

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEWSLETTER

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26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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This Sunday's gospel reading (LUKE 16:19-31) returns to a recurring theme in St Luke's gospel - the dangers of great wealth on the behaviour and actions of individuals who have it on those less fortunate. Wealth used in the service of humanity is of significant benefit to both the possessor and recipient; wealth used solely to further an individual's self-interest at the expense of others will only bring condemnation. The latter was clearly demonstrated in Jesus' narrative, which contrasted the life of an affluent man to that of Lazarus, a poor man condemned to live a wretched existence on the doorstep of the former. Both fell victim of the life they led and in death, as in life, the fate that befell them was different: the wealthy man was condemned to suffer in hell whilst the poor man was rewarded with a life of bliss in heaven. Despite what had happened to him, the wealthy man remained only interested in himself and his kin. He had five brothers who like the wealthy man led self-serving lives at the expense of others. He appealed to Abraham for help, only to be rebuked because Abraham knew that the brothers would not change. Through their religious observances, the brothers had been forewarned of consequences of leading a dissolute life but failed to heed the advice. The wealthy man then asked that Lazarus be raised from the dead explicitly to forewarn the brothers of the dire consequences of their actions, but Abraham knew that such a radical experience would not dissuade them from their evil ways. They too would be condemned! God regards the trappings of wealth as inconsequential. What is important to Him is the lives we lead, particularly how we interact with those less fortunate. Whether we have money or not, it is crucial we share our love and demonstrate our humanity to others through our actions. We should ask ourselves how can we serve our fellow beings? In doing so, we follow in Christ's footsteps, who so loved the world that He gave up His own life to show us the way to eternal life.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – 25TH SEPTEMBER

The 108th **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES** 2022 is celebrated today, the last Sunday of September. Pope Francis has chosen the theme *'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'* for this year. He highlights the commitment that we are all called to share in building a future that embraces God's plan, leaving no one behind. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914, the start of the First World War. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Information on this year's event can be gleaned from the Vatican website: <https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2022/>

FR PETER'S RETIREMENT

Fr. Peter is coming to the end of his tenure at St. Mary's, Thetford, just before his retirement. He will be celebrating Mass for the next three weekends (24th & 25th September; 1st & 2nd October; 8th & 9th October) with his final Mass on **SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER AT 10 AM. CANON PATRICK CLEARY** will take up residence on Wednesday, 12th October. Canon Cleary (Fr. Pat) is an experienced, good and kindly priest who will serve our parish well. Fr. Pat has been a good friend of Fr. Peter for nearly 50 years. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Pat.

NO MASSES AT ST MARYS: DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON TUESDAY (27TH), WEDNESDAY (28TH) AND THURSDAY (29TH) NEXT WEEK, FOR WHICH FR PETER APOLOGISES.

MONTANA CARE HOME

Montana is run by the Catholic **'GRACE AND COMPASSION BENEDICTINE SISTERS'** in Great Barton, just outside Bury St Edmunds. They have several flats/rooms vacant ready for immediate occupation. If you, or members of your family, are interested please contact Sr Thaya Moses (Sister Superior and Manager) by phone 01284 787321 or email: ADMIN@MONTANACAREHOME.COM

ST MARY'S - HEATING THIS WINTER

We, in our small parish in Thetford, cannot escape the consequences of the war in Ukraine. Despite recent government interventions, St Mary's, like all families and individuals in the parish, is facing significant increases in energy costs. Many will suffer greatly this coming winter as electricity and gas costs rise. At St. Mary's there are several heating systems used to keep the buildings warm, but the reality is parish income isn't sufficient to support the cost of running them all. Therefore, as winter approaches we recommend parishioners come to Mass well clothed to cope with what could be cold conditions. We hope to be able to at least take the chill off the church, but we'll have to monitor costs carefully. These future less-than-ambient conditions at St Mary's will remind us of the much greater deprivations that the people of Ukraine are suffering, particularly this winter, in their struggles to liberate their country from foreign aggression.

RELIC TOUR OF ST BERNADETTE: This Autumn, the relics of St Bernadette will come to East Anglia. 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.

| MASSSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD | | |
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| 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 |
| MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER | <i>FERIA</i> | NO MASS |
| TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER | <i>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</i> | NO MASS |
| WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER | <i>FERIA</i> | NO MASS |
| THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER | <i>SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL - ARCHANGELS</i> | NO MASS |
| FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER | <i>ST JEROME</i> | 10 AM HOLY MASS |
| SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER | <i>ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS</i> | 5.30 PM VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY |
| SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2022 27TH 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (1581-1660) was a French priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor and prisoners. Much of his life was spent in preaching missions to, and providing relief, for the poor, establishing hospitals for them. St Vincent founded various institutions to assist him. He is the patron of all works of charity. **ST JEROME** (347- 420) was a priest and theologian, best known for his translation of most of the Bible into Latin (known as the 'Vulgate'). His numerous theological works profoundly influenced the Middle Ages. He is a Doctor of the Church. The Archangels **ST MICHAEL, ST GABRIEL AND ST RAPHAEL** are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all have important roles in the history of salvation. **ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (AKA ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX; 1873-1897)** was a French Carmelite nun who through her simple spiritual life became widely venerated. She is model of sanctity. St Thérèse entered the religious life at 15 only to die at 24 following a slow fight against tuberculosis, but that short time her devotion to her calling was absolute. Pope Saint Pius X called her "*the greatest saint of modern times*".

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| ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: | ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO US, O LORD, YOU HAVE DONE WITH TRUE JUDGMENT, FOR WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU AND NOT OBEYED YOUR COMMANDMENTS. BUT GIVE GLORY TO YOUR NAME AND DEAL WITH US ACCORDING TO THE BOUNTY OF YOUR MERCY |
| RESPONSORIAL PSALM: | MY SOUL, GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD. |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: | ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. THE SHEEP THAT BELONG TO ME LISTEN TO MY VOICE, SAYS THE LORD, I KNOW THEM AND THEY FOLLOW ME. ALLELUIA! |
| COMMUNION ANTIPHON: | REMEMBER YOUR WORD TO YOUR SERVANT, O LORD, BY WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME HOPE. THIS IS MY COMFORT WHEN I AM BROUGHT LOW |
| READINGS | 1ST READING: AMOS 6: 1, 4 - 7; 2ND READING: TIMOTHY 6: 11 - 16; GOSPEL: LUKE 16: 19 - 31 |
| MUSIC FOR SUNDAY | Entrance Hymn (Introit): 887 God, whose almighty word... 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 898 Make me a channel of our peace... |

IN MEMORIAM PLEASE PRAY FOR **TERRY BAILEY, ZINA BAUBLYS, MARGARET BARRETT, CATHERINE ASH, WILLIAM FRAZER, JAMES EUSTON AND CHRISTOPHER HARRIS** 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. ALAN PEMBROKE AND JOAN MACDOUGAL**

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