

MASSSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE MASSES ARE OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC EXCEPT THE 'ZOOM' MASS ON THURSDAY at 12noon.
ALL MASSES EXCEPT 17:00 MASS AT WATTON METHODIST CHURCH, WILL BE STREAMED VIA THE PARISH WEBSITE ourladyofpity.org

Saturday 25th September

17:00 Watton

Sunday 26th September

08:30 Our Lady of Pity

10:30 Our Lady of Pity

Monday 27th September

CHURCH CLOSED—NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 28th September

10:00 Our Lady of Pity

Wednesday 29th September

10:00 Our Lady of Pity

10:30-11:30

Thursday 30th September

12noon Mass via Zoom

19:00 Our Lady of Pity

Friday 1st October

HARVEST FAST DAY

09:00 Our Lady of Pity

Saturday 2nd October

09:30-10:30

12:00 Oxburgh Hall

17:00 Watton

Vigil Mass, 26th Sunday B

Ints of Charles Burgess & Kevan Wharton

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

People of the Parish

Neville Reeve RIP (NR)

St Vincent de Paul. Memorial

Feria

Private Intention (AW)

Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, Archangels. Feast

Hugo Michael parker RIP (VP)

Private Prayer & Confessions

St Jerome. Memorial

For link, please send email to ourladyofpity@btinternet.com

Ints of Lissa Kinsey

St Therese of the Child Jesus.

The work of CAFOD

The Holy Guardian Angels. Mem.

Private Prayer & Confessions

Vigil Mass, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Our Lady of Pity, 31 Station Street, Swaffham, PE37 7HP
Watton Methodist Church, 57 High Street, Watton, IP25 6EJ



Our Lady of Pity Swaffham & Watton Newsletter

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26TH SEPTEMBER 2021 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

This week has been a busy week for us both in the Parish and in Sacred Heart School. I am pleased to acknowledge that a number of our parishioners have expressed a real interest in supporting the work and development of our school, some with children at the school and others without. It is good for us all to help ensure that the educational legacy of the Daughters of Divine Charity continues to thrive. Mr Blaine, has asked the Parish for support in two particular areas at this time:

- **'Outdoor Quiet/Prayer Garden'** where all members of the school community can go when they need to do so. Gardeners, labourers and anyone who feels they can contribute should let me know as soon as possible, so that we can plant up ready for a blooming spring!
- **Decorating & Furnishing of a new School Chapel.** We already have a suitable room, a tabernacle, candlesticks, altar linen etc, and some suitable statues, but we need an altar and volunteers to decorate paint the room. The children will no doubt provide the necessary art work at a later stage. If you can lend a hand, particularly during school half term, then again, please let me know as soon as possible!



Children are our future, not just as a church community, but as a human society—and the time and energy that we invest in them brings great rewards and should be a priority for us all. So, I am proud of the commitment of our community to the school which was witnessed in the number who attended the lively and beautifully sung Mass on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham which officially began the school year! **Thank you.**

I am also grateful to the catechists who have agreed to recommence our **Sunday Morning Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 10.30 Mass. Next week will be our **monthly Mass** at which the children **stay in Church** throughout—and, as a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass is a joyful way for us to start once more. On other Sundays after next week, during term time, the Children will be invited at the beginning of Mass to go to the Parish Rooms together for their own Liturgy for the Word returning at the Offertory. **Please do let people know that this is restarting and encourage your children to join them.** For those with younger children, you may wish to accompany them—and are most welcome to do so. We would also be grateful for volunteers to join our catechists to help, and may be even to lead in the future!

**Have a blessed Sunday and an equally blessed week,
Fr Mark**

PARISH CLERGY:	Canon Mark Hackeson Rev Roger Sparks	Parish Priest Retired Deacon
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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Mike Baker, Lady Angela Whaddon, Ann Hodnett, Jinny Birkbeck, Sr Francis, Vic Head, Kim Wright, Margaret Maxey, Theresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Catherine Oliver, Charles Burgess, Helen Philips, Edward Hodnett, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Davida MacDonald, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Anna Dawson, Maureen & Eddie Doran, Lina Giovoni, Klaudia James..

