

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 26th October</b>	<b>Vigil Mass,</b> <b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b> Kathleen & Charles Shivers RIP Fndn
<b>17:00</b> Watton	
<b>Sunday 27th October</b>	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b> People of the Parish
<b>08:30</b> Our Lady of Pity	
<b>10:30</b> Our Lady of Pity	Charles Lundy RIP Fndn
<b>Monday 28th October</b>	<b>SS SIMON &amp; JUDE Feast</b> <b>CHURCH CLOSED, NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 29th October</b>	<b>Feria</b> Pilar Sorrell RIP Fndn
<b>10:00</b> Our Lady of Pity	
<b>Wednesday 30th October</b>	<b>Feria</b> Dec'd Relatives & Friends of Teresa & David West
<b>10:00</b> Our Lady of Pity	
<b>10:30-11:30</b> Our Lady of Pity	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>Thursday 31st October</b>	<b>Feria</b> Intns Maureen Butler
<b>19:00</b> Our Lady of Pity	
<b>Friday 1st November</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS. SOLEMNITY</b> People of the Parish
<b>10:00</b> Our Lady of Pity	
<b>19:00</b> Our Lady of Pity	Diocesan Twinning with Battambang
<b>Saturday 2nd November</b>	<b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b> Eric Patrick Collins RIP (GB)
<b>12:00</b> Oxburgh Hall	
<b>16:30</b> Watton	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>
<b>17:00</b> Watton	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b>

Our Lady of Pity, 31 Station Street, Swaffham, PE37 7HP  
Watton Methodist Church, 57 High Street, Watton, IP25 6EJ



**NEWSLETTER** Please contact Glenda Boulter on 07833 576178 or [gboulter@btinternet.com](mailto:gboulter@btinternet.com) by **Wednesday 6:00pm** for the coming week. *Thank you.*



## Our Lady of Pity Swaffham & Watton Newsletter

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**27TH OCTOBER 2024 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

*'We are not at all separated from one another by death, because we all run the same course and will find one another again in the same place.'* **St. Simeon of Thessalonica**

One of the most painful experiences in life can be the death of someone whom we love deeply. Often they are people who have played a significant part in our daily life, either for as long as we can remember or, at least, for a considerable portion of our life. We can feel that part of us has gone with them—our right arm taken from us. What makes the pain even worse is the very thing that binds us to them—our love.

Love does not end when someone dies—it continues. On certain special days they are at the forefront of our thoughts—often days when we would have sent them a card or given them a gift, or at the very least telephoned them to let them know we were thinking of them. Such things were the means by which we showed them our love. But when they have died we can no longer do these things. However, we can still show our love by praying for them at Mass or in our own daily prayers. One lady I remember well from many years ago, a lady who herself has since died, used to come to me every Easter, Christmas and on family birthdays and ask me to offer Mass for her deceased relatives. She used to say that was either her Christmas, Easter or Birthday gift to them.

Such prayer expresses our communion with them as members of the one Body of Christ, the Church which has its feet on earth and its head in heaven. We continue to pray for them, entrusting them to the mercy of God the Father, whose Son offered Himself in Sacrifice so that our sins may be forgiven and that we might enter heaven and join in the rejoicing and glory of the Saints. And as we show our love for them, so we are reminded of their love for us. Love, as St. Paul reminds us, never comes to an end (1 Cor 13:8). We pray that one day we may be reunited with them. On that day our love will have reached its fulfilment and our happiness will be complete.

*With the assurance of my prayers, Fr. Mark*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 30th October 2024**  
**7pm in the Parish Rooms**

*Could members please note the change in date for this important meeting.*

The main business will be the development of a Strategic Diocesan Pastoral Plan, the discussion materials for which have already been circulated. This is an **IMPORTANT** and **URGENT** matter, so please make every effort to attend.

**PARISH CLERGY:** Canon Mark Hackeson Parish Priest  
Rev Roger Sparks Retired Deacon

**PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH**

**FOR OUR SICK:** Sue Moncaster, Sr Francis FDC, Stella Langford, Pat Marshall, Denette Taylor, Angela Whaddon, Ann & Eddie Hodnett, Sr Francis, Teresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Catherine Oliver, Helen Philips, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Eddie Doran, Lina Givoni, Bridie O'Sullivan, Veronica Parker, David Motton, Pauline Hewitt, Jacqueline Price, Terry McGinn, Sarah Boylan, Tress Guild, Katherine Adams, Peter Hannaway, Maureen Butler.

