

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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW
JULY 5TH, 2020

The gospel today features two of Jesus' most often quoted teachings. In the first He thanks the Father for revealing 'these things' to mere children whilst



hiding them from the learned and the clever. What things are these? They are the truths about the Kingdom of Heaven and about himself which, at this point in the gospel, Jesus is proclaiming to the towns and villages in Galilee. He had reproached two of these, Chorazin and Bethsaida for their failure to repent – to change the way they lived – even after seeing miraculous cures. He refers to those who would not believe his words or his actions as 'the learned and the clever'. They are the worldly wise, people like John Bunyan's Mr Worldly Wiseman from Carnal Town who tries to deflect Christian from his purpose (Pilgrim's Progress, Part 1: 2,3). Those who do accept God's revelation in Christ are called, by contrast, 'mere children'. Like children they are not self-sufficient

and know they must rely on their creator to reveal true wisdom (Cf. 1 Cor 2:17-31). Such is the good news of the kingdom which the 'learned and clever' are inclined to reject, thinking they know better. Jesus goes on to offer an invitation everyone. Those who are inclined to accept him, who do not block their ears to the Word of God will likely hear it. "Come to me," he says, "all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest." Are the overburdened those who are made so by the minutiae of Jewish Law? Perhaps. There are others, too, who are burdened by, often unacknowledged, injustices built into their every day lives in a world which belongs to Mr Worldly Wiseman. The invitation is made to all but accepted only by those who 'have ears to hear' (Matthew 11:15). Strangely, the invitation to be given rest is also an invitation to accept 'my yoke'. This burden, however, is light. It involves learning, from Jesus who offers the invitation, the ways of the Kingdom of Heaven and living accordingly. Viewed from the standpoint of Mr Worldly Wiseman this may seem an intolerable burden. But for those who accept Jesus, who believe in him and, "Are given power to become children of God," (John 1:12), mere children to whom 'these things' have been revealed, this burden is light. Its weight is dispelled by the experience of humanity as God intends it, loving and being loved.

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

"Today, a culture of the ephemeral dominates, but it is an illusion... Today, there are those who say that marriage is out of fashion... In a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of 'enjoying' the present moment. They say that it is not worth making a lifelong commitment, making a definitive decision... I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, incapable of true love. I have great confidence in you, and for this very reason, I urge you to opt for marriage. Marriage... involves maturing in your own sexuality, so that it can become less a means of using others, and increasingly a capacity to entrust yourself fully to another person in an exclusive and generous way. (262, 263)

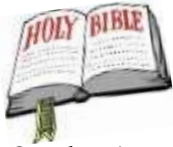
PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:
www.walsingham.org.uk

CAFOD

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. To find out how you can help, see the CAFOD item on the parish webpage (www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org) in the section called ***Distanced but Together***.

"Learn from me. I am gentle and humble of heart."



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:	Zechariah 9:9-10	Psalm 144;	Romans 8:9, 11-13;	Matthew 11:25-30
Monday:	Hosea 2:16-22	Psalm 144;		Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hosea 8:4-13;	Psalm 113B;		Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hosea 10:1-12;	Psalm 104;		Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hosea 11:1-9;	Psalm 79;		Matthew 10:7-15
Friday:	Hosea 14:2-10;	Psalm 50;		Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday:		Saint Benedict, Patron of Europe		
	Proverbs 2:1-9:	Psalm 33:		Matthew 19:27-29

NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE

We have supported this event by designating some churches as stations of the route. Circumstances are strange this year but we have received a letter saying: "The Bike Ride committee is planning to go ahead with this year's event on Saturday 12th September. We hope that the Bike Ride will be an great opportunity to raise some much needed funds for churches and the Norfolk Churches Trust, and we would like to make this a record year for all of us...." We need volunteers to man the station at Blakeney church. If you are able to help please contact Maureen Schofield (01263 740582). For more information see:

<https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/taking-part/>

NATIONAL MASSES

Each Thursday, at 7.00pm, a Catholic Bishop has been celebrating a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join in. By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcw.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

9th July

Bishop Tom Williams

Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool

OPENING OF CHURCHES

As you will have heard on the news, the Government has now decided that church buildings may be open not only for individual prayer but also, from July 4th, for public services. We may celebrate the Eucharist together but must proceed carefully; there are many regulations to be observed (See ***Distanced but Together***). We are in a period of transition and things will probably change from time to time. For this week the timetable will be as follows.:

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham: Sunday 10.30 Mass

Tuesday 9.30 Mass

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

Wednesday, Friday 10 – 11 Private Prayer

St Peter's, Blakeney:

Wednesday 9.30 Mass

St Henry Walpole, Burnham Market:

Friday 9.30 Mass

Monday, Wednesday 10 – 11.00 Private Prayer

There will be Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Wells, at 6.00 pm on Saturday July 4th and at Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham at 10.30 on Sunday, July 5th. Sunday Mass will be available at St Peter's and St Henry's as soon as possible. Please hand on this information to people you know who are unable to receive this newsletter via the Web site.

Who'd be a steward? Please do as they ask you without question.

Hand sanitiser will be available at each church but you should provide your own mask. 'Social distancing' must be observed. There will be clear indication in each church where you may sit.

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