May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED recently and for Ketherine Langley, Pater Demarzo, Maud Reeve, Finbar Byrne, Michael Pugh, Pamela Bywaters, James Axham, Ellen Hodnett, B Duggan, Mollie Lambert, John McKay, & Gertrude Morris whose *anniversaries fall this week.*

ROTAS FOR 25TH & 26TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

WATTON

17:00 Mass **Welcomer:** Bill Gammell **Steward:** Volunteer
Reader: Brian Harris **Cleaner:** Volunteer

SWAFFHAM

8:30 Mass **Welcomers:** Bridget Dumbrell & Linda Hopkins
Stewards: Bridget Dumbrell & Linda Hopkins
Reader: Teresa Axham
Cleaners: Bridget Dumbrell & Linda Hopkins
10:30 Mass **Welcomer:** Volunteers **Stewards:** Sue Rogers & Mary Bedingfeld
Reader: Michael Turner **Cleaners:** Sue Rogers & Mary Bedingfeld
Flowers: Jacinta Macris & Caroline Partridge
Counters: Rosemary & Paul Godfrey (Wednesday 29th September)

ROTAS FOR 2ND & 3RD OCTOBER - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

WATTON

17:00 Mass **Welcomer:** Bill Gammell **Steward:** Volunteer
Reader: Terri Charman **Cleaner:** Volunteer

SWAFFHAM

8:30 Mass **Welcomers:** Andrew Coe & Len Heywood
Stewards: Bridget Dumbrell & Linda Hopkins
Reader: Catherine Riedlinger
Cleaners: Bridget Dumbrell & Linda Hopkins
10:30 Mass **Welcomer:** Volunteers **Stewards & Cleaners:** Sue Rogers & Mary Bedingfeld
Reader: David McPartlin **Children's Liturgy:** Children in Church
Flowers: Mary Bedingfeld & Bridget Dumbrell
Counters: Sandra Stone & Chris Smith (Wednesday 6th October)

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK **National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life** **Tuesday 28th September 2021**

A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. Pope St. John Paul II

On the Vigil of St Michael, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join aswell. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com



**MARGARET BEAUFORT INSTITUTE
OF THEOLOGY**

SYNODALITY & THE CHURCH - 'GETTING INVOLVED'

Pope Francis is inviting each and every one of us to 'Get involved' as the Church prepares for the next Synod 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission.' The Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, a Catholic college affiliated to Cambridge University, is providing a number of on-line courses over the coming months to help us all understand and engage with this process. Details are given below, and I would encourage people to consider joining them.

Mini-series on Synodality led by Prof Peter Coughlan online three Wednesday afternoons - 6, 13 and 20 October, 4pm to 6pm. Early Bird £45 until 20 September, then £50.

Ecclesial Ethics Study Day led by Rev'd Dr Liam Hayes and Dr Anna Abram online Saturday 27 November, 9:30am to 4:00pm. Early Bird £45 until 27 September, then £50.

Catholic Ethical Leadership with a panel of distinguished speakers online Saturday 23 October, 10am to 4pm. All seats priced at £20 for the whole day.

To register or for more information visit: www.mbit.cam.ac.uk



NEWMAN LECTURES 2021

The second Newman Lecture - 'What should we expect from politics after Covid?' will be given by the **Rt Hon Dr Ruth Kelly** on **Saturday 9th October** at the **Cathedral of St John the Baptist**, and will also be **streamed online** (timings tbc).

All enquiries regarding registration and attendance should be directed to marianne.rozario@stmarys.ac.uk



COFFEE & A NATTER

Friday 1st October
9.00am



If you are dropping off your children at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, why not PARK SAFELY at Our Lady of Pity and WALK SAFELY the short distance to school up Northwell Pool Road, and call in for a coffee and a natter with other mums, dads and carers at the Parish Rooms.

MASS AT OXBURGH HALL

Saturday 2nd October at 12:00 noon.

Our regular monthly celebration of Mass at historic Oxburgh Hall.
There will be no morning Mass in Swaffham.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2021
10.30am
OUR LADY OF PITY
1st SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MASS

Having fasted in solidarity with those in need on Friday 1st October, at this Mass we will CELEBRATE and offer our THANKS for the Harvest. Donations of food and volunteers to decorate the Church are invited.

You are ALL invited to bring gifts of fresh produce which will be auctioned after Mass with the proceeds going to the CAFOD appeal. The Harvest fast day collection will also be taken at this Mass.

LIFT TO 8:30 MASS—PLEASE CAN YOU HELP??



Sister Elaine and Sister Francis would be very grateful if someone could pick them up for 8:30 Mass and take them home afterwards. They have no other means of transport on a Sunday. Their address is:

4 Lynn Road (not Street) phone: 01760 722158

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? If you are, PLEASE inform the Chaplain:



QEH at King's Lynn - Fr Gordon Adam 07721 020334
Norfolk & Norwich - Canon David Paul 01603 624615
Swaffham Community Hospital, please inform Fr. Mark.

