



## St Vedast-alias-Foster

### Peace and Contemplation in the City

#### NEWS FROM FOSTER LANE

Newsletter No. 6

#### A message from Fr Paul, a Zoom date for your diary

**St. Vedast Poetry Evening** is scheduled for 7pm on Thursday 26th November.

I'll happily screen share any words – just email a copy of your poem to me at [priest@vedast.org.uk](mailto:priest@vedast.org.uk), I can always find a poem at a few seconds notice online.

Link

Topic: Poetry Evening

Time: Nov 26, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823099984>

Meeting ID: 838 2309 9984

Come armed with a glass of wine and/or poem to share and hear the choices of others. You may wish to share not just poetry that has inspired us during lockdown but something more general, a favourite or special poem or just that one you were made to learn at school and still have not forgotten. If you have no poem, please still join in to listen."

#### Service information

You can join us for live weekday masses & our Sunday Service

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5PIrgy\\_zMhluHu-ZePfRQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5PIrgy_zMhluHu-ZePfRQ?view_as=subscriber)

After the Sunday Service

Paul Kennedy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Post Eucharist coffee

Time: This is a recurring meeting each Sunday after Mass

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210467362>

Meeting ID: 892 1046 7362



**You can still make your Sunday offering online by clicking on this 'give a little' logo which can also be used for all donations**

As with most charities the lockdown has stretched our finances.

**There will be no pew sheets during lockdown. Readings for this Sunday printed below.**

### **Sunday 22 November, Christ The King**

#### **Ephesians 1.15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

#### **Matthew 25.31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,

naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

### **Memories of our Walsingham Pilgrimages on the feast of Christ The King from Barbara**

Dear friends,

We hope you are all keeping warm and well as we all progress through Lockdown 2.

This Sunday, we mark the Feast of Christ the King and the end of the church year. For the previous two years, this has been the occasion for the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth. It's amazing how much can be packed into a visit that starts with lunch at the shrine on Saturday and finishes after lunch on Sunday.

Difficult to know what the Lady Richeldis who directed the shrine to be built in 1061 would have made of the warm and comfortable accommodation provided for today's pilgrims not to mention the nicely cooked and plentiful food. She may or may not have approved of a convivial drink in "The Bull" situated opposite the shrine but would hopefully be pleased that the shrine was again a busy place of pilgrimage.

It is such a pity that the shrine has been closed to overnight visitors this year. Hopefully, next year we shall be able to again think about going to Walsingham. If you have been deterred by the thought of it being very austere or cold, worry not. It is well worth a visit and is also a good opportunity to engage with your fellow parishioners not always easy in a gathered congregation.

Don't just take my word for it, here are some comments from other pilgrims starting with Joanna who says: -

Our St Vedast Pilgrimages to Walsingham whilst just for one night proved to be the right place to get away from everyday life and only a couple of hours from London. Spending time in our small, relaxed group we enjoyed eating, walking, talking and attending services along with other pilgrims. However religious you are or not the grounds and shrine make it impossible not to reflect on your individual beliefs and take stock.

Her friend, Iris commented on the peace and serenity I felt just being in that special place was so uplifting. The friendly company and being with fellow pilgrims all fed into these spiritual moments and I came away feeling reenergised and knowing that once again I had been given the opportunity to renew my conscious contact with Our Blessed Lady and Our Lord.

From Patricia: From the start of the journey travelling to Walsingham taking in the scenic views on our travels. Meeting up with the parishioners of St Vedast who made us feel like old friends straight away. The masses were so meaningful and the singing a delight. I felt an inner peace and enlightenment and will miss not going this year.

Claire remembers : Enjoying the camaraderie that was established in such a short time and the pleasure of having meals with friends, walking across fields to the Slipper Shrine, passing a shooting party taking pot shots at pheasants. I came adrift on the way back (there's always one) and, as it was getting dark, I caught a bus on the advice of the lady flower arranger. The bus went on a scenic route via Fackenham but thankfully, I arrived back at base in time for tea. We all had a drink or two at the Bull that evening.

And last but not least from Fr Paul.

Beautiful religion

Pub with friends

Wonderful countryside

Early morning run

Refreshed.

God Bless,

Barbara

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