

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Mass is celebrated in the Ipswich Hospital chapel each Monday at 4 pm – all are welcome.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Sunday Readings: Year B

### Weekday Readings: Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and especially to any visitors.

### Services This Week

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	8:00 am	Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	Adolf von Fragstein
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	
	9:30 am	Janes family
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	
	9:30 am	Peter Kavanagh – foundation Mass
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria – <b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga	
	9:30 am	Holy Souls
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More	
	9:30 am	Vieira family – followed by Rosary
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Feast of St Etheldreda	
	9:30 am	Vieira family – followed by Benediction
24 <sup>th</sup> June	8:00 am	Open intention
12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Open intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

\* Everybody is invited to join us for tea or coffee after Mass in the church hall

## **Today's Gospel**

Today's Gospel reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus describes the kingdom of God. A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established and although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition. Just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

## **Day for Life**

*Today is Day for Life* - the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. It is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

Information on a range of 'life' subjects - such as abortion, disability, suicide, euthanasia and assisted dying, mental health and well being, the mystery of death and finding happiness in our relationship with God - can be found on the *Day for Life* web site [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org). A retiring collection will be taken after each Mass today for the work of life charities supported by the Church.

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, we begin the children's Liturgy of the Word during the Mass at 10.00am. Please feel free to give your comments and feed back so that we can improve on what we are starting in imparting faith to our young ones.

## **Father's Day**

Today is also the secular celebration of Father's Day. Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup> (St. Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19<sup>th</sup> is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June. Today we remember all father's everywhere living and dead.

## **Catholic Basics – 123**

A new group has been established at St Pancras church and will be holding just three sessions in the month of July on Tuesday evenings. Each session will consist of:

- 1 a talk;
- 2 a bible/catechism study;
- 3 share your thoughts and questions.

You are invited to join the group for these sessions which will be held in St Pancras church hall:

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – *The Promises of Christ*
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – *The role of Mary in our lives*
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – *Prayer and how to do it.*

Each session, which is open to all, will run from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Please bring a bible and catechism if you can.

### **Changes to the Data Protection Law**

Churches hold a lot of data about their worshippers, like Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy communion, marriage and death records. They also hold some financial data regarding standing orders and to satisfy Gift Aid requirements. Most importantly churches have their worshippers address and contact details. Diocesan guidance on the new GDPR regulations, which came into force in May, mean that parishioners need to explicitly authorise the church to allow the use of this data for contact purposes, and to define the manner of that contact. Forms are available in the narthex - if you did not complete a GDPR form last week, please do so this week and give it to Fr Mathew.

### **Share the Journey**

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. The timescale of the campaign is from now until the Pope goes to address the UN in September 2018. A week of action will also take place during Refugee Week in June. In support of the campaign, CAFOD are aiming to walk 24,901 miles - the distance around the whole world! All parishes and schools are invited to engage in this campaign. It's an act of solidarity to *Share the Journey* with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Every step you take, together with others from across the England & Wales, will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. They need to act with courage and compassion when they agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration in 2018. Resources are available on the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk> - please click the campaign heading.

### **World Meeting of Families**

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families, from 21<sup>st</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, a National Opening of WMOF2018, which will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, a three-day Congress. Each day will reflect on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World" chosen by the Holy Father and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, WMOF2018 will close with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

More information: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en>

### **The Sick of the Parish**

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Molly & Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcaf, Robert Mullan, Mary O'Reilly and Maureen Sparks.

Fr Mathew is preparing a list of the housebound who would like a regular visit from a priest or a Eucharistic Minister so that they can be offered adequate pastoral care. If you know someone who would like a visit from a priest, with their permission please pass on their details to Fr Mathew.

### **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for George O'Halloran, Thomas Akers, Elizabeth Oxborrow, Bridget Slevin, John Faure, Felix Shipp, Felix Shipp, Hilda Brant, Paolo Borghere, June Teuma, Joan Melhuish, Kathleen Rush, Michael Shelvin, Francis Sutton, Leonard Reilly, Teresa Turner, Mabel Kavanagh whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Mass Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour.

**First Reading:** Ezek. 17:22-24 *I make low trees grow*

The Lord says this:

*"From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it."*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

**Second Reading:** 2 Cor. 5:6-10 *Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds the seed will remain forever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34 *It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.*

Jesus said to the crowds: *"This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come"*

He also said, *"What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that birds of the air can shelter in its shade."*

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

### Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June was £344.36. Thank you.

### Catholic Women's League

The next event organised by the Ipswich Catholic Women's League will be an outing to visit Christchurch Mansion on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 2:30 pm. There will be a guided tour of the first floor of the mansion, and afterwards a cup of tea in the Mansion café. Please meet outside the front of the Mansion promptly for a 2:30 pm start.

### Grandparents Pilgrimage

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place. This will commence at 11:00 am with reconciliation, music and song and include Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12 noon. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex, or from the Catholic Grandparents Association (tel. 01328 560333 or email [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).) Alternatively you can visit their web site [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

### Northern Saints Youth Pilgrimage

The Ignite Team is leading a pilgrimage to York, Durham, Lindisfarne and Iona for those aged between 16-35. The pilgrimage will take place from July 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> this year, and to confirm a place, bookings must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> June. More information can be found on the Diocesan web site – [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth).