

Twelfth Week of the Year
Year A Psalms Wk 4

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: In your great love, answer me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

MASS TIMES DURING THE 2017 CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 8 th July	MORNING	NO 10 a.m. MASS
Saturday 8 th July	EVENING	6 p.m. VIGIL MASS
Sunday 9 th July	MORNING	8 a.m. Mass as usual
Sunday 9 th July	MORNING	N.B. No 10 o'clock Mass
Sunday 9 th July	MORNING	11.45 a.m. Mass Cavendish

Please note:

There is No Mass on Saturday morning 8th July and No 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday July 9th **There is a Vigil Mass on Saturday evening instead.**
You will find this information also on the Priory website www.clarepriory.org.uk

St Peter & St Paul

**Vigil Mass Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Thursday 29th at 10 a.m.**

Next Sunday: second collection for Peter's Pence

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A Celtic Prayer

I rise today
with God's strength to direct me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eyes to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to uphold me,
God's pathway before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me -
from temptations,
from one man or many
that seek to destroy me. Amen

THOUGHTS FROM AUGUSTINE

Not on your own

There are some people who consider themselves able to refine themselves on their own, in order to contemplate and remain in God. Accordingly, they look down upon the mass of Christians who live on faith alone as not being yet able to do as they do.

The Trinity 4,16

Prayer: Give me strength to seek you, Lord, for you have already enabled me find you and have given me hope of finding you ever more fully.

The Trinity 15,51

Saints of the Week

Wednesday 28th St Irenaeus A disciple of St Polycarp. Bishop of Lyon, martyred in 202 ‘The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God.’

Thursday 29th Saints Peter and Paul Their lives are well known.

Peter, the fisherman, the follower, the impetuous, the one who knew Jesus as ‘the Christ’, the one who denied Jesus and died for him, and who exclaimed ‘Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!’ and who cried out, ‘Lord, save me! Or I perish.’

Paul whom Jesus cornered on the road to Damascus, whose spectacular conversion began a life of preaching, in chains and in all circumstances, who travelled and taught up and down the Mediterranean coast, always aware of his treasure ‘I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me’ and of the treasure within all of us, ‘the secret is: Christ in you.’ Both Paul and Peter were martyred in Rome in the sixties; Paul was beheaded, and Peter was crucified.

**Masses on this holyday: Vigil (Wednesday evening) at 7 p.m.
Thursday 29th at 10 a.m.**

Friday 30th The First Martyrs of Rome Commemorates those who suffered in Nero’s persecution in 64 +/- and were martyred on Vatican Hill.

Saturday 1st St Oliver Plunkett Irish saint, Archbishop of Armagh, found guilty of treason for ‘promoting the Catholic faith.’ He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn in 1681. Canonised by Paul VI in 1975.

Kind thoughts – a week’s holiday away from tragedy

The Quaker fellowship in Bury St Edmunds hopes to offer a week’s seaside holiday in Felixstowe to **six families of four people** who have been affected by the Grenfell Tower fire. The owner of a sited caravan park in Felixstowe has made an amazing offer.

Nevertheless, the absolute basic cost per family per week is £500, so it is hoped to raise £3000 to cover six families for a week each (train fare to and from London, taxi to caravan site, accommodation). If you wish to donate to ‘**6 FAMILIES – 1 WEEK – SEASIDE HOLIDAY**’ please contact Tricia or Michael Akehurst, members of Bury St Edmunds Quaker Meeting, phone 01284 766 297 to leave a message with your number or e-mail querki@aol.com

**Alive in Faith Mass Friday 16th
Celebration of Marriage Mass Saturday 17th**

Did you attend either of these Masses? I would love to hear from you.

Fr David

Collection

18th June - £569.00

Thank you for your continuing generous collection

Learning to See

“Are you reading anything good at the moment?” I asked the young woman, who was just starting a retreat. “Oh, I just am loving Richard Rohr’s Falling Upward,” she answered.

Everyone seems to be reading Richard Rohr at the moment. He is an American Franciscan.

Last week, in one of his daily meditations on the Internet, Fr. Richard had this reflection on the sacred.

“People tend to see a division between the sacred and the unsacred in our world. We identify certain sacred places, sacred time, and sacred actions that then leave the larger part of life as unsacred.

People are told to look for God in certain special places and in particular events. This limits the search for God.

In Franciscan (and true Christian) mysticism, there is finally no distinction between the sacred and the unsacred. The whole universe and all events are sacred, serving as doorways to the divine for those who know how to see. In other words, everything that happens is potentially sacred if we allow it to be. Our job as humans is to make admiration of reality and adoration of God fully conscious and intentional. Then everything is a prayer and an act of adoration.

As the French friar Eloi Leclerc (1921-2016) beautifully paraphrased St. Francis, “If we knew how to adore, then nothing could truly disturb our peace. We would travel through the world with the tranquility of the great rivers. But only if we know how to adore.”

