

# 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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FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER  
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

In the gospel of John much of Jesus' teaching is gathered into a series of speeches addressed to his disciples, to those who believe in him, during



the Last Supper. It is from this discourse that the gospel reading for the last three Sundays after Easter are taken. Today we hear the very beginning of it. In the face of seeming disaster Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." How can they possibly not be troubled? Jesus says that they must, "Trust in God." He says more that this, of course: "Trust in God and *trust in me*." This equivalence takes the gospel reader back to its beginning: "In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God." Jesus is leaving his disciples but he promises that, trusting in God, they will be with him; he will return and take us with him. How apt

it is that this passage is often read at Christian funerals when we celebrate a disciple's confident departure on the way to where Jesus has gone. This is a lot to take in. Two of his disciples, who surely represent each or all of us, fail to understand. Thomas, puzzled by Jesus words, needs to be reassured by his declaration: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." He is at once the 'route' and its destination. The key to understanding the mystery lies in the fact of the Word made flesh: "If you know me, you know my Father too." Even though Jesus has been with him, 'all this time' Philip is struggling with this elucidation and appeals to Jesus, "Let us see the Father." Jesus says, "How can you say, 'let us see the Father'?" So, he puts differently, twice: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me," and goes on to ask that his disciples believe this, "On the evidence of this work." This 'work', or 'works', refers to what the Father has done through Jesus. For the disciple these are signs of the divinity of Christ. Those 'signs' we read, at the end of the gospel, "are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life through his name." This is why, as disciples of Jesus, our hearts are not troubled.

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

*"...the Church should not underestimate the potential of sports for education and formation, but instead maintain a strong presence there. The world of sport needs to be helped to overcome some of its problematic aspects, such as the idolization of champions, subservience to commercial interests and the ideology of success at any cost".[121] At the heart of the experience of sport is "joy: the joy of exercising, of being together, of being alive and rejoicing in the gifts the Creator gives us each day".[122] Some Fathers of the Church used the example of the training of athletes to encourage the young to develop their strength and to overcome idleness and boredom. Saint Basil the Great, writing to young people, used the effort demanded by athletics to illustrate the value of self-sacrifice as a means of growth in virtue." (227)*

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

**You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:**  
[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://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](http://www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org)) in the section called ***Distanced but Together***.

*"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."*

**Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.**



### 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:	Acts 6:1-7;	Psalm 32;	1 Peter 2:4-9;	John 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18	Psalm 113		John 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28;	Psalm 144;		John 14:27-31
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6	Psalm 121;		John 15:1-8
<b>St Matthias:</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-26;</b>	<b>Psalm 112;</b>		<b>John 15:9-17</b>
Friday:	Acts 15:7-21;	Psalm 95;		John 15:9-11
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10;	Psalm 99;		John 15:18-21

### VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY

Alas, the bank holiday and public celebrations to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day became yet another victim of the coronavirus/corvid 19 crisis. Nothing, however, can prevent us from giving thanks for the sacrifices made by so many during the war years and for the fact that, since hostilities ceased, we have enjoyed three-quarters of a century of peace in Europe. Perhaps by the time VJ day comes around we will be released from our necessary, if tiresome, incarceration and mark the occasion with shared liturgical prayer. Who knows? In the meantime we remain disciples of our Lord who said, "Peace I give you...": a peace the world cannot understand.

### NATIONAL MASSES

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

14th May	Bishop Robert Byrne CO	Newcastle Cathedral
21st May	Bishop Mark Davies	Shrewsbury Cathedral
28th May	Bishop Terence Drainey	Middlesbrough Cathedral

### R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
**MICHAEL DIXON**,  
whose funeral will take place at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> At Wells cemetery and  
**SHIELA GOLDSMITH** who died last week.

Pray, too, for the comfort of their bereaved families.

### ST PETER'S BLAKENEY: REPAIRS

Remember November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day? That's right, a bus demolished the entrance to our little church. Well, the building work begins on Monday. So the site is off limits. Special thanks to Tim Ambler for

### Catholic Bishops on Reopening Churches

May 14<sup>th</sup> Sday of Prayer for humanity

See documents at  
**Distanced but Together**  
on Website

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Your hear it all the time on the news: 'even though we have no money coming in our outgoings continue.' The Church, of course, is no different and it seems there is no end to 'lockdown' in the near future. I draw your attention to 'Offertory Collection' in **Distanced but Together** on the website. Please don't forget to keep spreading the word about the fact that we have a website and share information on it with those who are unable to avail of it.

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