

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



**33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A**  
*Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week I*

“For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

Matthew 25:30

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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.stmarysrcps.com>

### **Gospel Reflection**

“This week’s Gospel speaks of how Jesus’ disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week’s Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time. Jesus’ parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master’s return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return. Read in light of last week’s parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God’s judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God’s judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God’s grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.”

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

### **Inviting Applications to ‘The Sibyl Collective’**

#### **The East Anglia School of Contemporary Catholic Music**

This is an exciting new initiative from the Diocesan Youth Service which seeks to bring together young (age 16 – 30) contemporary Catholic musicians from around the Diocese. Under the leadership of Fr. Peter Wynnanski, the aim is to grow as a community committed to discipleship in Christ through prayer and praise & worship music, and then to be able to lead others at events and retreats in the Diocese. For more information and to apply, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)

## **Red Wednesday 2023: Break the silence on Christian Persecution**

Red Wednesday, an annual initiative from Aid to the Church in Need, returns again this year on Wednesday 22nd November with a special focus on Africa. Christians in Africa are enduring a 70% increase in violence. Africa is now a priority for ACN with 9 countries in the emergency category. In a bid to seek awareness and justice, Aid to the Church in Need is asking Christians to light up and speak out for our brothers and sisters around the world, by wearing red, lighting up our churches, schools, and buildings in red again this year.

### **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.

**17/12/2023** – The Parish Carol Concert will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday 17th December, Gaudete Sunday, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

### **\*Parish Christmas Fayre - 2nd December - 10am till 1pm\***

Any donations of bric-a-brac, books, CD's, DVD's, toiletries, toys etc. together with any other donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. There will also be a cake stall at the Fayre and donations of cakes (homemade or shop bought) would be much appreciated nearer the time, these items being brought into church on the morning of the Fayre or to the Church/Presbytery in advance. Any help on the day, to run a stall and/or generally help out would also be much appreciated, if you can help in any way at all please speak to Barbara Radforth, Caroline Langan or Father Padraig. Thank you. **Raffle tickets** will also be on sale before and after Mass for the Christmas Fayre. **Tickets** for the Christmas quiz are now on sale, £5.00 per ticket per person to include a buffet supper and refreshments.

### **Upcoming Second Collections for 2023**

**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 £c400.00 (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: November 19<sup>th</sup> – November 25<sup>th</sup>

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Lately Dead (PM)
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Aelian Fernando (RIP)
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Deceased Knights of St Columba, Council 518 Lowestoft
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Edmund)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, The Presentation of the B.V.Mary)  
Offered for:
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 09:00 - St Mary's RCPSchool** (Mem, St Cecilia)  
Offered for: Children & Staff of St Mary's RCPSchool
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** *Requiem Mass* (Feria)  
Offered for: Mary Anne King (RIP)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions)  
Offered for:
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Maurice & Joan Franks (RIP)
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)  
Offered for: Ray Hammond (RIP)

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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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