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17th Sunday of the Year

Year A

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10.30 THE PARISH MASS

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold your Savior's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise!

V: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
R: **Amen.**

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R: **And with your spirit.**

The Celebrant introduces the celebration.

V: Lord have mercy
R: **Lord have mercy**
V: Christ have mercy
R: **Christ have mercy**
V: Lord have mercy
R: **Lord have mercy**

V: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.
R: **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

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O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
Through our lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, for ever and ever.
Amen

First Reading (*Reference: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12*)
Theme: 'You have asked for yourself understanding.'

A reading from the book of Kings

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

V. The Word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R. O Lord, how I love your law!

You, O Lord, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. **R**

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **R**

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. **R**

Second Reading (Reference: Romans 8:28-30)

Theme: 'He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.'

A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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V. The Word of the Lord

R. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation

- Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia.

Gospel (Reference: Matthew 13:44-52)
Theme: 'He sells all that he has and buys that field.'

V. The Lord be with you
R. And with your spirit.
V. A reading ☩ from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

V. The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Address and then stand for the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful

The Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

V In your wisdom, Lord

R. Deepen our faith

Those in need

Fr Keith, Fr Steven, Charlie Banks, George Browne,
Brenda Burchell, Hazel Chapman, Valerie Clarke, Elle Deveson, Stephen Gilliver, Denise Edmunds, Emily Glass,
Adrian Gorman, Sue Korth, Minna Lucas, John Mason, Jen and Jez McAteer, Paulina Podsaidley, Terry Roberts, Chris Swetman, Julie Swetman, Dorothy Valder, Alex, Amy, Christine, Fiona, John, Louise, Rachel, Ray, Rita, Timothy,

The Recent Departed

Sandy Coleman
Alan Lockett

Years Mind

(26) Thomas Wingrave, Irene Lade, Derek Tyrie (Pr), Ethel Wheeler
(27) Chirstine Milledge, Rose Palmer
(28) William Moore, Frances Kinnaird, Hilda Young, Sr Naomi (SSM)
(29) Margaret Bravington
(30) Mary Uphill, Dorotjy Russell, John Corish
(31)
(32) Gerard James, Maud Shroeder, Violet Jeayes, Adrian Stark

Offertory Hymn NEH 338 [1:13]

At the Name of Jesus,
every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
From the lips of sinners
unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it,
spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
he is Christ the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

Brothers, this Lord
Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory,
with His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of glory now

V. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

V The Lord be with you
R **And with your spirit.**
V Lift up your hearts
R **We lift them up to the Lord**
V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R **It is right and just.**

The Proper Preface

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

**Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

V Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

R **For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

V Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R **Amen.**

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R **And with your spirit.**

V Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World, grant us your peace.

V ✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Please be guided to Communion by the Stewards

Silence will be kept after Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Hymn 633 [MG 8:14]

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God. **R**

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. **R**

V The Lord be with you
R **And with your spirit.**

V And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, ✠
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit come down upon
you and remain with you for ever.

R **Amen**

V Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R **Thanks be to God.**

V The Angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary
R And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessèd art thou among women,
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R **Be it unto me according to thy Word.
Hail Mary....**

V And the word was made flesh.
R **And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary....**

V Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.
R **That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

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Collect.

School Theme for the Week

‘Holiday’

Mass this Week

Mon	Feria		--.--
Tue	feria		--.--
Wed	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus		--.--
Thu	S Peter Chrysologus		--.--
Fri	S Ignatius Loyola	11.00	
Sat	S Alphonsus Liguori		11.00

Mass at S Bartholomew's Mon 09.30, Tue 18.00
Mass at S Paul's Wed 11.30

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Next Sunday

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18th Sunday of the Year

10.30am THE PARISH MASS

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Please note there will be no Mass on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday this week.

WAGNER GROUP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Please make sure you are at the back of St Paul's Church by 9 am tomorrow at the very latest ready for the coach.

S BARTHOLOMEW'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

This will be held on Saturday, 22nd August at 5 pm followed by refreshments. Please put this date in your diary.

AIR RAID SHELTER TOURS

Downs Junior School World War 2 Air Raid Shelter Tours - Heritage Weekend

If you would like a free tour of the Downs Junior School air raid shelter, after church on Sunday 13th September, please let Jan know asap and she will make a group booking. There is also a very good museum and cafe onsite.

PARISH LUNCH

There will be a Parish Lunch on Sunday, 6th September. The cost will be **£15** per head. Please note the change in price. There is a booking sheet and a menu on the table at the back of church. Please put this date in your diary.

PARISH LAMP IN THE HOLY HOUSE AT WALSINGHAM

It is time to renew the Parish lamp in the Holy House at Walsingham. If you would like to make a small donation to the cost of this please see Ange.