

**Twentieth Sunday of the Year
Year B Psalms Wk 4**

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

PRAYER IN THE PARISH

Masses

Clare

Sunday: 8.00am and 10.00am

Weekdays: 10.00am

Confessions - Saturdays 10.45 - 11.45am in the Priory,
or at any time

The Rosary

Every Wednesday after Mass at the Priory

Christian Meditation Group

Meeting every Wednesday from 7.00 until 8.00pm

Lectio Divina

Every Thursday, after Mass,
in the Library

Friday Quiet Prayer

10.45am (after Mass)

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIMES

(Not Sunday)

9.40am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Mass
12.50pm	Mid-day Prayer
6.00pm	Adoration & Evening Prayer

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The presence of Christ

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where e'er I go,
Christ around, above, below.

Christ be in my heart and mind.
Christ within my soul enshrined.
Christ control my wayward heart,
Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day.
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and Shepherd to the end.

THOUGHTS FROM ST AUGUSTINE

The Providence of God

God is the unchanging conductor as well as the unchanged creator of all things that change. When he adds, abolishes, curtails, increases, or diminishes the rites of any age, he is ordering all events according to his providence. This will hold good until the beauty of the completed course of time - whose parts are the dispensations suitable to each different period - shall have played itself out, like the great melody of some ineffable composer.

Letter 138,1

Prayer: Instruct me, Lord, and command what you will. But first heal me and open my ears that I may hear your words.

Soliloquies 1,1

Monday 20th St Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153 With four of his brothers and 25 friends he joined the abbey of Citeaux (where the Cistercians get their name). Then founded the monastery of Clairvaux which soon had over 700 monks! Reformer of the Cistercians, advisor to kings and popes, preacher of crusades, he would ask himself every morning ‘*Ad quid venisti, Bernarde? Why have you come here?*’ Then he would remind himself of his main duty – *to lead a holy life.*

Here is part of St Bernard’s prayer in praise of Our Lady:

*In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties,
think of Mary, call upon Mary.*

Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart.

*And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer,
neglect not to walk in her footsteps.*

With her for guide, you shall never go astray;

while invoking her, you shall never lose heart;

so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception;

while she holds your hand, you cannot fall;

under her protection you have nothing to fear;

if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary;

if she shows you favour, you shall reach the goal.

Tuesday 21st St Pius X, died at the beginning of the First World War in August 1914. His motto was ‘*to restore all things in Christ*’. He encouraged adults to receive Holy Communion frequently, and made Holy Communion available to children at an earlier age.

Wednesday 22nd Queenship of Mary, the octave day of the Assumption

Thursday 23rd St Rose of Lima, died 1637, Peruvian, the first declared saint of the New World. Patroness of florists and gardeners.

Friday 24th St Bartholomew Bartholomew’s name is always mentioned in the Gospels in connection with Philip, and it was Philip who brought Bartholomew to Jesus. Identified with Nathanael who asked ‘Can any good come out of Nazareth?’ May have written a gospel, now lost; it is mentioned in other writings of the time. May have preached in Asia Minor, Ethiopia, India and Armenia; some one did, leaving behind assorted writings, and local tradition says it was Bartholomew. Martyred, according to tradition, by being flayed alive. (Michelangelo represented him in the Sistine Chapel *Last Judgement*, holding his own skin in his left hand. And Michelangelo even imposed his own self-portrait on it!)

THIS WEEK IN AUGUST

Tuesday August 21st The Way of Silence Lessons learned about Silent Prayer – a personal testimony. *Donation.* Priory Team

Tuesday 21st – Sunday 26th Individual Guided Retreat £350. Sr Frances Moore

EARLY SEPTEMBER

Friday 7th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Saturday 8th September from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m: ‘**Word into Silence**’ led by **Fr Laurence Freeman OSB**
Friday £10 or donation. Saturday £30 or donation.

Thursday 13th September: Healing Prayer Evening 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Priory Team

Singing with the Angels - Saturday 29th September

Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

The new *Graduale Parvum* is being introduced to this Diocese at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich, on Saturday 29th September, with a day of chant and liturgy beginning at 10.30am, organised by Paul Henriksen under the auspices of the Association for Latin Liturgy, together with the St John the Baptist Cathedral Organist, Daniel Justin.

