



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia
SAINT LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Year B – Sunday 12th September 2021

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

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Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

MASS TIMES

BOOKING NO LONGER REQUIRED!

Monday to Friday - 10am

Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday

9:00am, 10:30am Live-stream &
12:00nn Outdoor (*Indoors in bad weather*)

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THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful

Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the beloved disciple.

Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross.

Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

Saint Ambrose in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world.

As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed, but offered herself to her persecutors.

REFLECTION

John's account of Jesus' death is highly symbolic. When Jesus gives the beloved disciple to Mary, we are invited to appreciate Mary's role in the Church: She symbolizes the Church; the beloved disciple represents all believers. As

Mary mothered Jesus, she is now mother to all his followers. Furthermore, as Jesus died, he handed over his Spirit. Mary and the Spirit cooperate in begetting new children of God—almost an echo of Luke's account of

Jesus' conception. Christians can trust that they will continue to experience the caring presence of Mary and Jesus' Spirit throughout their lives and throughout history.

-franciscanmedia

PLEASE PRAY

*For the repose of the souls of Vincent Terry McCoy+, Vincenzo Tuzzeo+ and Crocifissa Nigro+ who have all died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Second Reading – James 2:14-18

The interconnection between faith and good works has been a puzzle from the beginning of Christianity – and before. At some times people seem to have believed that it was possible to earn salvation. However, you cannot bargain or negotiate with God.

As the psalms say, ‘No one can buy his own ransom.’ All we can do is hang on by our fingertips to God’s promises, put our trust in God’s limitless forgiveness. Faith is not a matter of believing first one doctrine and then another. Primarily, it is a matter of where my trust and confidence is lodged. What, then, is the point of good works?

If our faith in God’s generosity and forgiveness does not lead us to act with similar generosity and forgiveness, it is a strange slap in the face for God, the demonstration of a strange conception of God!

We are made in the image of God, so that, if we recognise this, we will attempt to carry on God’s work with at least an echo of the divine generosity and forgiveness. When James says that otherwise our faith is dead, he really means that it is a withered faith which is not faith at all.

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-35

This is the turning-point of Mark’s gospel. Till now the stories we have heard have all shown ever-increasing wonder and amazement at Jesus’ personality, his goodness and his authority. But even his closest disciples do not seem to have seen what this implies. Then suddenly Peter comes to the realisation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed of God, for whom everyone was waiting.

However, Peter still does not understand what this implies. Jesus is not a conquering political hero, who will simply wipe out all opposition by overwhelming force, and make every path smooth and gentle. Jesus begins to show his disciples that the road to fulfilment is through suffering. Three times Jesus repeats this prophecy, and three times the disciples fail to grasp the lesson, first Peter, then the disciples who are arguing about precedence, then the two sons of Zebedee, who want the best places for themselves.

So three times Jesus repeats that if you want to follow Jesus you must follow him to the Cross. Nor are we, later followers of Jesus, any quicker than the first disciples to learn this lesson. We grieve with indignation and resistance any suffering that comes our way.

MASSES FOR MISCARRIAGE & INFERTILITY

Celebrated by Bishop Alan, at the Catholic Church in Newmarket. For those who have experienced **miscarriage**: Sunday 10th October 2021, 12 noon.

Families are welcome, refreshments afterwards. For those affected by **infertility**: Saturday 6th November 2021, 11am. Followed by a talk on treatment options for Catholic couples by Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. We respectfully ask that children do not attend this November Mass.’

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Second Reading – James 3:16-4:3

The reading from the Letter of James first contrasts quarrelling and ambition, and their evil effects, with the true wisdom which brings peace. Then it goes on to some stern words about prayer which is not heard, ‘because you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires’.

Is it wrong, then, to ask God for what we want? What about ‘Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find’? The problem of unanswered prayers of petition is a difficult one. We do not really believe that we can change God’s mind and intentions by praying. Nevertheless, we express to God our needs and desires, although we are well aware that he knows them already. This is what a child does to a loving father, ‘Please, please!’ We even link arms with our mother, Mary, or even our brother and Saviour, Jesus, to increase the persuasive power. But every prayer of petition, just as a child’s prayer to a loving father, contains the hidden text that our Father knows best.

The child or the praying Christian can want something desperately, but for true prayer must submit in obedience, sometime puzzled obedience, to the Father. Only so is the prayer an expression of trust and affection.

Gospel Reading – Mark 9:30-37

After Peter’s confession of Jesus as Messiah the road to Calvary is staked out by three predictions of the Passion, becoming more and more explicit. Each time the inability of the disciples to understand and accept the message is stressed. On this occasion they are too shamefaced to ask any further. At each prediction the same series occurs: from Passion to misunderstanding to disciples must share the Cross of Christ. On this occasion the re-iteration takes the form of putting forward a child to show how the least honoured members of society should be treated. In the modern era we are especially sensitive to the rights of children. This was not the case in the ancient world, perhaps because of the high infant mortality rate: only a small minority of children would reach adulthood. So the child represents the most neglected segment of society, and Jesus chooses the child to stress that all human beings have infinite value, being made in the image of God. All deserve the same respect, love and care.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Sadly Jeremy our lead musician has had to step down due to other commitments, although he will continue to be around as a help and parishioner. We are seeking a replacement, but there are not enough trained church musicians to go around these days. We welcome and are grateful for the help of Ben Horden in the meantime.

Many thanks to Jeremy for his commitment, support and all that has been achieved over the last two years.

MASS TIMES, DEVOTIONS & PRAYERS

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.

