

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10TH OCTOBER 2021

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ST MARY'S – CORONAVIRUS AND ITS IMPACT ON PARISH LIFE

Given the prevalence of Covid in Breckland, the Parish Pastoral Council has adopted a cautionary approach to returning the spiritual life at St Mary's to what it was pre-pandemic. This practice was reviewed by the Parish at its recently held Forum meeting, and it was decided that the parish would continue to maintain the measures that have ensured everyone's protection throughout the pandemic (see below). **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

CURRENT SAFETY PRACTICE AT ST MARY'S

BOOKINGS: bookings are no longer required when attending Mass, but parishioners will be encouraged to leave contact details with the Welcomer at the Church door when attending Mass for Track and Trace reasons only.

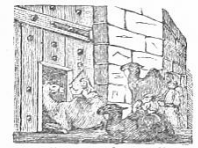
PERSONAL PROTECTION WITHIN CHURCH: All parishioners are strongly encouraged to wear masks during Mass and use the hand sanitisation facilities. Also, the one-way system (entry via the main porch, exit via the wax sacristy) will continue.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: Communion is given after the final blessing, with parishioners immediately exiting through the wax sacristy. Whilst this is tolerable in the current circumstances it isn't entirely satisfactory, so will be reviewed in the future as more information on the pandemic becomes available.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday's gospel (MARK 10:17-30) recalls Jesus' advice to the rich man on what he had to do to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This encounter is probably most memorable for Jesus' observation after witnessing the reaction of the rich man, who despite his piety and observation of the Law, was highly reluctant to give up his wealth up and distribute it to the poor to ensure his eternal bliss in Heaven:

"...how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God..."



At first reading, it might be wondered how anyone might enter the Kingdom of Heaven even if we believe ourselves to be true followers of Christ. We all have material 'wealth' to varying degrees. Some Christians have taken this invitation of Jesus literally, e.g., St Francis of Assisi, by espousing all wealth, but do we all need to do the same? The interpretation often applied to Jesus' observation is that it is not 'wealth' *per se* that is the problem, but the love of it and the desire to accumulate more at the expense of others. If we use our 'wealth', such as it is, to be generous to others less fortunate than ourselves, not worrying about amassing more, and put our faith in Jesus, then we will be rewarded with the vision of eternal life with God in Heaven.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Novena to St. John Paul II: There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading falls. **It will run from 13th -22nd October.** You will find a short and simple novena prayer below. This will also be accompanied by digital resources within the next few days.

Bishop John Sherrington has said of the Novena: *'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.'*

THE NOVENA PRAYER

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

DAY OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL

FR. LUKE GOYMOUR, Parish Priest of Brandon and Mildenhall, will lead a day of prayer on **SATURDAY, 23RD OCTOBER** from 10 am to 4 pm at the Church Centre, Bowthorpe Road, Bowthorpe, Norwich. NR5 9AA. *"Out of Darkness into Light"*. The day will include prayer time, talks, Holy Mass, Confessions. Tea and coffee will be provided free, but please bring a packed lunch. You are asked to wear face coverings, observe hand sanitation and social distancing and do a lateral flow test before attending. Contact Philip on 07910 157584

MASSES FOR MISCARRIAGE AND INFERTILITY

To be celebrated by Bishop Alan at The **CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE & ST. ETHELDREDA**, Newmarket. For more information, go to the link: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/couples-with-miscarriages-or-infertility-are-not-alone/>

- Mass for those who have experienced **MISCARRIAGE (SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2021, 12 NOON)**. Families are welcome, refreshments afterwards.
- Mass for those affected by **INFERTILITY (SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2021, 11 AM.)** Followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples with infertility by Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. **WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND THIS NOVEMBER MASS**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

St Mary's has been allocated a place in this year's **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**, by the Royal British Legion. It would be lovely to have parishioners partake in this act of remembrance. All Parish members are warmly welcome to attend. Those attending are asked to assemble at the carpark by the old Argos building by 10:30 am. The Parish banner will be on display. The parade will proceed to the war memorial by the post office under the direction of the Royal British Legion Parade Marshal. Please do join as the Nation remembers all who have suffered the effects of conflict. *Paul Gilbert*

