

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



**2nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year B**  
*Sunday Cycle B, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week II*

“Jesus looked hard at him and said,  
‘You are Simon son of John;  
you are to be called Cephas’ – meaning Rock.”

John 1:42

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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.

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### **Gospel Reflection**

“Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today’s reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today’s reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah’s description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus’ passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus’ Last Supper. We learn in today’s reading how Jesus’ first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John’s testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means “rock” in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels. In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John’s Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, “What are you looking for?” This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus’ identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?”

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

## **A 'Thank you' from the Catholic Women's League**

“Our Christmas Raffle raised £213.50 for our local charities - some of which will be: Royal British Legion, Lowestoft Lifeboat, Norwich Air Ambulance, Fyffe Centre etc. We would like to thank everyone for their generous support again this year - in what has been a difficult financial year for everyone.”

## **100 Club Winners for January – Congratulations!**

1st Prize - £20 - no.3 – Daniel Burden

2nd Prize - £10 - no.16 – Stella Bostock

3rd Prize - £5 - no.14 – Jan Long

## **Dates for your Diary**

**27/01/2023** – The Parish is holding a Scottish Themed Night on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm. Entrance is £5 per person payable on the evening and will include a Beautiful Scottish Meal of Tatties, Neeps and Haggis.

## **Rachel's Vineyard**

Rachel's Vineyard offers Catholic retreat weekends for those who are suffering after an abortion/s. The next retreat to be held in this Diocese will be from 8-10 March, 2024 in Suffolk. Contact Sona on [sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk](mailto:sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk)  
For further information, you can also visit: <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

## **Upcoming Second Collections for 2024**

**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February** – Holy Land Shrines – Holy Places of Palestine.

**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April** – Vocations Sunday – for the Formation of Priests.

**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May** – World Communications Sunday – Catholic Communications Network.

**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June** – Day for Life – Bishops' Conference Life Charities.

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June** – Peter's Pence – The Holy Father's Charitable Works.

**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July** – Sea Sunday – the Work of Stella Maris.

## **Weekly Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £392.30 (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: January 14<sup>th</sup> – January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)  
Offered for: Damian Smith (RIP)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)  
Offered for: People of the Parish

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)  
Offered for: Joan Jennings (RIP)

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for: Fr McGrail (RIP)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem. St Fursey)  
Offered for:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 - St Nicholas' (Requiem Mass)** (Mem. St Anthony)  
Offered for: Kieran O'Driscoll (RIP)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)  
Offered for:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)  
Offered for: People of the Parish

**Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)  
Offered for: Mary Segasby (RIP)

**Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B)  
Offered for: Ray Thompson (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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