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15th Week of the Year

Psalter Week 3

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week.

SATURDAY	11 th	N	18.00	Anne Lake † (<i>M. & A. Lake</i>)
SUNDAY	12 th	N	09.00	For the People
		N	10.30	Margaret Canning † (<i>Bev. & Ben</i>)
MONDAY	13 th			NO MASS
TUESDAY	14 th	N	12.00	Margaret Stafford † (<i>P. Wedgewood</i>)
WEDNESDAY	15 th	K	09.15	Tony Bowers † (<i>M. Bowers</i>) <i>S. Bonaventure BD</i>
THURSDAY	16 th	N	19.00	St Louis School staff & families Ints.
FRIDAY	17 th	N	12.00	Louisa O' Reilly † (<i>P. O' Reilly</i>)
SATURDAY	18 th	N	10.00	Open Intention <i>followed by Eucharistic Adoration</i>

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY	18 th	N	18.00	John Whipp † (<i>J. Whipp</i>)
SUNDAY	19 th	N	09.00	For the People
		N	10.30	Vic Ashman † (<i>L. Winsor</i>)

THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASS IN CHURCH

- During the present pandemic Sunday Mass will only be celebrated at Newmarket, to accommodate the maximum number of people. However Mass will be celebrated as normal on Wednesday in Kirtling.
Here are the weekend Mass times:
- **Saturday 6pm**
- **Sunday 9am**
- **Sunday 10.30am**
- Weekday Masses times will be the normal pattern as before the closure, with the exception of Monday, where there will be No Mass. *(See front page for details)*
- No Mass books will be available, so please bring your own Missal.
- Please bring your own face covering/mask, which must be worn while you are in Church. We do have a limited number of masks but it is better to bring your own.
- There can be no standing at the back of Church or in the narthex.
- At all times you must follow the instructions and directions of the stewards.
- Because space in Church is limited, you **MUST** book in advance for a seat. Deadline for this is **THURSDAY 1pm**. We would like, if at all possible, for you to book your seat via the website, where you will find a very easy to use means of booking a seat. If you do not have access to the internet, then do ring the office before 1pm on Thursday.
- The obligation to be at Mass on Sunday during the present crisis has been dispensed, so if you can, do consider coming to Mass on a weekday rather than at the weekend.
- Church opening times for now are, 1 hour before Mass and half an hour after Mass
- **Welcome back! We look forward to seeing you.**
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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

With the resumption of Public Mass we shall revert to our normal pattern of Mass, with the exception that Mass will not be celebrated on Monday. Confessions will be heard as usual on **Saturday after the 10am Mass and on Saturday evening from 5.30pm until 5.50pm**. Following guidelines from the Bishops, the confessional/reconciliation room will not be used. Confessions will be heard in the **committee room in the parish centre**.

BOOKING A SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

It might seem a bit strange that we are asking you to book a seat for Mass, however, it is a requirement that we adhere to the Government and Bishops guidelines on the safe re-opening of our church.

There are various ways to book your seat:

- ◆ If you have access to the internet, please look at our website where you will see an option to book your seat for Mass. From this you can book a single seat, couple seats or family bench.
- ◆ You may be familiar with QR code, this will enable you to instantly access the booking form on the website.
Just hold your smart phone camera up to this code.
- ◆ If you need to book your seat by phone please ring 07813 686857.

Please note all bookings must be in by THURSDAY 1PM.

Thank you to those of you who have now started to use the booking system on the parish website, it would be really helpful if everyone who have internet access could please book their seats in this way also.

It is much quicker than emailing a seat request.

There will be stewards at the door to welcome you and ensure you sanitise your hands. You must wear a face covering when attending Mass.

This is so that we can social distance at 1 metre rather than 2 metres in accordance with government guidance, which in turn increase our capacity.

We can provide you with a face mask, but you encourage you to bring your own. Sorry, but you will not be admitted to Mass if you don't wear one.

For Sunday Masses, the stewards will take you to allocated seats.

