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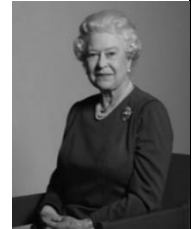
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QUEEN ELIZABETH II - REQUIESCAT IN PACE

TOMORROW, MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, THE FUNERAL OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II WILL TAKE PLACE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY IN LONDON.

During a recent Mass offered for the repose of Queen's soul, our bishop Alan, said that we as Catholics must pray for the Queen as she makes her final journey to God so that she will be swiftly received into the merciful presence of the Almighty and be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. Second, we should remember at Mass our great gratitude for her life, for her long service to our country and the many peoples of the Commonwealth, an example built upon a deep Christian faith which guided and inspired her throughout her long life. And finally, to remember that any death is not the end to life but the beginning to a new and fuller life with God which we can never experience here on earth. This promise of new life comes to us through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



MAY THE QUEEN REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY.

WE PRAY FOR HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III AND FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AS THEY GRIEVE THEIR LOSS.

MAY GOD SAVE THE KING!

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This Sunday we hear the parable of the 'DISHONEST STEWARD' (LUKE 16:1-13), a paradoxical account, which if taken at face value - God praising the steward for his dishonesty! - would go against what we might consider as right. No, as in all the parables used by Jesus there is a deep inner meaning, which when separated out of the account is designed to make us understand the true meaning of His mission on earth, His love for us and to chart for us a route to eternal salvation. The parable tells of the actions of a servant to a wealthy master, who was dismissed from service because of his profligacy with his master's property. Cast-out, the servant looks to curry favour with his ex-master's debtors by removing the often-large fees and interest associated with them, and with which he, the servant, would have lined his pockets. In doing so, the servant has put aside his own personal greed to secure his future; it is this action that has caught his former master's eye and for which the servant is commended by his him.



It is this reformed attitude of servant towards money that Jesus brings to our attention. If we as Christians can put our own house in order through doing what is right and having a true perspective on what is important, or not, we can be trusted with greater things in the future, and gain our ultimate reward in Heaven. As Jesus said '*...No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money...*' Let us consider the way we lead our lives, and if found wanting, put aside what we don't need and direct our attention to the service of the Lord.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE



FEAST DAY SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER: Our Lady of Walsingham, the principal patron of the Diocese of East Anglia, is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, bestowed after the Marian apparitions of Richeldis de Faverches, a pious English noblewoman, in 1061 in Walsingham. She had a building built in Walsingham, which became a shrine and place of pilgrimage, and the site remains that today.

PRAYER TO MARY, OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

O Mary, recall the solemn moment when Jesus, your Divine son, dying on the cross, confided us to your maternal care. You are our Mother, we desire ever to remain your devout children. Let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. Make your name again glorious in this place once renowned throughout our land by your visits, favours and many miracles. Pray, O holy Mother of God for the conversion of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. O Blessed Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us. Amen.

NO MASS AT ST MARY'S ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER

FR PETER WILL BE AWAY AT A GATHERING FOR THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER IN NORWICH. HE WILL BE A CELEBRANT AT THE CAPITULAR CHAPTER MASS AND WILL ATTEND THE SUBSEQUENT CHAPTER MEETING. FR PETER APOLOGISES FOR THIS DISRUPTION TO PARISH LIFE.

RELIC TOUR OF ST BERNADETTE: This Autumn, the relics of St Bernadette will come to East Anglia - see below. Registration is now open, to book your encounter with the Relics of St Bernadette visit the Registration page (<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>). There is no charge for registration. The two venues in East Anglia are: (1) **CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, NORWICH.** Arrive: 11:30 am 13th October - Depart: 9 am 15th October; (2) **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION & ENGLISH MARTYRS (OLEM), CAMBRIDGE.** Arrive 10:30 am 15th October - Depart 9 am 16th October

ST MARY'S CHURCH PARISH EVENT - SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO BE HELD IN THE GROUNDS OF ST MARY'S ON SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER BETWEEN 1-4 PM IN THE AFTERNOON. More details will be published in due course in the Newsletter.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY - GRANT & CAROL AUSTIN'S INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		10.00 AM HOLY MASS - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	NO MASS
TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER	<i>ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, ST PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPS.</i>	10 AM HOLY MASS TEA & COFFEE TO FOLLOW MASS IN CHURCH HALL
WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER	<i>ST MATTHEW – APOSTLE & EVANGELIST.</i>	NO MASS
THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	<i>FERIA</i>	10 AM HOLY MASS
FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER	<i>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA</i>	10 AM HOLY MASS
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER	<i>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY
SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2022 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME		10.00 AM HOLY MASS - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have started to publish Mass Intentions in the Newsletter. 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 won't be 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".

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.

SS ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PAUL CHONG HASANG, & COMPANIONS: This feast remembers Andrew Kim Taegon, the first native Korean priest, Paul Chong Hasang, a seminarian, plus 100 more Korean martyrs put to death for their faith. They were canonised by Pope St John Paul II in 1984 **ST MATTHEW** (born 1st Century, Palestine) was an apostle of Jesus and an Evangelist. He authored the first Gospel of the New Testament. Prior to becoming an apostle, he worked as a tax collector in Capernaum. Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors and accountants. **ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA**, better known as **PADRE PIO**, (1887 – 1968), was a Franciscan Capuchin friar and priest. Padre Pio became famous for exhibiting stigmata, hearing, confronting and consoling the crowds who came to him, many of whom were cured of their ailments. Padre Pio was also canonised by Pope St John Paul II, in 2002.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	I AM THE SALVATION OF THE PEOPLE, SAYS THE LORD. SHOULD THEY CRY TO ME IN ANY DISTRESS, I WILL HEAR THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR LORD FOREVER.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	PRAISE THE LORD, WHO RAISES THE POOR
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! OPEN OUR HEARTS. O LORD, TO ACCEPT THE WORDS OF YOUR SON. ALLELUIA!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	YOU HAVE LAID DOWN YOUR PRECEPTS TO BE CAREFULLY KEPT; MAY MY WAYS BE FIRM IN KEEPING YOUR STATUTES
READINGS	1ST READING: AMOS 8: 4-7; 2ND READING: TIMOTHY 2: 1- 8; GOSPEL: LUKE 16: 1- 13
MUSIC FOR SUNDAY	Entrance Hymn (Introit): 466 All people that on earth do dwell... 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 **JOSEPH SPITZER, MARY BUNN, LEON BIATECKI, HANNAH MASTERTON, MARIE MARGRIE, ELIZABETH GRAY, BERYL GATHERCOLE, SHARON EVANS, BOHUMIL PICK, TERRY BAILEY, ZINA BAUBLYS AND MARGARET BARRETT** WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT NOW

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME:

PRAY FOR THE SICK **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. ALAN PEMBROKE AND JOAN MACDOUGAL**

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