***May the Lord bring them comfort and healing***

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** For Reg Dixon and all those who have died recently and for Edna Grant, Jack Keating, Jozef Pivarnik, Ann Taylor, Maria Pivarnik, Maisie Thompson, Brian Curran, Patrick J Rice, John O' Connor, Alice O' Connor, William Crombie & Elizabeth Castles ***whose anniversaries fall this week.***

***May they rest in peace.***

**26TH & 27TH OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

**WATTON**  
**17:00 Mass** Welcomer: Bill Gammell  
Reader: Maria Cox

**SWAFFHAM**  
**8:30 Mass** Welcomers John Marshall & Bridget Dumbrell  
Reader: Catherine Riedlinger

**10:30 Mass** Welcomers: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy  
Reader: Glenda Boulter  
Coffee: Louise & Tony Gayton  
Flowers: Jacinta Macris & Caroline Partidge  
Church Cleaners: Sue Moncaster & Mariae Clark  
Counters: Rosemary & Paul Godfrey (Monday 28th October)

**2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B**

**WATTON**  
**17:00 Mass** Welcomer: Bill Gammell  
Reader: Terri Charman

**SWAFFHAM**  
**8:30 Mass** Welcomers Helen Hall & Bridget Dumbrell  
Reader: Rosemary Godfrey

**10:30 Mass** Welcomers: Sue Rogers & Abe Abernathy  
Reader: Charles Pettit  
Coffee: Teresa & David West  
Flowers: Jacinta Macris & Caroline Partidge  
Church Cleaners: Sue Rogers & Bridget Dumbrell  
Counters: Sean & Denise Pettit (Monday 4th November)



**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE**

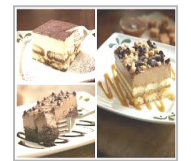
Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking altogether?

**Retrouvaille** helps married couples through difficult times. **Register now** for the next programme starting **8th - 10th November**

Call 0788 7296983 or Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)  
[www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**SWAFFHAM LIONESS LIONS BRANCH CLUB  
INVITES YOU TO A PUDDING QUIZ  
IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN IN NEED**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, 7 for 7.30pm, Parish Rooms**  
TEAMS OF 4 £7 per person



**HOLY ROSARY CARDS**

**October is the month of the Holy Rosary** and I have designed some lovely cards to send to loved ones as a reminder to say the rosary daily. The rosary is commonly known, but not so commonly prayed. A well-prayed rosary takes about 20-25 mins, which isn't much time and can easily fit into a space in your day. So, these beautiful



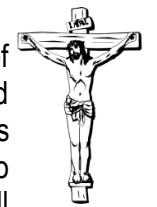
cards are an encouragement to start again and pick up your rosaries to pray for the world, church and our communities in these difficult and confusing times.

*As Padre Pio said, "The rosary is the weapon for our times!"  
The cards will be sold by Theresa Clovis at a cost of £1.*

**Josephine Clovis**

**NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEAD**

Traditionally, for Catholics, November is not only a month of remembrance, but one of prayer for those whom we love and who have died. Accordingly, a **Book of Remembrance** is provided at the **Altar of Our Lady** and at **Watton** for you to write the names of those for whom you wish us all to pray. It will be brought to the Altar during Mass in Church.



Special envelopes for November Masses will be available in church. If you wish to place a photograph of those for whom you pray, then please place them on the altar.

***May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace!***

## MASS AT OXBURGH

Saturday 2nd November at 12:00 noon.

Our monthly celebration of Mass at historic **Oxburgh Hall**.



## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

**SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER**

17:00

**COFFEE STOP AFTER MASS AT WATTON**, Vestry

**SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER**

10:30

**BAPTISM OF BELLA MURPHY AT MASS**

**TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER**

10:00

**MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

11:30

**PRAYER GROUP** Parish Rooms

19:00

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Parish Rooms

**THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER**

10:30

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PRIESTS** at Poringland

19:00

**FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH SESSION 2**

Parish Rooms

**FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS**

10:00

**MASS**

14:30

**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** Parish Rooms

19:00

**MASS**

**SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER ALL SOULS'**

12:00

**MASS AT OXBURGH HALL**

**TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

10:00

**MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**

11:30

**PRAYER GROUP** Parish Rooms

## CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE

Stonyhurst, Clitheroe BB7 9PZ

Praying with St Dominic,

1st – 3rd November 2024



THE CHRISTIAN  
HERITAGE CENTRE  
at Stonyhurst

This retreat explores the life and faith of St

Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/>

## HOPE!

Inviting young people (Year 7+) especially those preparing for Confirmation, Catechists and Youth Leaders to HOPE!