For weekday Masses, please remember to socially distance yourself when choosing where to sit. When you leave the church, please sanitise your hands again. The church will be disinfected between each public Mass and is cleaned thoroughly each day.

Please only use the main entrance to the church. The sacristy area, meeting room and hall are strictly out of bounds.

Stewarding at Mass - if you would like to join the rota of stewarding at weekend Masses, please contact the parish office, 01638 662492/07813 686857

There will be a rota for stewarding, which means you will not have to commit yourself to every weekend.

Many thanks to the stewards who are currently doing an excellent job of looking after every parishioner as they arrive for Mass.

Welcome back !

Dear Friends,

It is good to be together as a parish community around the Altar of the Lord. As you will discover the new 'normal' will not be like things were before we went into lockdown. The week before we went into lockdown, to prevent the spread of covid-19, I was at the Deanery Lenten Station Mass in Bury St Edmunds. Fr David Bagstaff our Vicar General preached a memorable homily on the readings of the day. The Gospel on that day was Our Lord's summary of the Law as recorded in St Matthew's Gospel. Fr David reminded us that the teaching of Jesus in that passage was eternally valid, yet he said we were moving into uncharted territory and we would all be called upon to think afresh in ways which were creative of how we could love and worship God and reach out in love and service to our neighbour. People in this parish have certainly risen to this challenge. Without being present at Sunday Mass: people have followed Mass that was being live streamed from elsewhere; prayed the rosary as a family; read and prayed the Sunday Mass readings; and deepened their relationship with God through the Scriptures and in prayer. Though phone calls, the social media and emails people have kept in touch and encouraged one another. The parish SVP with other Christians in the town have provided food parcels for families in the town and surrounding villages who were in great need. 'Carry one another's burdens and so fulfil the Law of Christ', wrote St Paul. People have done just that.

On another note I wish to thank you for your continued financial support of the parish while we were in lockdown. During this period the life of the parish went on and indeed the bills continued to come in! Thanks to standing orders and weekly collection contributions, we have managed to keep our head above water.

When you come back to Mass, as I said earlier, you will discover that the new 'normal' will not be like things were before. I do ask for your understanding and cooperation in observing the measures that have been put in place to facilitate our return to Mass. This has been no mean feat and I wish to thank Rita, Deacons James and John, and those who have volunteered as stewards, for working so hard to make the resumption of Mass possible.

With the assurance of my good wishes and prayers, *Fr. Christopher.*

Weekly Offertory

If you are wondering about the best way to continue with your weekly offering to the Church during the current situation there are various ways which you can do this.

1) You can send a cheque weekly/monthly to the parish office, payable to :‘**CATHOLIC PARISH ACCOUNT**’.

2) If you have access to internet banking you can set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit from your bank. Church bank details are **sort code 20.60.38. account no. 30244759,**

3) if you are more comfortable to continue using your weekly envelopes, then please do, put them to one side each week, until have an opportunity to drop them into the letter box outside the parish centre entrance, this box is emptied each day.

4) Now that the Church is open you can place your weekly offering in the basket provided on the table as you leave Church.

Have you considered making your donation gift aided. We can get a further 25% from the government. It doesn't cost you any more money. Please contact our Gift-Aid coordinator Joe Millyard 07920837319 or email

JMillyard1@hotmail.co.uk for information on this.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in these difficult times for everyone.

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Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 19th July 2020— The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1) Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

2) Read

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 19th July 2020 - A Parable of Growth (Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this,” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’

3) Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The Gospel of Matthew gathers together a whole set of pictures which Jesus used to describe the society of God's servants which he was intent on setting up. Matthew calls it 'the Kingdom of Heaven'. Jews avoided bandying around the name of 'God', so Matthew calls it by the place where God is enthroned, Heaven. The first picture, the wheat and the darnel, shows that in some of those called the good seed has been overlaid by weed. In its early growth this weed, the inedible darnel, is incredibly difficult for a non-farmer to distinguish from good barley. No more can we presume to sort out who is seeking God and who is not; it is dangerous to despise or to dismiss anyone at all. The explanation given by Matthew constitutes a warning that the harvest, the judgment, will come in the end.

