

# 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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30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

YEAR OF ST MATTHEW

OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

As they were last week, the Pharisees are still trying to set a trap for Jesus to fall into by his own words, when they ask, “Which is the greatest of the commandments?” In Luke’s gospel, and earlier in



the story, a lawyer puts a different question: “What must I do to inherit eternal life. Jesus turns the question back to him saying, “You’re a lawyer, what does it say in the law?” The lawyer replies, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself,” and Jesus tells him that if he lives according to this he will, indeed, have life. Jesus’ answer to the Pharisees is substantially the same. When Jesus answers the Pharisees he separates the first and second commandments: In the first place, ‘Love God,’ but remember the second commandment, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself,’ is like it. We are not told how they reacted to his answer. It is almost as if Jesus is

chiding them for their behaviour towards him. They know and presumably try to observe the absolute importance of loving God with all their strength but in trying to entrap Jesus are they not forgetting the command to love their neighbour as themselves? We are not told how they reacted: I imagine they would have been irritated. When Jesus says the second commandment is ‘like’ the first he reminds the Pharisees and us that the two are inseparable. If I claim to love God and don’t love my neighbour then my claim is false. In the list of commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) all those after the command to keep holy the Sabbath – even including observance of the Sabbath – can be seen as practical instances of loving one’s neighbour. The same may be said of the more detailed examples in today’s reading from Exodus. Some of these are strikingly relevant to us in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, e.g., “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him. Leviticus expands this, “...you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” (Leviticus 19:34) The observance of these commandments is a ‘barometer’ by which we can judge whether we genuinely love God whom we can neither see nor hear. Luke’s lawyer does well to marry the two commandments. It is the two together on which, “hang the whole of the law and the prophets too”; together they constitute what, with the help of God, will bring us eternal life.

from FRATELLI TUTTI

“Opening up to the world” is an expression that has been co-opted by the economic and financial sector and is now used exclusively of openness to foreign interests or to the freedom of economic powers to invest without obstacles or complications in all countries. Local conflicts and disregard for the common good are exploited by the global economy in order to impose a single cultural model. This culture unifies the world, but divides persons and nations, for “as society becomes ever more globalized, it makes us neighbours, but does not make us brothers” [BENEDICT XVI, Encyclical Letter Caritas in Veritate] We are more alone than ever in an increasingly massified world that promotes individual interests and weakens the communitarian dimension of life. ... As a rule, the advance of this kind of globalism strengthens the identity of the more powerful ...”(12)

## FINANCE

After six months of Coronavirus, our finances are beginning to suffer. The income from collections and fundraising for the first six months of last year was approximately £50,000; this year, it’s approximately £30,000. Also there has been no income from the repository or candle sales, which amounts to around £3,000. Cash collections at Mass are considerably reduced. 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.

“Love God...and your neighbour as yourself.”

## 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:	Exodus 22:20-26	Psalm 17	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10	Matthew 22:34-40
Monday:	Ephesians 4:32-5:8	Psalm 1		Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Ephesians 5:21-33	Psalm 127		Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday:		<b>Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</b>		
	Ephesians 2:19-22	Psalm 18		Luke 6:12-19
Thursday:	Ephesians 6:10-20	Psalm 143		Luke 13:31-35
Friday:	Philippians 1:1-11	Psalm 110		Luke 14:1-6
Saturday:	Philippians 1:18-26	Psalm 41		Luke 14:1-11

## 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

Please hand on this information to people you know who are unable to receive this newsletter via the Web site.

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

Under the present circumstances be assured there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. If you are isolating, sheltering or in any way nervous about public gatherings, just take your time.

## 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. He has done so in the hope of including more news and articles into it from the Catholic Parish and Shrine in Walsingham. Please let Fr Michael have any news items about forthcoming events, celebrations, etc, and any articles of interest. They may be given in writing or sent by email to him at: [Walsingham@post.com](mailto:Walsingham@post.com).

## "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.'

## 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:**

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