WELCOMERS AND CLEANERS FOR THE CHURCH: If you can help as a **WELCOMER AND/OR A CLEANER**, please contact Paul Gilbert TEL: 07759 672434; STMARYSCHAIR@GMAIL.COM. Neither role is onerous, but both are important if St Mary's is to return to normality. For example, cleaning would be once a week at a time and can be done when convenient to them. Rotas for cleaning/welcoming would be prepared to ensure equitable effort for volunteers. **IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW. THANK YOU**

MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER	<i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN - FEAST</i>	5.30 PM - MASS	PLEASE NOTE: ALTHOUGH ALL LEGAL RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED AT ST MARY'S PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO: (1) LEAVE CONTACT DETAILS FOR TRACK & TRACE (2) WEAR A MASK DURING MASS (3) HAND SANITISE WHERE NECESSARY (4) OBSERVE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH. THANK-YOU
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MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER	<i>FERIA</i>	No PUBLIC MASS	
TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER	<i>FERIA</i>	10.00 AM - MASS	
WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER	<i>FERIA</i>	No PUBLIC MASS	
THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER	<i>FERIA</i>	10.00 AM - MASS	
FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER	<i>ST TERESA OF JESUS</i>	No PUBLIC MASS	
SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM - MASS	
SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2021		10.00 AM - MASS	
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THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - DURING ORDINARY TIME (AUTUMN) WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL; THE HARVEST; JUSTICE & PEACE IN THE WORLD; ALL VICTIMS OF WAR; STUDENTS & TEACHERS; PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES; YOUNG PEOPLE

***CONFESSION:** Fr Peter is available for confessions between 5 pm and 5,20 pm on Saturdays, just before the Vigil Mass.*

TOTAL PARISH COLLECTION LAST WEEK: £209.77. THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTION IN SUPPORT OF ST MARY'S
ALTERNATIVE DONATION METHODS FOR ST MARY'S: Should you wish to make a donation to St Mary, there are alternative methods to the traditional collection during and after Mass. St Mary's has a contactless card payment machine, and for the more tech-savvy, its own QR code on the parish website. The minimum donation in either case is £1.

ST TERESA OF JESUS (AKA ST TERESA OF ÁVILA' 1515 –1582), was a Carmelite nun, author and theologian of contemplative life through prayer. St Teresa was active during the Counter-Reformation, a period of Catholic resurgence initiated in response to the Protestant Reformation and was a reformer of the Carmelite Order. She was canonised in 1622 and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI for her teachings.



ST MARY'S ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary and Angelus are said in the **CHURCH GARDEN BETWEEN 11.30 AM & NOON ON MONDAYS**. **SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED WHILST THERE.** Those who are unable to attend, please join us in spirit knowing that others are saying the rosary at that time. If people wish for the rosary to be offered for a particular reason, please send your intentions to this email address: thetfordrosary@gmail.com. Any requests will be acknowledged. **MANY THANKS.**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	IF YOU, O LORD, SHOULD MARK INIQUITIES, LORD, WHO COULD STAND? BUT WITH YOU IS FOUND FORGIVENESS, O GOD OF ISRAEL.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE THAT WE MAY REJOICE
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! BLESSED ARE YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, FOR REVEALING THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM TO MERE CHILDREN. ALLELUIA!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	THE RICH SUFFER WANT AND GO HUNGRY, BUT THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD LACK NO BLESSING
READINGS	1 ST READING: WISDOM 7: 7 – 11; 2 ND READING: HEBREWS 4: 12 – 13; GOSPEL: MARK 10: 17 - 30

IN MEMORIAM PLEASE PRAY FOR **STEFAN RUITZ, ROBERT HENNESSY, BABY GEORGIA BRINKWORTH AND JAMES DOWLING** WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

PRAY FOR THE SICK PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME:
PEGGY LLOYD, MADELINE TANNER, HENRIETTA CONNOLLY, MERVYN DAS, FATIMA ANJO, MARY MATTHEWS, WINNIE CLARKE, PATRICIA AND VITTORIO CUCUCCIO; AMANDA SAMUELS; EILEEN MOLONEY

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