

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



26th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week II

“In your minds
you must be the same
as Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:5

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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

“The context for today’s Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers’ tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today’s Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that “actions speak louder than words” and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father’s will. Jesus’ conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John’s message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.”

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

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above) have already begun. For late admittance please speak to Fr Pádraig.

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.

Dates for your Diary...

02/12/2023 – The Parish Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December 10am to 1pm. Any donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

09/12/2023 – The Christmas Quiz will take place on Saturday 9th December at 7pm. Teams of 6. £5 per Ticket and will include a buffet and refreshments.

Prayer Group Meeting

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

Knights News

1. The KSC LOTTERY 2023 Autumn Draw took place last week with the following supporters winning Twenty Pounds each - Jenny Heil, Stephen Pomeroy and Mary Hinson - congratulations! There is one further KSC draw to be held around Christmas time for this year's Knight's lottery.

2. Thanks to all brothers of the Council who prepared or worked at the event to support the Quiz & Chips Parish social event last Saturday evening and to all who came to share and support this Parish Social. £260.00 was raised for Parish funds and a good time was had by all.

SHCT Ride and Stride

Janet thanks all sponsors for their support. So far £433 has been collected with just a few left to pay. 50% of the money raised is returned from the Trust to our Parish.

Parish 100 Club

The First Draw of the newly established Parish 100 Club will take place during refreshments in the Stella Maris Hall following this Sunday's 11am Mass. Good Luck to all those who managed to buy Numbers! The results of the Monthly Draw will be advertised in the Newsletter the following week.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

21st/22nd October – Missio – APF – World Mission Sunday.

25th/26th November – Diocesan Youth Service – Youth Sunday.

16th/17th December – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £448.72 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£477). 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: October 1st – October 7th

- Saturday 30th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 1st - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for:
- Sunday 1st - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Glenn's Intention (Birthday)
- Monday 2nd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, The Holy Guardian Angles)
Offered for:
- Tuesday 3rd - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Wednesday 4th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Francis of Assisi)
Offered for:
- Thursday 5th - 09:00 - St Mary's RCPSchool** (Feria)
Offered for: Children & Staff of St Mary's RCPSchool
- Friday 6th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Saturday 7th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, Our Lady of the Rosary)
Offered for:
- Saturday 7th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Birthday Remembrance – Margaret Morris (RIP)
- Sunday 8th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 8th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Private Intention

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.
