The Catholic Parish
Of
Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Lowestoft



TWENTY- EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday =Year A: Weekday Year = II PSALTER WEEK 4

Day	Place	Time	Intention
Saturday 10th October	OLSS	17:00	David Nicholls (RIP)
Sunday 11th October	**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**		
	OLSS	11:00am	Jose Ximenes & Domingos Ximenes (RIP) Fr Anthony, Fr Desmond, Fr Alvan & all SMMM
Monday	CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 9-9.30am		
			No Mass
Tuesday	Feria:		
			No Mass
Wednesday	CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 9-9.30am		
			No Mass
Thursday	St Theresa of Jesus VD Mem.		
			No Mass
Friday	Feria:		
			No Mass
Saturday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch BM Mem.		
			No Mass

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R.C Diocese of East Anglia:
A Registered Charity (Charity Commission No. 278742)
Weekend and Sunday Masses in the time being:
Saturday Vigil 17:00 Sunday 11:00am

For Enquiries:
Please call the parish office on **01502-572453**. If you would like to speak with the priest, please call Fr Anthony on **01493 842001.** If no one is in the office to answer your call, please leave your message on the phone and you will be attended to as soon as possible.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS THIS WEEKEND

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Caroline Langan
Contact: 07896648283

Catholic Primary School:
St Mary's, Kirkley Cliff Road, NR33 0DG. Tel: 01502 565384. For more information, please visit the school website: https://www.stmarysrcps.com

Baptism:
2 months' notice required.
Marriage:
6 months' notice required.
Emergency Number:
If you need a priest in an emergency, please contact:
01493 842001
(St Mary, Great Yarmouth)
01493 301013
(St Peter's, Gorleston)

The Cycle of Prayer:
For a deeper understanding Between Christians & Jews; Those who suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Life; Europe and Seafarers.

This Sunday's Psalm Response

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Upcoming Second Collection:
17th/18th October- Missio.

Parish Stewardship

Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection, which amounted to £434.44 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£503). Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated. Donations can be made to the Parish at any time using the following details: **Account Name: Our Lady Star of the Sea. Account Number: 10719587. Sort Code: 20-53-06. If you would like the Parish to claim the Tax back for your donation – 25p for every £1 you give - at no cost to you, please do speak to the Parish Treasurer about registering for Gift Aid.**

The next fundraising: event will be a Craft Fair and coffee morning on Saturday the 17th of October starting 10.00am - 2.00 pm. All are welcome.

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Saturday 17th October - Craft Fair and coffee morning.
Saturday 21st November - Christmas Quiz Night.
Saturday 28th November - Christmas Fayre.

Quiz evening - 21st November 2026 - Starting at 6:15 pm. There will be a general knowledge/Christmas themed quiz evening on the 21st of November hosted by the wonderful Pat "the Butcher". Entry for the Christmas quiz will be £5.00 per ticket per person to include a buffet supper, tea, coffee etc. There will be a sign-up list for this event at the back of church soon.

An update on work carried out/to be carried out at OLSS: The church boiler is now in the process of being replaced, as this was stated as an urgent requirement within the 5 yearly quinquennial report received at the beginning of this year.
The gutters, downpipes and drains, Church, Presbytery and Stella Maris Hall, are due to be cleaned on the 22nd of October following on from the church tower clean.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention, please collect a Mass envelope from the back of the Church. Complete it with your offering placed inside before being given to Fr Anthony or Caroline.

Parish Prayer Book: is now at the back of the Church. Please enter the name(s) of those who are sick or housebound and those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Diocesan Listening & Prayer Ministry:

Are you suffering or going through difficulties? Do you need to talk to someone in a prayerful Catholic environment? The Diocese runs a free Ministry of supportive listening and prayer. Visit our website for more information and to book an appointment https://www.rcdea.org.uk/listening-and-prayer

'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'

Upcoming Mass intentions:

17th October - Baby DaSilva (RIP).
18th October - Father Padraig Hawkins intention.

Next Bible study class Dates headed by Father Stephen, on a once-a-month basis in the Stella Maris Hall:
Wednesday the 4th of November at 10.00am and on Wednesday the 2nd of December at 10.00am.
All are welcome to come along.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA)

Preparations will start Saturday 24th October at 14:30 in the parish Hall, for those who want to be in full Communion with the Church and recently completed and submitted the form to the parish office. Admission is still open. Please speak with any of the priests if you or any one you know want to join the group.

First Holy Communion 2026-2027 Programme: has started. Application forms are available at the back of the Church for children in Year 3 and above. Please complete and return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Please note we will not accept an application without the child's baptismal certificate attached. Please speak to Fr Anthony or Caroline if your child is not baptised yet.

Instrumental Mass: at the **11am Mass** on the last Sunday in the month (If possible). If you play a musical instrument and would like to join our band and would like more details, please contact Jan Long (organist) on 07753 626987. All are welcome.

Christians Together in Lowestoft and District (Churches Together) AGM on Wed 14th Oct at 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church Hall. Holingsworth Road, Lowestoft. All Welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE – The Parish Christmas Fayre 28th November - 10.30am till 2.00 pm :
The church Christmas fayre will take place on the 28th of November. We are looking for donations of Bric a Brac, books, CD's, DVD's, toiletries, toys etc. together with any other donations for raffle prizes for this event. Any items would be greatly appreciated. A box will be provided at the back of the church for donations.
There will also be a cake stall at the Fayre and donations of cakes (homemade or shop bought) would be much appreciated nearer the time, these items being brought into church on the morning of the Fayre or to the Church/Presbytery in advance. Any help on the day, to run a stall and/or generally help out, set up etc. would also be much appreciated, if you **think that** you can help in any way at all please speak to Father Anthony or Caroline. Thank you.
Raffle tickets for this event will also be on sale before and after Mass starting on the 24th of October.