Do we have any right to judge others (or may we be mistaking wheat for darnel)? What is the darnel in us that needs weeding out before the judgment?

4) Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph

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WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 19th July 2020

First Reading: The Leniency of God

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Book of Wisdom was written in Greek, shortly before the birth of Jesus, for the Greek-speaking Jews of Alexandria. Much of it concerns the harsh treatment of the Hebrews in Egypt before the Exodus under Moses. Here the author has moved on to describe luridly the depravity of the inhabitants of Canaan before the Israelites arrived in the Holy Land. Nevertheless, God cared for them and treated them with leniency, giving them opportunity for repentance. This has two lessons for the readers of the Book: firstly, they too must pardon the sinner and be kindly with God's own kindness. Secondly, God always gives a chance to repent of sins and follies, and this applies to us too. This leniency is a sign of God's strength because leniency and generosity can be signs of strength rather than of weakness (it is, for example, the stronger person who has the courage to apologize first). The reading is appointed by the Church to be read today in order to pair with the Gospel reading and this suggests the following possible reading of the Parable of the Wheat and the Darnel: the owner of the field leaves the darnel in place till harvest, that is, till the final judgment, thus leaving the wicked a chance to repent. How is God's forgiveness a sign of divine strength?

Second Reading: Prayer in the Spirit

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

“Christ is praying within us “

These words are an encouraging confirmation by Paul that, when we pray, our own prayers are supplemented by the Spirit of Christ praying within us. What does this mean? Is Paul referring to praying in tongues, which certainly occurred in his Corinthian community? He himself says that he had the gift of tongues also, though he did not frequently exercise it. However, Paul’s meaning is surely wider than this. If we pray to praise the glory of God and give thanks for God’s kindness to us, human language and human intention may not be adequate but are supercharged by the Spirit. Our prayer of repentance, likewise, can never be adequate of itself (without the support of the Spirit). It is the same with our protestations of loyalty and commitment. What about our prayer of petition? We pray desperately for a fine evening for the barbeque (or for rain for the garden) and then we don’t get what we ask for. But perhaps the Spirit deepens these somewhat selfish prayers into a profound desire to be brought nearer to God and so allowing Him to grant whatever is truly best for us and those for whom we care! ‘The prayers that the Spirit makes for God’s holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God’ – they go beyond our petty and ephemeral requests, because Christ is praying within us.

How does Paul’s teaching on the Spirit make a difference to our understanding of prayer and so deepen the way we pray?

Your prayers are asked

For the sick: Deacon Clive Brooks, Peter Giblin, Joan Heflin, Pat Ward, John Taylor, Dan Stannard, Pat O Malley, Peggy Upton, David McCoy, J. P. McCoy, Kathleen Sheridan, Milo Stallman, David Mc Elderry, Susan Stallman. Hazel Wood. Paul Canning, Anii. Sylvia Hick, Delia McCarron, Di Bunkell, Bev Canning.

Those who have died recently, especially Keith Mc Greavy, and Chris Donleavy

and for those whose anniversaries occurs at this time: Helen Raihle, Patrick Cummins, Wilfred Mann, Margaret Canning, Nicholas O' Neill, Margaret Delaney, Joseph Oliver, Bernard McErlain, Mary McGarr, Mick Kelly, Patrick Docherty, Paris Bourbonnais, Ned Murphy, Hilda Hardcastle, Helen Primozic, Wilhelmine Mc Naughton, Bishop Alan Clark, Fr. Tony Philpott, William Harrigan, Teresa Drake, Edward Mumford, Eileen Ryan, Louisa O'Reilly, James Mc Govern, John Whipp.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen*

Repository will remain closed for now, however, you can still get Mass cards and arrange for a Mass to be celebrated by calling Rita on 07813 686857, or emailing the parish office.