



# OUR LADY OF PITY

## **The Catholic Parish of Swaffham & Watton**

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### **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

#### ***"It is good, O Lord, to be here!"***

When the Apostle Peter spoke those words he was on the Mount of the Transfiguration. They keep coming back to me, as I write from the midst of a mountain of boxes! The latter is diminishing now, but has been a salutary lesson in the wisdom of avoiding attachment to things!

But it is indeed, good to be here in Swaffham, and I am very grateful for the kind welcome from Deacon Roger (who was waiting with Fr. Gordon for me to arrive last Monday morning), the Sisters and others who have called in to say welcome or whom I have met at Mass.

I look forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks (and years!).

September is a time of great change for so many of us. Clergy across the Diocese have moved this week and answering the 'phone mistakenly naming their old parish. Fr. Gordon is beginning his retirement. Some of our Sisters too are moving and leaving and taking on new roles. In our Parish, we have a new Primary School, which through the generosity of the Sisters has begun its life in the grounds and buildings of the Sacred Heart Convent School that has for so long served the people of this area. It will no doubt build upon those foundations, and we will continue to support it.

Such changes can be difficult, and even painful. They bring with them departures and challenges. But they also bring opportunities and remind us that we are on a journey, one that begins and finds its end in the heart of God. Let's pray for each other today, especially for those who are beginning a new phase of life in these days.

***With every blessing,  
Fr Mark***

#### **HOME MISSION DAY**

**15th September**

Next Sunday is Home Mission Day. There will be a second collection at all weekend Masses.

#### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

*That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.*

#### **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

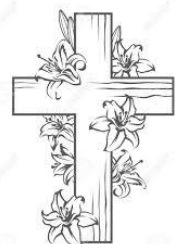
This feast was observed in Rome before the end of the seventh century. It commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross, which had been placed on Mt. Calvary by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem, but then had fallen into the hands of Chosroas, King of the Persians. The precious relic was recovered and returned to Jerusalem by Emperor Heraclius in 629.

O Cross of Christ, immortal tree  
on which our Saviour died,  
the world is sheltered by your arms  
that bore the Crucified.

From bitter death and barren wood  
the Tree of Life is made;  
its branches bear unfailing fruit  
and peace that never fade.

O faithful Cross, you stand unmoved  
while ages run their course;  
Foundation of the universe,  
creation's binding force.

Give glory to the risen Christ  
and to His Cross give praise,  
the sign of God's unfathomed love,  
the hope of all our days.



**23rd Week of the Year - Year C**

**Mass Schedule   Sundays: Cycle C   Weekdays: Year I   Psalter Week 3**

<b>W - Watton</b>	<b>OLP - Our Lady of Pity</b>	<b>Cv - Convent</b>	<b>Sch - School</b>
Saturday 7th September	W (Vigil Mass)	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Private Intention FrM
Sunday 8th September	OLP	<b>8:30 am</b>	Rosalind Breach + JB
Sunday 8th September	OLP	<b>10:30 am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday 9th September	Cv	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Feria
Tuesday 10th September	Cv	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Feria Marina Guedes de Souza Intentions
Wednesday 11th September	OLP	<b>9:15 am</b>	Feria Intentions of Marlene Hackeson
Thursday 12th September	Cv	<b>8:45 am</b>	Feria Staff and students of the new school
Friday 13th September	OLP	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>St Chrysostom, Memorial</b> Joao Guedes de Souza +
Saturday 14th September	OLP	<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast</b>
"	"	<b>9:45 am-10:15 am</b>	Exposition & Benediction followed by Reconciliation

**Sunday Readings**

Entrance Antiphon	<i><b>You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.</b></i>
1st Reading:	<i>Wisdom 9:13-18</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	<i><b>O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.</b></i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Philemon 9-10,12-17</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i><b>Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father. Alleluia!</b></i>
Gospel:	<i>Luke 14:25-33</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i><b>Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.</b></i>

**Parish Prayers For The Sick**

Rita & Vic Head, Joan Walker, Kim Wright, Margaret Maxey, Cath Hole, Theresa Axham, Norah Reeve, Catherine Oliver, Charles Burgess, Carol Pointer, Helen Philips, Edward Hodnett, Jack Izzo, Peggy Ellis, Davida MacDonald, Christine Dryden, Sheila Morris, Anna Dawson, Maureen & Eddie Doran, Gail Double

**We pray for the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur around this time**

Joan Baker, Michael English, Mildred Taylor, John Kracmar, Mary Guiry, Jim Stevenson, Daphne Richards, James Harris

***May they Rest in Peace.***

**14th & 15th September 24th Week of the Year C**

**WATTON 5:00**

**Reader:** Brian Harris      **Ministers:** Bill Gammell & Brian Harris

**SWAFFHAM 8:30**

**Welcomers:** Frances Sparks & Joanna Navarre      **Reader:** Christopher Madge      **Ministers:** John Marshall & Chris Smith

**SWAFFHAM 10:30**

**Welcomers:** *Volunteers*      **Reader:** Robin Kornmuller      **Ministers:** Sue Moncaster & Abe Abernathy

**Children's Liturgy:** Mary & Tom Bedingfeld      **Coffee:** Teresa & David West

**Flowers:** Mary Bedingfeld      **Counters:** (Monday 16th September) Bridget Dumbrell & David Motton

**Collections: 31st August & 1st September**

Watton: £140.00

Swaffham: £388.03

SO: £111.00

Total: £639.03

*Thank you*

***The Parish Office is closed on Mondays***

*For Parish Room enquiries, please contact Anne Dryden on 01760 723510*

*Any items for the newsletter, please let Glenda Boulter know by 6:00pm Wednesday. Thank you.*

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**Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**

**New Primary School**

*If you would like further information concerning the new school, please contact: school secretaries, Angie Hastings or*

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