

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This weekend's gospel reading (LUKE 12:32-48) continues the themes introduced in last week's gospel reading - using personal affluence for the common good, setting aside material goods that aren't required, and building up our own 'spiritual' wealth - so that we are prepared for the Son of Man's arrival, and His judgement, at any time. To be prepared, we must be watchful for His return, a personal duty reflected in the parable told by Jesus about servants awaiting the return of their master from a wedding feast (...*Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes...*). We need to heed Jesus' advice on how to wait and be watchful. To be watchful means we should be prepared to live in a way consistent with Christ's teaching - moral and obedient - and like the servants be ready to give account to God at any time on how we have lived our lives. In doing so we will be rewarded as faithful followers of God at the heavenly banquet after judgment. If we aren't prepared and neglect our responsibilities to God and those around us, we will suffer the fate of the greedy rich man described in last week's gospel reading and lose our place in heaven.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity celebrates the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. The feast is the oldest of all the festivals of Mary. Accounts of the Assumption have circulated from the 4th century. The Assumption draws our attention to our own lives and what will happen when our earthly life is complete. Solemnities, such as the Assumption, are not just the commemoration of historical events but they present us with the opportunity to consider our relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our lives are ended.



FR. PETER'S RETIREMENT

FR. PETER'S FINAL MASS AT ST. MARY'S WILL BE THE 10.00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, 9TH OCTOBER

Fr Peter will then take up residence at Oakhampton House, Great Barton, Bury St. Edmunds in the care of the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace and Compassion. While Fr. Peter doesn't want to retire and leave Thetford, he looks forward to joining a Benedictine Community. For many years he has been a regular visitor at Farnborough Abbey with the Benedictine Monks of Solesmes. There is much to be done over the next six or seven weeks; packing up the Presbytery and moving Fr. Peter's chattels and personal things. Many of his books and much of his furniture will remain in Thetford at least for the time being thanks to Canon Cleary's kindness. Fr. Peter is downsizing from a five-bedroom house, with two bathrooms, two reception rooms, two offices, dining room and large kitchen to a small one-bedroom apartment with a sitting room, bath and shower room and small kitchen. For the next month or so Fr. Peter will stand back from many parish duties and commitments to prepare for his departure. He will celebrate all Vigil and Sunday Masses and as many weekday Masses as he can. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter.

'A DAY WITH MARY' IN WALSINGHAM - TODAY, SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST.

...is a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given by Our Lady at Fatima in 1917. where she said: "*Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and those souls will be loved by God like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne*". A 'DAY WITH MARY' was founded in England in 1986. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. The day includes Holy Mass, the Rosary, meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, an act of consecration to Our Lady and catechetical instruction. The Sacrament of Penance will be available. An afternoon of events (from noon on **SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST**) culminating in the celebration of Mass at the Basilica at 5 pm. Details can be found via the 'Day with Mary' website: www adaywithmary.org

OLGA DEVONISH - 100TH BIRTHDAY.

ON SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST, OLGA DEVONISH, a loyal and devout parishoner of St Mary's will celebrate her **100TH BIRTHDAY**. If available, **PLEASE DO ATTEND THE 10 AM MASS ON SUNDAY 14TH** to wish Olga many happy returns for her special day. Many thanks **Paul Gilbert - Chair of St Mary's PPC**

MASS INTENTIONS

We are planning to once again publish Mass Intentions in the Newsletter. This had been discontinued due the pandemic on advice. Mass Intention envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please enter the details on the envelope and place your Mass Offering inside. Either hand the envelope to Fr. Peter, deliver it to the sacristy or place it through the Presbytery letter box. We are not able to allocate specific dates, but you can request a day of the week. Sunday Masses are always offered "For the People of the Parish" according to law and custom.

UKRAINIAN MIGRANTS - USEFUL INFORMATION FOR SETTLING IN UK

The local authorities have prepared leaflets, in both English and Ukrainian, providing advice on settling safely in the UK. Both versions can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. Loose copies will also be available to take away. Please read them, especially if you are concerned with any matters that affect your stay in the UK.