Bishop Alan Hopes, is not able to attend but he has sent his good wishes and encouragement, saying: “This marks an important moment in the Liturgy of the Church, in which both the antiphons and Gregorian chant have been made easily accessible for the local parish community . Sometimes it is not possible - for various reasons - to re-introduce Latin in the parish where it has not been heard perhaps for decades, but with the *Graduale Parvum*, choirs and congregations will be equally at home singing the same melodies in English”.

What is unique about the *Graduale Parvum* is that it sets *both* Latin *and* the official English translation to the same Gregorian chants. But what will really enhance the celebration will be the prayerfulness and timeless beauty of the chants themselves, in which everyone can share, uniting them with countless generations of Catholics who have sung these same melodies through the ages. Representatives will be welcomed from every Parish in the Diocese and they should book their place to secure music and refreshments.

You can google this to find an example of the type of chant on offer.

Collection

12th August - £709.53

We pray for the sick and for all who have requested our prayers:

God our Father,
we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers,
for their healing and their peace.
Caress them; shelter them, and keep them in your tender care.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

R.I.P. Please pray for Fred Taylor who died on Sunday 5th of August. The Requiem Mass for Fred will be celebrated here on **Friday 24th August at 11 o'clock.**

We pray for all our recently deceased and for those with an anniversary in the month of August: Ray Bleksley, Hedley Mountsteven, Ray Partridge, Phyllis Simmons, Molly Trim, Ann Whitfield,
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass on Friday 24th

As Fred Taylor has a long association with this parish, I am presuming that many of our parishioners will attend his Requiem Mass at 11 a.m. However, as there is a retreat in progress and as both Fr Robert and Fr Stefan will be here, there will be Mass, **celebrated in the Oratory** at 10 o'clock as usual.

Congratulations to

Rafal and Katarzyna Piatek on the birth of their son, Jan Filip, born on Wednesday 8th August. And welcome to Jan Filip.

Donald and Emily Henderson whose baby son was born in the early hours of Friday morning.



Ride & Stride 2018
Saturday 8th September
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nearly all the sponsor forms were taken at the end of the eight o'clock Mass last Sunday! I am glad to say that we have extra sponsor forms available for the end of the ten o'clock Mass today. Relief all round!

St Benedict's Catholic School Sixth Form, Bury St Edmunds

The Head of Sixth Form writes:

“St Benedict's Catholic School Sixth Form in Bury St Edmunds is a highly successful, small and forward-facing Sixth Form. We still have some places available for September 2018 on our A level courses. Staff will be available on GCSE results day to discuss programmes of study with those who are interested in studying with us including students who have not previously submitted an application. If you, or someone you know is still considering their Sixth Form options for September please get in touch via the school website or by emailing: ckennedy@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk”

Reminder of recent requests:

Plants and produce/
Volunteers needed for church cleaning rota/
Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride and stride/
CAFOD volunteer and CAFOD Share the Journey

Adoremus: Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool, 7th, 8th, 9th September

We often think we need more faith, when in fact what we really need is more healing – healing from the effects of a cynicism and scepticism which undermines our faith. The Holy Spirit shines his light so that we can bring these areas to the Lord. They can be many and varied: our fear, anxiety and doubt; our anger, hurt and resentment. Fyodor Dostoyevsky said: ‘It is not as a child that I believe and confess Christ. My hosanna has passed through the furnace of doubt.’ Many, including St Teresa of Calcutta, have undergone a dark night of the soul. It takes courage to face up to our uncertainties, doubt and confusion. Indeed we can only do so when we cling to our belief in God's presence, beyond our feelings and our thoughts. Then we pray for faith, for the healing of our broken belief.

(Walk with Me, Eucharistic Reflections)

We will be represented at the Eucharistic Congress by Jane Crone, Barbara Sierp, Peter Munn and Fr Stefan.

Augustinian Sisters at Boarbank Hall

For fifteen years the sisters have run retreats and courses at Boarbank. The friars of our Province had their annual retreat there last year and will be doing so again this year. A course that is coming up in October is entitled **Called to Work** and will be a weekend of reflection on the ethics of work, on the importance of work in human life, and on work as a vocation. There are leaflets giving information about the date and duration of the course, the costs per day (three or four days at £75 max per day, plus a donation for the course).

Early October will be a lovely time of year on the fringes of the Lake District. The rooms are comfortable. The food is good. I know because I was there last year!

A visitor from the USA

This weekend we are glad to welcome Fr Tom Whelan O.S.A. of our Province of California. Fr Tom has been to Clare on frequent occasions and knows us well.