

Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

(1836)

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SOLEMINITY OF ALL SAINTS

YEAR OF ST MATTHEW

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2020

Since the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus many generations of his disciples have died, have 'fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection'. Amongst



them there are some famous men and women who, because of their exemplary lives or heroic deaths, are remembered by name and publicly honoured as Saints, as having entered into the fulness of eternal life with Christ. They are not, of course, the whole story. There are countless others who lived in obscurity as faithful disciples of Christ. Today it is these whom we remember especially alongside those whose names have come down to us. In the writings of the New Testament the living members of the Christian community are often referred to as 'saints'. In Acts, for example, we are told that Peter, "came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda," where, by the power of Christ, he healed Aeneas. (Acts 9:32-35) Against, Saint Paul addresses his letter to the Romans to, "God's beloved...who are called to be saints," and Ephesians is addressed to, "the saints who

are faithful in Christ Jesus." (Rom 1:7; Eph 1:1) There is real affinity between members of the community of believers living and dead; continuity of here with hereafter. In celebrating the saints in heaven we rejoice in also in our own faith in Jesus Christ and hope of resurrection which we openly profess when we pray the creed: "I believe in...the communion of saints...the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." The gospel passage we use in the liturgy of this great feast is the opening words of the 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's gospel. The beatitudes describe the 'saints': they are poor in spirit and gentle; they are peace makers, hungry for justice and face persecution in pursuing it; they are merciful and pure in heart.. It is because we recognise these qualities in those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, that we call them saints, those to whom, "the Kingdom of heaven belongs." It is to the extent that we live them - as we can in cooperation with the Spirit of God within us - that, here and now, we too can properly be called saints. We often fail, of course, as did some who have gone before us. But we profess in the creed also our belief in, "the forgiveness of sins." On Monday we commemorate the faithful departed, warts and all, in love and solidarity, remembering that 'tarnished saints', living and dead, are part of the community of believers. We do not give up on our brothers and sisters when they die; we pray in hope, that they may have life more abundantly.

from FRATELLI TUTTI

"One effective way to weaken historical consciousness, critical thinking, the struggle for justice and the processes of integration is to empty great words of their meaning or to manipulate them. Nowadays, what do certain words like democracy, freedom, justice or unity really mean? They have been bent and shaped to serve as tools for domination, as meaningless tags that can be used to justify any action. The best way to dominate and gain control over people is to spread despair and discouragement, even under the guise of defending certain values. Today, in many countries, hyperbole, extremism and polarization have become political tools. Employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion and relentless criticism, in a variety of ways one denies the right of others to exist or to have an opinion. (14-15)

FINANCE

After six months of Coronavirus, our finances are beginning to suffer. The income from collections at Mass and fundraising is halved and there has been no income from the repository or candle sales, which amounts to around £3,000. I would ask those who do not already do so to consider supporting the parish by setting up a standing order. Please contact Terry or Dilys for bank details.

"...their's is the Kingdom of Heaven"

TODAY

"EASTER OFFERING": message from Bishop Alan

"Since parishes were unable to have the usual Easter Offering this year, I have asked that all parishes should take up an "Easter Offering" at all Masses during the weekend of October 31st/November 1st. As usual, this offering is your gift to your priest(s). I am grateful to you for your generosity."

NEWS & VIEWS

Fr Hari, the Vicar of Walsingham, has asked Fr Michael Rear to join the committee that produces News & Views, the magazine delivered to every house in Walsingham. Wee hope to include more news and articles into it from the Catholic Parish and Shrine in Walsingham. If you have any news items about forthcoming events, celebrations, etc, and any articles of interest. They may be given in writing or sent to him by email at: Walsingham@post.com.

CHURCH OPENING

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham:

Sunday 10.30 Mass

Monday to Saturday 9.30 Mass

(followed by exposition on Monday.

Confessions on Saturday)

Tuesday to Friday inclusive, 10 – 11.30 Private Prayer

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wells-next-the-Sea:

Saturday 6.00 pm Mass

Thursday 9.30 Mass

St Peter's, Blakeney:

Sunday 11.00 Mass

Wednesday 9.30 Mass

St Henry Walpole, Burnham Market:

Friday 9.30 Mass

Sunday 9.30 Mass

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1030-1130 Private Prayer

CHURCH OPENING

The Ignite Team are planning plenty of new online content over the coming months. Join us on YouTube for First Fridays, our NEW monthly online chat show which goes live on the First Friday of each month. And why not join young people across the Diocese for our Mass for Young People on the Second Saturday of each month? Streamed via our YouTube channel and coming in person to a church near you!

Follow us on Instagram and subscribe on YouTube to keep up to date with all we have to offer you: @ignitevea

NOVEMBER: PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

On November 2nd we commemorate all the faithful departed. For more about this see 'Distanced but Together'. At 6.30 in St Nicholas Church, Wells, Wells Churches Together host an ecumenical service.

HOMELESS BOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

As the colder days approach let's make a special effort to help the homeless and those in need. New socks, hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries please. Because of Covid 19 restrictions NO KNITTED ITEMS please. Thank you.

PAM'S JAM FACTORY

As is her custom Pam Tester has been making jam. She kindly sells this to raise money for the building fund. Covid 19 restrictions mean that it cannot be displayed. You must ask for it at the church or call at her house, Wythe Cottage, Burnt Street, Wells-next-the-Sea. Exciting new flavours available!

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

Now, once again, we are able to celebrate the Eucharist. This is a real cause for rejoicing but we must still be careful to take every precaution against Covid 19. We are not obliged to put ourselves at risk in order to take part in the Mass. There are many online liturgies.

You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Befriending the Scriptures cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday:	Apocalypse 7:2-14	Psalm 23	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Monday:		The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		
	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 26	Romans 5:5-11	Luke 7:11-17
Tuesday:	Philippians 2:5-11	Psalm 21		Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Philippians 2:12-18	Psalm 26		Luke 14:25-33
Thursday:	Philippians 3:3-8	Psalm 104		Luke 15:1-10
Friday:	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Psalm 121		Luke 16:1-8
Saturday:	Philippians 4:10-19	Psalm 11		Luke 16:9-15

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