For those who have learned how to see fully, everything - absolutely everything - is “spiritual.” This eventually and ironically leads to what the Lutheran Bonhoeffer called “religionless Christianity.” Bonhoeffer saw that many people were moving beyond the scaffolding of religion to the underlying and deeper Christian experience itself. Once we can accept that God is in all situations, and that God can and will use even bad situations for good, then everything and everywhere becomes an occasion for good and an encounter with God.

God’s plan is so perfect that even tragedy, and painful deaths are used to bring us to divine union, just as the cross was meant to reveal. God wisely makes the problem itself part of the solution. It is all a matter of learning how to see rightly, fully, and therefore truthfully.

YouTube offers many helpful and interesting talks by Richard Rohr.

“ On Practicing Radical Compassion “ and “Becoming Stillness ” are deeply interesting. You can, if you wish, Google “ Richard Rohr’s Daily Meditations” and sign up to receive them.

Fr Ben

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Donna Wilson (Maria's daughter-in-law), Pauline Wells, Mary Tallon (Linda Rushden's Mum), Michael Farndon, Don Fitzgerald, Mary-Rose Henderson (Jean's sister), Abby Joyce, Pauline Wilkinson, Vivienne Hay's son Matthew and her mother Katie, Peggy Rodgers, Jack Britton, Luke Twentyman, Ivan Smithet, Fred Taylor, Pat Dowson, Debbie Baloki, Brian David Hye (friend of Lucy Woodhouse), Karen Minns, Geoff & Joan Perry, Florence Hough, Gill Pardoe, Celia Poels, Karen Lane, Gloria Tatum and her son Alan, Annie Bareham, Joan Lally (Irene's sister), Pat Plenty, Anthony Stammers (relation of Sue Negus), Tony Ranzetta Jr., David Sowerby, Michael Kingston, Kathleen Taplin, Michael Cronin, Pat Moroney, Donna (Pat's daughter), Richard Lucking (Kate Davy's father), Freda Boylan (mother of Jo Donegan), Wendy Walton, Sarah Booth, Kath Bullen, Shirley Kennedy, Jane Brown, Sheila Green, Jack, Lali and Orlando Cardozo, Mark Lunn, Maura Kingston.

If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound, and would like a visit, please let Fr. David know.

JUNE

23 rd -25 th taking place this weekend	Art as Therapy a weekend nature-based workshop - £145	Jan Fallows
27 th -29 th	Midweek Retreat – time for prayer, silence and for sharing - £145	Sr Frances Moore
JULY		
Saturday 1 st	Hildegard von Bingen	Dr Julie Hopkins
Sat-Sun 8 th -9 th	CRAFT FAIR	Craft Fair Committee and Parishioners and 140 crafts stalls
Tuesday 18 th	The Way of Silence	Priory Team

MEGA YOUTH POLL Calling all 13 - 29 year olds - what do you think?

Next year, Bishops from all over the world will gather to consider the issue of 'Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment'. Our Bishops in England have asked that as many young people as possible aged 13 - 29 take part in a poll to ensure what they are discussing is relevant and important. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk to take part.

This poll closes on the 30th of June. Have you taken part?

Diocesan Youth Service

The Diocesan Youth Service wishes to appoint new members of the **Ignite Team**. These are full-time positions, with accommodation offered, sharing the Gospel Message in schools and parishes, in a way young people can relate to. This includes using music, drama and tech. Ideal as a 'gap' year. Please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth for more information.

CRAFT FAIR HELPERS

Our appeal for help with matters relating to Facebook was answered, so that angle is covered.

The chart of jobs allocated and volunteers available is still not complete. Please have a look and see where you can be of most help.

By the way (see below), as I drove from Clare to Sudbury by the back road and by the main road, I saw at least seven large Craft Fair signs. Many still have to be fixed in place. It's a diplomatic sort of task: to put them where they will attract, and not obscure other signs or distract at junctions; to fix them in ground that is rock-hard, where they will stay upright and visible. Thanks to Chris Lord and others of the committee who are toiling at this task

There are still lots of t.b.d.'s Can you help?

(‘By the way...’ Isn't that what Fr Pat used to say when he was about to give you a job!)

CAKES FOR THE CRAFT FAIR

As the Craft Fair approaches, here is our traditional request for all the scrumptious cakes required! A variety is always welcome and always attractive. Victoria sponges go down a treat. Scones and cheese scones have proved popular. Please bring to the Priory fresh for those days. Cakes please! Thank you.

Teas and Cakes Refreshments Team

Deanery Media Workshop at Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda Catholic Church Parish centre, Newmarket.

Tuesday 27th June 7 – 9 p.m.

A practical evening to develop skills to share our faith with the wider community. The evening is led by Keith Morris, Director of Communications for the Diocese. Useful for people interested in evangelising, parish press officers and website managers, etc. but is of general interest too.

Some topics we will discuss:

- What makes a good news story and how to write one
- How to write a press release and get it published.
- What's different about writing for the web
- How to recognise and take a good news photo
- How to use Catholic East Anglia and Diocese website to promote what you are doing
- How good communications and the media can help you achieve your church's mission

Introduction to using websites and social media to promote your news

Any takers for this event?

Fr David