

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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SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

YEAR OF ST MATTHEW

MAY 24TH, 2020

Last week we read from the opening of the long, long discourse which John places in the mouth of Jesus towards the close of his Last Supper before



the Passion; today we listen to part of the prayer with which it concludes. It is a prayer because Jesus is no longer speaking to his disciples but to his Father: to God. He asks his Father to, "Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you." His work amongst us is over and by completing it he is glorifying the Father. He asks that he may now be glorified with, "that glory I had with you before ever the world existed." He has come from the Father and is now about to return to the Father. The words are different but is this not redolent of the prayer he taught his disciples elsewhere: "Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name?" He prays, too for those disciples, for those,

"you took from the world to give me." No matter how imperfectly they may have grasped what he taught them, he has revealed the Father to them and they – we – have accepted his teaching. It is for his disciples who have accepted that he has come from the Father, and not for the world which does not recognise him (Cf. 1:10), that he is praying. He is praying for those who recognise him and follow him because he will no longer be 'in the world' but they will be. Jesus, who belongs to the Father, is handing on the baton to them. They also belong to the Father, just as he does. For this reason they are to continue his mission to the world which they will have to carry out in his 'absence'. Truly 'the hour' has come and all has been accomplished but such is the rift between time and eternity that for the disciples who remain in time, where people come and go, there is work to be done. This work is supported by the prayer of Jesus which, although, like the crucifixion and resurrection, occurred at a particular point in history, continues eternally. Our own prayer is mysteriously wrapped up in that of Jesus; earlier in this long discourse Jesus had promised: "Anything you ask of the Father he will grant in my name." This is accomplished in the Spirit we invite, and eagerly await.

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

"The young people who met before the Synod called for 'programmes for the formation and continued development of young leaders. Some young women feel that there is a lack of leading female role models within the Church and they too wish to give their intellectual and professional gifts to the Church. We also believe that seminarians and religious should have an even greater ability to accompany young leaders'. The same young people described to us the qualities they hope to find in a mentor, and they expressed this with much clarity. "The qualities of such a mentor include: being a faithful Christian who engages with the Church and the world; someone who constantly seeks holiness; someone who is a confidant without judging. Similarly, someone who actively listens to the needs of young people and responds in kind; someone deeply loving and self-aware; someone who recognizes his or her limits and knows the joys and sorrows of the spiritual journey." (245-246)

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*.

"Eternal life is this: to know you... and Jesus Christ..."

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 1:12-14; Psalm 26;	1 Peter 4:13-16;	John 17:1-11
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 67;		John 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 67;		Luke 17:1-11
St Augustine of Canterbury	1 Thess 2:2-8; Psalm 116;		John 10:1-9
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 15;		John 17:11-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 102;		John 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-31; Psalm 10;		John 21:20-25

PENTECOST

It would be hard to exaggerate the importance, for the Church, of the Feast of Pentecost. It commemorates the gift, by Jesus, to each and every one of us who constitute that Church, of the Spirit of God which is in him and which gives life, purpose and power to his body on earth. Under normal circumstances we would emphasise that importance by celebrating a vigil. Circumstances are, however, far from normal. I have appended a form of Pentecost Vigil to this newsletter which can be found under ***Distanced but Together*** on the web page. Let's pray it together on Saturday.

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. The last of these Masses is on Thursday 28th. By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

28th May Bishop Terence Drainey Middlesbrough Cathedral

ST PETER'S BLAKENEY: REPAIRS

Remember November 1st, All Saints Day? That's right, a bus demolished the entrance to our little church. Well, the building work began on Monday 11th. So the site is off limits. Special thanks to Tim Ambler for 'agitating' and Catherine Blyth for keeping an eye on things.

IGNITE

Looking for a new challenge in September? The Diocesan Youth Service is seeking applications from 18-35 year olds to join the Ignite Team for 2020-2021. Spend a year sharing the Gospel message with children and young people across East Anglia, developing new skills and growing in your faith. Accommodation, food and other living expenses are provided plus a £200 monthly allowance. Ideal as a 'gap year' (can be extended). For more information visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth or email Ciaran on igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk.



ROSARY



Pope Francis writes: "I want you to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in this month of May. This can be done as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities." In response to Pope Francis' request there has been a Rosary Mission co-hosted by the London Rosary Shrine, Walsingham Basilica, Carfin Grotto and Rosary on the Coast. See 'Rosary Mission' in the ***Distanced but Together*** section of the webpage

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