<u>MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD</u>		
SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>	10 AM MASS 5.30 PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY
SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2022 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		10.00 AM MASS
MONDAY 8TH AUGUST	<i>ST DOMINIC</i>	NO MASS
TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST	<i>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS</i> <i>- PATRON OF EUROPE</i>	10 AM MASS
WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST	<i>ST LAWRENCE</i>	10 AM MASS
THURSDAY 11TH AUGUST	<i>ST CLARE</i>	10 AM MASS
FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST	<i>FERIA</i>	10 AM MASS
SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY
SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST 2022 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		10.00 AM MASS
THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - DURING ORDINARY TIME (SUMMER) WE PRAY FOR: A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS & JEWS; THOSE WHO SUFFER PERSECUTION; OPPRESSION & DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS; EUROPE; HUMAN LIFE; SEAFARERS		
<u>CONFESSION:</u> Fr Peter is available for confessions between 5 pm and 5.20 pm on Saturdays, just before the Vigil Mass.		
ST MARY'S ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary and Angelus are said in the CHURCH GARDEN BETWEEN 11.30 AM & NOON ON MONDAYS. Those unable to attend, please join us in spirit knowing others are saying the rosary at that time. If people wish for the rosary to be offered for a reason, send your intentions to: thetfordrosary@gmail.com . Requests will be acknowledged.		
SAINT DOMINIC (1170-1221) was a Castilian priest and founder of the Dominican Order, a congregation dedicated to preaching the Gospel. The order's teaching work and its scholastic organisation placed it in the forefront of the intellectual life of the Middle Ages. St Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers. SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (1891-1942) was born in Breslau, Poland the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She became interested in the Catholic Faith, and she eventually baptized in Cologne (1922). Later St Teresa entered the Cologne Carmel but because of her Jewish antecedence and rampant anti-Semitism in Germany she was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and with her sister, was sent to Auschwitz, where she died in the gas chambers. In 1987, she was beatified in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. SAINT LAWRENCE (225-258 AD) was one of the seven deacons of the city of Rome under Pope Sixtus II who were martyred for their faith in the persecution of the Christians by the order of the Emperor Valerian in 258. SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI (1194 -1253) was a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies, a monastic order for women based on the Franciscan tradition, and for which she wrote their Rule of Life, the first by a woman. After her death, the order she founded was renamed the Order of Saint Clare, often referred to today as the Poor Clares.		
COFFEE & TEA IN CHURCH HALL: TUESDAY: Tea/coffee will be available after the 10 am Mass. SUNDAY COFFEE: There will be coffee/tea in the hall after Sunday Mass one Sunday a month. All PROCEEDS TO AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED-UKRAINE CRISIS.		
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	LOOK TO YOUR COVENANT, O LORD, AND FORGET NOT THE LIFE OF YOUR POOR ONES FOREVER. ARISE O GOD, AND DEFEND YOUR CAUSE, AND FORGET NOT THE CRIES OF THOSE WHO SEEK YOU.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	HAPPY THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS OWN	
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:	O JERUSALEM, GLORIFY THE LORD, WHO GIVES YOU YOUR FILL OF FINEST WHEAT.	
READINGS	1 ST READING: WISDOM 18: 6 - 9; 2 ND READING: HEBREWS 11: 1- 2, 8 - 19; GOSPEL: LUKE 12: 32 - 48	
MUSIC FOR SUNDAY	Entrance Hymn (Introit): 860 Fight the good fight... Common: The Mass of creation.; 489 Glory to God; 490 Holy, Holy... (Sanctus); 491 Memorial Acclamation "We proclaim your death...; 495 Lamb of God... (Agnus Dei); Hymn after Holy Communion 644 Alleluia, sing to Jesus...	
IN MEMORIAM	PLEASE PRAY FOR JAMES GAYNOR, JOHN LYNN, BRYAN JENKINS, PATRICK MONK, JOHN DEAN, STANISLAW SZYMANSKI AND RUTH CORRICK WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT NOW	
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 COCUCCIO, EILEEN MOLONEY, ANNE HOOD, EMMA WRIGHT, ANNE STANLEICK, MARIE BARBER, ALFRED ROITS, RAY MOLONEY	
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