

# 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.



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### Sunday Readings: Year B

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

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

### Services This Week

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Katherine Barrett RIP
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	
	9:30 am	Agnes Garnett RIP and family
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Feria	
	9:30 am	Janes family
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	St Dominic	
	9:30 am	Marie Kennedy
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	St Lawrence	
	1:00 pm	Requiem: Bridget Atkins
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	St Clare	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Benediction
12 <sup>th</sup> August	8:00 am	Open intention
19 <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**

In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples following the miracle of the feeding of the 5000, and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

There are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfilment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected? As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself and in the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

## **First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19**

The First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19 is now open for registration. Children aged 7 and above (entering Year 3 in September 2018) should apply for this programme. Registration forms are available in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site. Please return your form enclosing a copy of the baptism certificate to Fr. Mathew or one of the children's catechists as soon as possible and no later than 16 September 2018, to help us plan for the programme. Please help us spread the word about registrations and encourage family and friends to get those forms in as soon as possible. If your child is in St. Pancras School, please contact the school about the programme.

## **Confirmation**

We are joining St. Mark's and St. Pancras for the confirmation programme 2019. If you would like to join please speak to Fr. Mathew or Martin Pakes.

## **Bridget Atkins RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Atkins, who passed away 17<sup>th</sup> July. Her Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary Magdalens at 1:00 pm next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August.

## **150 Club**

The delayed prize draw for the month of July, will take place in the church hall after 10:00 Mass today. There are still many vacant subscriptions available. If you are not a member, please do consider joining this fund raising venture which contributes significantly to the annual parish income.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Offertory**

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July amounted to £473.32 and for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July it was £415.73. Thank you.

### **CAFOD – Support for Fairtrade**

A year ago, Sainsburys, the largest retailer of Fairtrade products in the world, decided to remove the Fairtrade Mark from some of its most popular own-brand tea and instead to pilot its own "Fairly Traded" scheme. At the time, CAFOD among others expressed concern that the new "Fairly Traded" tea, and any other products that might follow it, could mean an unfair deal for the poor farmers and producers. At the time Sainsburys stated that the new approach would not leave farmers out of pocket and would have more positive outcomes, such as allowing increased investment and enhanced environmental measures. As part of a campaign to get Sainsburys to reconsider, CAFOD is asking, now the pilot is over, for concerned persons to write to Sainsburys to ask how the pilot scheme has met the stated objectives. A draft letter has been produced, and can be downloaded from the parish web site. This can be printed, your address added, signed and handed in to your local Sainsburys store. As a Fairtrade parish, we should all consider supporting the CAFOD campaign in this way.

### **St Elizabeth Hospice**

The St Elizabeth Hospice has again launched its Sunflower Memories Appeal. The names of a loved one will be written on one of the sunflower emblems and displayed in the garden at the hospice grounds. The display can be viewed on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August between 2 and 4 pm, when you can reflect on memories in the garden to ambient music whilst enjoying refreshments. Details of how to donate to this appeal can be found in the narthex or you can get further information from the hospice web site [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk).

### **Ipswich Fair Trade Shop**

The Ipswich Fair Trade shop, a not-for-profit organisation in Upper Brook Street, is seeking a part time shop manager to work 16 hours a week, preferably four mornings. The ideal applicant will have previous retail and staff supervision experience and an interest in, and empathy with, the values of fair trade. Application forms are available from the shop, or contact [Margaret.fish@thefairtradeshopsipswich.co.uk](mailto:Margaret.fish@thefairtradeshopsipswich.co.uk) for more information. Closing date for applications is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The shop is also appealing for volunteers to work in the shop. If you have a few hours a week you can spare and can help out, please also contact Margaret on the email address above, or pop into the shop.

### **F.I.N.D. "Families in Need in Ipswich".**

FIND was established as a registered charity in 1990 by Maureen Reynel MBE. It helps those that are deprived of a minimum standard of living, whether they are single, families, lone parents, children, elderly, sick, disabled or homeless. The FIND tub in the narthex could be your opportunity to reach out to those who have fallen on hard times locally. Gifts of food, particularly non-perishables, especially welcome. Did you know FIND also supplies free of charge household items? If you have any usable appliances or furniture to dispose of, why not contact FIND to see if someone else can benefit. You can learn more about the work of FIND by visiting its web site [www.findipswich.org.uk](http://www.findipswich.org.uk).

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay

**First Reading:**

Ex. 16:2-4, 12-15 *I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, "Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve the whole company to death!" Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I proposed to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, 'Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing, delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, "What is that?" not knowing what it was. "That", said Moses to them "is the bread the Lord gives you to eat."

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 77:3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:**

Eph. 4:17,20-24 *Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of truth.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

John 6:24-35

*He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered: "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal". They said to him, "What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?" Jesus gave them this answer, "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent". So they said, "What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He have them bread from heaven to eat.*" Jesus answered: "I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world". "Sir", they said, "give us that bread always." Jesus answered: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst".

**Communion Antiphon:**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Mary Murphy, Francis Jordan, Frederick Rutter, Ann Glaze, Jacqueline Luzny, Noreen Lawrence, Giuseppe DeDonna, William Kerr and Iris Harvey 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.*