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

09.15

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Session 3 for Parents & Children :

Celebrating Our Rescue

Beginning in Parish Rooms and concluding with 10.30 Mass in Church.



TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

10:00

MASS FOLLOWED BY COFFEE & CHAT

Small numbers and the opportunity for a safe tea/coffee and chat with friends in the Parish Room afterwards.

WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

10:30 -11:30 PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSIONS

14:00 PARISH PRAYER GROUP MEETING in the Parish Rooms.



THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

12noon

'ZOOMED' MASS,

Join a group of parishioners for Mass and for the opportunity to chat and catch up afterwards. For link, please request at ourladyofpity@btinternet.com



FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER - CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

In solidarity with the poor, give up a meal this day and donate the cost to CAFOD in the envelope provided.

SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER

09:30 -10:30 PRIVATE PRAYER & CONFESSIONS

12:00

MASS AT OXBURGH HALL



SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER

09.15

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Session 4 for Parents & Children :

God Helps Me Get it Right

Beginning in Parish Rooms and concluding with 10.30 Mass in Church.



NEWSLETTER Please contact Glenda Boulter on 01760 725291 or gboulter@btinternet.com by **Wednesday 6:00pm** for the coming week. *Thank you.*

THANK YOU for your generosity in the last week.

You gave **£404.50** in the collection from **Swaffham**, **£43.00** from **Watton** and **£190** in standing orders. **Total £637.50.**

Next week there will be the second collection for **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.**



THE WORD OF GOD

MARK 9:38-43,45,47-48

38 John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' 39 But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. 40 Anyone who is not against us is for us. 41 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 42 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. 43 And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. 45 And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell 48 where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



Other readings: Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 18 (19) James 5:1-6

REFLECTIONS

This gospel reading contains a collection of different sayings of Jesus. The first speech warns us against the exclusive attitude which says that, unless someone completely shares our opinions and our faith, they can do no good. The next saying seems to confirm this. Any good deed from whatever source, Jesus implies, should be welcomed and will be rewarded. Jesus then speaks of 'obstacles' placed in the way of believers, the 'little ones' who have faith. The Greek word used here is similar to the word 'scandal'. To scandalise others, to violate their faith, to undermine their pursuit of what is good and right, is plainly wrong. Jesus then apparently suggests that self-mutilation, cutting off hand or foot, and tearing out the eye, would be better than sinning. What are we to make of this? This is an extreme way of pointing out the seriousness of sin. Christians should understand the strength of what Jesus is saying, but Christian teaching has never condoned self-harm of this magnitude. Finally, what are we to make of the references to hell and its eternal fire? The Church teaches us that the image of eternal fire is an attempt to express the dreadful pain of losing God and of shutting oneself off from the love of others. This pain is worse than any physical suffering.

How accepting am I of the goodness of those who do not share my beliefs?

Do I place obstacles in the way of others, undermining their faith and goodness?

We pray for the zeal which always seeks what is good.

We pray for confidence in the goodness of God.

Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, written by Fr. Adrian Graffy



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021

SESSION 3 for PARENTS & CHILDREN

Sunday 26th September 2021

9.15am followed by Parish Mass at 10.30am

Sessions are held on **Sunday mornings at 9.15 (for 9.30 start) in the Parish Rooms and will end with the celebration of Mass with the Parish community at 10.30 in Church.**

TUESDAY MASSES & COFFEE

EVERY TUESDAY 10:00am

Arranged with some of our parishioners in mind, who are beginning to venture out once more, it is an opportunity to celebrate a weekday Mass together and spend some time with friends outside of the 'same



THURSDAY MIDDAY 'ZOOMED' MASS

This coming week, we will recommence our weekly 'zoomed' Masses at 12noon on Thursday. If you are not able to attend Mass in person, this format provides an opportunity not only to view the celebration of Mass, but also to participate in it and indeed to have a chat with other parishioners before and afterwards.

For link, then please e-mail Fr Mark.



CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER 2021

This year's Harvest Family Fast Day focuses on climate and the environment. We will be sharing the story of **Ivanilde**, who lives in a small patch of the rainforest in one of the most heavily deforested regions of the **Brazilian Amazon**. Her story speaks of the struggle to protect her rainforest home for the good of all creation. Funds raised this year will help us sustain the vital work of supporting communities as they adapt to the effects of the climate crisis and prepare for the future.



Please make a note of the date in your diary, and mark the day by giving up just one meal and donating the cost of that meal to the CAFOD appeal. **Envelopes are included with THIS NEWSLETTER.**