Hall. Confirmation preparation Classes have already begun.

## **Collections for Ukraine Relief**

The Lowestoft outlet for the donation of goods for Ukraine has now closed. The KSC thank all donors who have responded these past months but will not hold any further collections. Any money donated to 'KSC Council 518' by mid-November to assist the Hope Now Christmas Mission 2023 will be forwarded by the Knights in time for this project. Contact Bro Chris. Brooks - Tel. (01502) 563208.

## **Heritage Open Days**

Thank you to all the parishioners who helped to make this year's events at Our Lady's and St Nicholas a success, again this year. There were 123 visitors to Our Lady's and 50 to St Nicholas. Visitor donations totalled £133. The visitor questionnaire forms showed some interesting responses. For example 65% said they learned new things about churches and 39% that many of the features were new to them. Once again Our Lady's proved how good it is as a venue for musical performance. All three events were well attended and appreciated.

## **St Vincent de Paul Open Festival**

S.V.P. East Anglia is holding two Open Festival Days, on 30th September in Norwich and 1st October in Newmarket. If anyone would like to come along and find out more about the work of S.V.P. please contact [PresidentE06@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentE06@svp.org.uk) for more details.

## **Upcoming Second Collections for 2023**

**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Missio – APF – World Mission Sunday.

**25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November** – Diocesan Youth Service – Youth Sunday.

**16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December** – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund.

## **Weekly Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £438.23 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£398) and for the second collection of £43.77 for Home Missions and the work of Evangelisation. 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 24<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Tony Manning (RIP)
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Anthony Beenham (RIP)
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: David Ames (RIP)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Vincent de Paul)  
Offered for:
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: The Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, Holy Archangels)  
Offered for:
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Jerome)  
Offered for: Our Lady's Intention
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for:
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Glenn's Intention (Birthday)

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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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