St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex

Saturday 9th November 2pm - 8pm

HOPE! Is a special event organised by the **Diocesan Ignite Team** to prepare to celebrate **World Youth Sunday** later in November. It includes live music, inspiring talks, passionate prayer and good food! Held at St. Johns' Cathedral Narthex from 2pm - 8pm (to include joining the parish vigil Mass) on Saturday 9th November. Entry: £5 on the door. [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth)



## A DAY OF RENEWAL AT ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds

9th November 2024 10:00 - 16:30

Guest speaker *Father Paschal Uche*

The day includes praise & worship, inspiring talks, mass, adoration, reconciliation & prayer ministry.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available.

Email: [renewaleastanglia@gmail.com](mailto:renewaleastanglia@gmail.com)

or phone Pam Smith: 07869652115



**THANK YOU** for your generosity in the last week.

You gave **£277.33** in the collection from **Swaffham**, **£239.13** from **Watton**, and **£250.00** in standing orders. **Total: £766.46**

**Missio Collection: £167.00**

**Marist Fathers' Mission Appeal: £393.90**



**GOING INTO HOSPITAL? PLEASE** inform the Chaplain:

**QEH at King's Lynn** - Fr Gordon Adam 07721 020334

**Norfolk & Norwich** - Fr Michael Smith 01603 624615

**Swaffham Community Hospital**, please inform Fr. Mark

## THE WORD OF GOD MARK 10:46-52

46 As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' 48 And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' 49 Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' 50 So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

*Other readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 125 (126) Hebrews 5:1-6*

### REFLECTIONS

With this gospel passage we reach the end of chapter 10 of the Gospel of Mark, and, more significantly, we are reaching the end of the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. At the beginning of the next chapter Mark will recount the triumphal entry of Jesus into the holy city. During the journey Jesus has spoken on three clear occasions of his coming suffering and death, and he has attempted to teach the disciples about the mystery of martyrdom, the martyrdom which he and they must face. What place does our present passage have in the story? Bartimaeus reminds us of the basics as he sits 'by the road'. Human beings are in need of healing and forgiveness, and these are the things that Jesus provides. He calls out to Jesus with the title 'Son of David'. He has an inkling that he is the Messiah, but he will have had little idea that the Messiah is called to suffer and die in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, his call of faith is heard and Jesus in turn calls Bartimaeus to him. He is told to 'get up', an expression which would have reminded the early Christians of the resurrection. His rising up in faith and his subsequent healing point to the full gift of new life through faith in Jesus. The gift of sight to Bartimaeus symbolises the gift of faith. Faith allows us to see with open eyes and a true heart. Unlike an earlier healing of a blind man in Mark, Jesus heals by word alone. The faith of Bartimaeus triggers the command of healing from Jesus. This time there is no delay in the healing. Bartimaeus receives his sight without delay. He becomes a disciple and follows Jesus along the road, exultant, on the last stages of the journey towards Jerusalem.

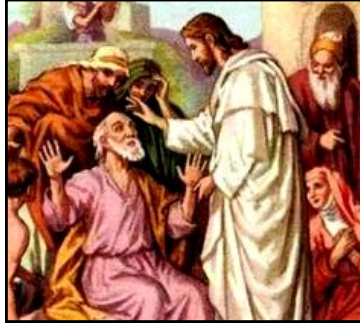
*Do I seek true vision?*

*How determined am I to be healed by Jesus and to become his disciple?*

*Let us thank God for the light of faith.*

*Let us pray for all teachers of the faith that they may bring the light of truth to those to whom they minister.*

**Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, written by Fr. Adrian Graffy**



**COFFEE STOP AFTER 5PM MASS AT  
WATTON on 26th October**  
Coffee will be served after Mass in the vestry.



**STRENGTH**  
the practical benefits of daily prayer  
**TO STRENGTH**

**FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH**  
The practical benefits of daily prayer  
**Session 2**  
**Thursday 31st October 7:30-9pm**

The second of six talks from the **CaFE** designed to give you practical help for those wishing to pray more in their daily lives.

### CAMBODIA TWINNING VISIT

We are planning to visit our Diocesan twin, Apostolic Prefecture of Battambang at the end of January next year: **Thursday 23rd January-Friday 7th February 2025.**



We would like to take members of this parish community to meet our friends and others who have been benefitted from your generosity over the last few years.

As the cost of flights increases the closer we get to departure, I would ask you to let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in knowing more, and/or join us on Friday evening after All Saints Mass and meet Fr Totet, who has been a Jesuit missionary in Cambodia for many years.

### COME AND MEET

**FR TOTET SJ**

**A JESUIT MISSIONARY & PARISH PRIEST OF SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**

**7:45PM IN THE PRESBYTERY**

**CAMBODIAN REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**Contact Fr Mark at: [ourladyofpity@btinternet.com](mailto:ourladyofpity@btinternet.com)**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLA MURPHY

**AND HER FAMILY ON HER BAPTISM**

**AT 10:30 MASS ON SUNDAY**

