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22nd Sunday of the Year

Prayers and Readings p.1170 in the missal

Entrance antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we
may know the hope to which he has called us.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Eucharistic Prayer III (5.30pm & 8 am).

Eucharistic Prayer I (10 am).

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm 63 (62). Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27.

Marian Antiphon (at the end of every Sunday Mass)

Salve Regina – please see the Marian Antiphon prayer cards.

“Our hearts are
restless until they
rest in You.”

ST. AUGUSTINE

FEAST DAY

28TH AUGUST

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THETFORD

Celebrating 200 years proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Sunday 30th August 2026 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 29th 1730 *Pro Populo*

Sunday 30th 0800 *Raul Pareno
(Thanksgiving)*

1000 *Molly & Karol Klidzia* ✠

Monday 31st St Aidan NO MASS

Tuesday 1st Feria 0930 Adoration & Benediction
NO MASS

Wednesday 2nd Feria NO MASS

Thursday 3rd St Gregory the Great NO MASS

Friday 4th St Cuthbert NO MASS

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 5th 1730 *Private intention*

Sunday 6th 0800 *Shirley Hewett* ✠

1000 *Pro Populo*

Confessions Saturday at 4 pm, or **by appointment after any Mass.**
*Confession is one of the greatest gifts of the Church. If you are at
all anxious about Confession, please speak to Fr Andrew first.*

Dates for your diary

15th Sept: Confirmation Mass with Bishop Peter 7 pm

19-20th Sept: Heritage Open Days

21-23rd Sept: Fr Andrew's Sponsored Walk to Walsingham

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Maureen Huggett, Ann Jones, Theresa Lescott, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Luna Freitas, Ann Griffin, Shirley Hewett, Albert Huggett, Greg Warwick and Mirella Zubacz.

◦ **Missals for Children.** We now have **Children's Missals** at the back of the church, together with a separate bulletin for children. **Please do not take the children's missals home** - we've already lost most of them!

◦ **Gift aid.** If you pay UK tax on income or capital gains or a pension, please consider Gift Aiding your donations. For every £1 you donate to the parish each week, we can reclaim 25p from the taxman. The gift-aid claim is made by the diocese on our behalf, so **any information that you provide goes to the diocese not to the government.** It is a very big help for the parish, and it doesn't cost you anything!

◦ **Assisted Suicide.** A bid to change the law on assisted suicide has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11th September 2026. Please write to our MP Terry Jermy to express your opposition to this bill!

◦ **26 Club Draw – August:** 1st prize № 9 Betty Gowring; 2nd prize № 27 Tony Maxey; 3rd prize № 11 Mary Gorman. Well done everyone! Please collect prizes from Deacon Justin

◦ **Bible Study Group** - next session **Tuesday 1 September, 7.30pm** in the parish hall. All are welcome at any time; just bring a Bible!

◦ As usual during the summer there is **no tea or coffee after Mass during August.** Normal service will resume on Sunday 6th September.

St Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

- **Learning about the faith.** In October we are going to start evening classes for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, **and** for any existing Catholic who would like to know more about their faith. Classes will take place **fortnightly on Thursday evenings**, beginning **Thursday October 15th**. If you are interested – or know of someone else who might be interested – speak to Fr Andrew or Deacon Justin.
- On **September 19th–20th** we will be taking part for the first time in the **Heritage Open Day weekend**: this is part of our Jubilee effort to make our parish more visible in the local region. We need **volunteers** so that the church can be **open from 11 till 5 on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th**. Please speak to Deacon Paul if you are able to help.
- Fr Andrew will be doing a **Sponsored Walk to Walsingham** to support our Jubilee projects on **September 21st–23rd**. Please sponsor him if you are able. There is a sponsorship sheet at the back of the church, or you can donate via the Dona card-reader. Anyone who would like to join Fr Andrew for the first mile of the walk is very welcome!
- **Help please!** Before Heritage Open day we would like to **repaint the doors of the church**, which are looking very neglected. If you can help with painting the doors on the morning of **Saturday 5th September**, please speak to Tim Jolly, Raul Pareno or Fr Andrew.
- Fr Andrew will be away from the parish for the next two weeks. If you require a priest in an emergency, please contact Fr Anil at Brandon on 01842 812200.