

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)

Parish Mass Book, Readings & Prayers 155-157 Prayer of the Church, 1

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW
NOVEMBER 15TH, 2020

As the end of the Church's year draws near the liturgy prompts us to turn our thought to the second coming of Christ. After two thousand years



of waiting Christ's promise that, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven," (Acts 1:11) often slips away from the forefront of our minds. We remind ourselves whenever we celebrate the Eucharist that we, "look forward to his second coming," (Eucharistic Prayer III) and when we pray the creed we proclaim that, "He will come again to judge the living and the dead," But still it is hard to feel the urgency of it. Today's gospel parable helps us to reflect on the need for his disciples, and among them us, to be ready for it. The parable speaks of the kingdom of heaven and teaches something of what it is like. We must not forget that, through the agency of Christ, the kingdom of heaven is breaking in to this workaday world, but it is not limited to it. When this world, or each of its inhabitants individually, comes to an end

the kingdom endures. Those of us who have placed our trust in Christ have been entrusted with and insight into it; a pearl of great price (Matthew 13:45-46). This is like the talents, large quantities of silver, entrusted to the slaves in the parable. Some have been entrusted with more, some less. The quantity, the size of the pearl, is unimportant; what matters is what we do with it. It is not a gift we have been given for our own enjoyment but a gift which must be used to work towards the coming of the kingdom. The slaves who are praised by the master understood that they were to use the talents entrusted to them to make more. The slave who buried his treasure, lest it be stolen from him, has misunderstood his master's purpose. The meaning of the parable has been distorted for English speakers by the word 'talent' having evolved to mean a personal attribute or skill. The gift of the seed of the kingdom is given to all who believe irrespective of ability. It is often given more abundantly to those who, judged by the ordinary criteria of this world, are devoid of 'talent'. The parable is about the use we make of what has been entrusted to us. Using it well equates to cooperating with the Spirit of God who is present within us. To bear fruit the seed of God's kingdom must be shared with others. There are, of course, many different ways of doing this. Each of us must discern as an individual how this is to be done. Under no circumstances may it be buried within us.

from FRATELLI TUTTI

"Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, "persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor and disabled, 'not yet useful' – like the unborn, or 'no longer needed' – like the elderly. We have grown indifferent to all kinds of wastefulness, starting with the waste of food, which is deplorable in the extreme." A decline in the birthrate, which leads to the aging of the population, together with the relegation of the elderly to a sad and lonely existence, is a subtle way of stating that it is all about us, that our individual concerns are the only thing that matters. In this way, "what is thrown away are not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves". (18, 19)

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, Dilys or Fr Keith for bank details.

"Well done, good and faithful servant..."



R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Theresa of the Little Sisters of Jesus who died last week. Her funeral will take place at the Chapel of Reconciliation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham at 12.00 pm on Monday November 23rd. Her body will be received into the Slipper Chapel at 5.00 pm on Sunday 2nd. Under the present circumstances space is limited so participation will be difficult. Her body will be transferred to the Chapel of Reconciliation at 9.00 a, on the day of the funeral and the Chapel will be open for private prayer, under the usual conditions between that time and the time of the funeral mass.

LOCKDOWN

The British Government has imposed new measures to deal with the Covid 19 crisis. These will apply nationally for four weeks up to and including Wednesday 2 December.

It is permitted for an individual or family, “to attend a place of worship for individual prayer, a funeral or a related event for someone who has died, to visit a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a deathbed wedding. ”

It is not permitted for anyone, “to partake in communal, congregational or corporate worship (devotions/ worship/ service/ prayer led by a Minister of Religion or lay person, e.g. Evensong, informal prayer meetings, Jumma, **Mass** or Kirtan)2

CHURCH OPENING

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Walsingham:

Wach day, 10 – 11.30 Private Prayer

St Henry Walpole, Burnham Market:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1030-1130 Private Prayer

FROM IGNITE

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: @igniteya

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.

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:

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!

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:	Proverbs 11:10-31	Psalm 127	1 Thessalonians 5:1-4	Matthew 25:14-39
Monday:	Apocalypse 1:1-2;5	Psalm 1		Luke 18:25-43
Tuesday:	Apocalypse 3:1-22	Psalm 14		Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Apocalypse 4:1-11	Psalm 150		Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	Apocalypse 5:1-10	Psalm 149		Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	Apocalypse 10:8-11	Psalm 118		Luke 19:45-48
Saturday:	Apocalypse 11:4-12	Psalm 143		Luke 20:27-40

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