You may also send an email to Fr Jude: jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

Saturday 11th September: Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Rosary

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Geraldine O'Mahoney+

SUNDAY 12th September: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Education Day)

9:00am – Mass **Pro Populo**

10:30am – Live-stream **First Holy Communion Children & the souls of Mário Reis, Ivone Monteiro, Amílcar Batica Ferreira, Maria Conceição and Rolando Garces**

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass – **Couples for Christ Peterborough**

Monday 13th September: St John Chrysostom BD

10am – Mass **Macabangon Family**

Tuesday 14th September: Exaltation of the Holy Cross - FEAST

10am – Mass **Barba Family**

Wednesday 15th September:

Our Lady of Sorrows - Memoria

10am – Mass **Maury Family**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 16th September: Ss Cornelius Pp & Cyprian B MM - Memoria

10am – Mass **Geraldine O'Mahoney**

Friday 17th September: Feria

10am – Mass – **Dela Cruz Family**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 18th September: Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Rosary

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Thomas+ & Florence White+

LOVE CHRISTMAS

Looking for a way for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this.

Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated.

By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy to take part and it is an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the **Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6 October, 11am – 12pm** to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Please let Fr Jeffrey or Fr Jude know if you would like to lead this in our parish.

SUNDAY 19th September: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Home Mission Sunday)

9:00am – Mass **Santiago Family**

10:30am – Live-stream **Yung Family (Thanksgiving)**

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass – **Pro Populo**

Monday 20th September: Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon P, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Comps. MM - Memoria

10am – Mass **James "Jim" Reynolds**

Tuesday 21st September: St Matthew Ap & Evangelist - Feast

10am – Mass **Vincenzo Tuzzeo+**

Wednesday 22nd September: Feria

10am – Mass **Aborted Babies**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina P.- Memoria

10am – Mass **Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Friday 24th Our Lady of Walsingham – Principal Patron of the Diocese - SOLEMNITY

10am – Mass **The Diocese of East Anglia**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 25th September: Our Lady on Saturday

9am – Holy Rosary

12nn - Baptism

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Bishop Alan Hopes

SUNDAY 26th September: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am – Mass **Crocifissa Nigro+**

10:30am – Live-stream **Vincent Terry McCoy+**

12:00nn – Outdoor Mass **De Ocampo Family**

IGNITE DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE

Aged 15 to 35? Why not become an Ignite Lite volunteer, spreading the Gospel among children and young people across East Anglia? Gain valuable experience in schools, parishes and at events alongside a friendly team. There will be an Ignite Lite Gathering at St Luke's on Saturday 25th September from 2:30 to 5pm, if you'd like to come along and find out more. (If you are aged under 18, you must pre-register to attend by emailing igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk) Or visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth/ignitelite for further details.

*Please use hand sanitiser on entry or exit.

*Please leave 1 seat free between each individual or group/bubble.

MANY THANKS!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Filipino Celebration & Fr Jude's sponsored dance. Over £2,000 was raised to help St. Luke's Parish!

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Many do not realise that due to data protect laws the chaplains can only visit if you or your family request them. Local clergy may not visit at present and often can't anyway which is why we have chaplains. Contacts: 01733 673115 (non-urgent calls; a message can be left out of hours); 07934 796221 (emergency priest out of hours); Email: nwangliaft.chaplaincy@nhs.net or for our Catholic Lay Chaplain sallyanne.smith@nhs.net

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday is marked this year on 12 September – just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2021 is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty. For the second year in a row, GCSE and A Level students have been Centre Assessed or Teacher Assessed – a challenging situation for both teachers and pupils. We pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – along with students in higher education and vocational training.

EUTHANASIA

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to PRAY this Bill is defeated, WRITE to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and SHARE our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here:

[parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/](https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/) Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

On 19th September the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and to consider how we might spread the Gospel as individuals and as a parish community.

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The planning application for the new school received full approval from Peterborough City Council on 18th June 2021.

Work has started on site to create the haul road for construction traffic and to erect fencing and hard-standing areas for the contractor's welfare facilities. Once these are completed, work will start on the foundations for the school. The building modules for the school will start to arrive on site in early autumn 2021. **Dates for diary:** We will be organising admissions events for parents in the Autumn Term 2021. These will provide parents with the opportunity to meet some Governors of the new school and local Headteachers, to ask questions about the process for pupil admission into the school in September 2022. These will be held on: **1st November 2021, 2-4pm** at St Luke's Church, Benyon Grove, Peterborough, PE2 5XS; **25th November 2021, 6-8pm** at Hampton Vale Community Centre, Stewartby Avenue, Hampton Vale, Peterborough, PE7 8NJ.

st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk

SEASON OF CREATION

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September began the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts one month and four days. During this time we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth which we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the land and the cry of the poor. More here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2021-22

We are now accepting registrations for the next Confirmation course due to begin in the autumn. Please email info@saintlukesparish.org.uk for application forms and keep an eye on the newsletter & webpage for more information about class dates in due course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22

Applications for this year's course, which has been advertised widely for two months, have now closed and the course is full. Please pray for & support our children on this journey in faith.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Are you looking to leave a corporate career and instead use your skills and energy to make a significant positive difference to this world? Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations. In particular, they are looking to urgently fill positions in their Public Affairs team, to ensure that they have the right team in place ahead of their opposition making further attempts to introduce radical changes to abortion and assisted suicide legislation. They are looking for highly-skilled, hard-working, professional individuals to join them. If this is of interest to you or if you know of anyone that would be suitable for one of the positions, please see:

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

RENOVATIONS

Due to a shortage of available contractors work on the bell tower has been delayed, but should be completed during October – many thanks to those who have supported us with this. Meanwhile, again contractors permitting, we still hope to begin major renovations and improvements to the church building late this year or early 2022.