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



Sunday 18th February 2018 - First Sunday in Lent

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year II – First week of Lent

Sunday 18th 8 am Open intention
 10 am Open intention
 6 pm The people of the parish

Monday 19th Lent Feria
 9:30 am Open intention

Tuesday 20th Lent Feria
 9:30 am Open intention

Wednesday 21st Lent Feria
 9:30 am Open intention

Thursday 22nd Feast of the Chair of St Peter
 9:30 am Open intention

Friday 23rd Lent Feria
 9:30 am followed by the Rosary
 12 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th Lent Feria
 9:30 am followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

Intentions for Sunday, 25th February
 8 am Open intention
 10 am Open intention
 6 pm The people of the parish

There will be a second collection after all Masses for the work of CAFOD

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

Sacrament of Penance The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings at 10:00, upon request after weekday Masses or by appointment.

Tea and coffee is available in the church hall after Sunday 10:00 Mass – all are welcome

Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, Mark tells us that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Henry Teuma RIP

Henry Teuma, a well known parishioner and benefactor, passed away unexpectedly on Friday 19th January in Ipswich Hospital, having been taken suddenly ill. His requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Mary Magdalens on Friday 16th March at 13:00.

Lent Family Fast Day

Next Friday, 23rd February, is the CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day - a day to give up a meal and give generously to help some of the poorest people in the world. But not all our brothers and sisters can choose whether or not they go without food. I'd like to tell you about a mother, Marian, and her two sons who live in Zimbabwe. The older son, Tawanda, lived his childhood without enough to eat. Marian used to leave him in the morning to find work. She would return hours later to find him sitting in the same place. "I didn't have enough food to give him," she said. "He hadn't played, or even walked. It was very painful to see him like that." When Tawanda was a teenager, Marian had another son, Svondo. He was brought up on fresh vegetables, beans and peanut butter. Now seven years old, Svondo is growing healthy and strong. He plays with his friends. He's happy. These two brothers both had dreams. But one was prevented from reaching his God-given potential.

The difference between these two boys is you. Your donations helped to give Marian some seeds. And she did the rest. She worked hard month after month to grow a vegetable garden and she didn't stop until it flourished. So unlike Tawanda, Svondo didn't go hungry. But no child should have to go hungry. Since you began reading this, eight children around the world have died from malnutrition.

Through CAFOD's Family Fast Day, you can show children like Tawanda and Svondo that they are not forgotten. They are part of our family, and we care. You can donate using one of CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal envelopes available in the narthex, and if you are a tax payer please do fill in the form to Gift Aid your donation. Your gift can help end hunger and poverty across the world. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference – every £1 donated to CAFOD will be matched by the UK government up to £5 million. If you make a donation of £20 and fill in the Gift Aid form, CAFOD will receive £45!

Next Sunday, 25th February, there will be a second collection for the work of CAFOD. Please return your Gift Aid envelopes and place them in that collection. Please think carefully about what you can do this year to make this Lenten appeal a memorable one.

Planning Application

Ipswich Borough Council has received a planning application from the owner of the property at No 2 Highfield Approach (across the road from the church adjacent to the church hall), for *Extension, alteration and conversion of existing dwelling to create four two-storey, two bedroom dwellings with associated external works.*

The parish, as a neighbour to the proposed development, has been notified and invited to submit any comments, but, due to the limited time available to canvass opinion in the parish as a whole, the parish as a body will not be doing so. Instead, any parishioners with a view on this proposed development may make individual comments by writing to the Council's planning case officer or submitting comments online at www.ppc.ipswich.gov.uk.

The public notice for this planning application is on the notice board in the narthex. The closing date for the submission of any comments is 28th February 2018.

Congratulations

We welcome into our community Philip Maddock and Hannah Soulsby who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church and confirmed on Sunday 11th February during the 10:00 Mass.

Baptism

Today during the 10:00 Mass, Feng Yu will be baptised. Please remember him, his parents, godparents and sponsors in your prayers.

Offertory

The offertory collection from Sunday 11th February was £363.06. Thank you.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound, especially for Noel Andrews, Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana DiMascio, Ron Green, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcalf, Robert Mullan, Mary O'Reilly Maureen Sparks and Ken Banbridge.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Henry Teuma recently deceased and for Mary Sparrow, Margaret Doolin, Patrick Kavanagh, Cynthia Woollard, Peter Grimwood, Kathleen Smy, Kate Brown, Margaret Hutchinson, Frederick Adams, Anne Gambo, Gladys Cooper, Helen Hinton, Angela Hurren, Walter Reynolds, Audrey Hartery and Sidney Mason whose anniversaries occur about now.

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.

Big Picture Bible Course

The final session of the Big Picture bible class will be held in the guild room on Monday 19th February at 7:00 pm.

Looking Towards Lent

Who is this man? For Christians this is the most important question in human history. Jesus asks his followers, "who do the crowds say I am?" and more importantly, "who do you say I am?" Would you like to rediscover or deepen your relationship with Jesus, your Lord and friend? If so the course, "who is this man?" will be for you. It is an interactive walk and talk through dramatization of Luke's Gospel, the Day of Pentecost, and St Paul's teaching on the person of Jesus. Slides and music are an integral part of the presentation. The course will run on Tuesday evenings, from 7pm until 9pm in the St Marys Church Hall, Woodbridge Road, for 14 weeks throughout Lent, Easter and Pentecost. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 20th February. All over 15 years of age are welcome. The cost of the course is £2 which cover the cost of printing your personal copy of the text, which will then be yours to keep. Martin and Lucy Pakes will be attending the first session and have three seats available to anybody that would like to attend.

150 Club

The February draw of the 150 Club will be made today after 10:00 Mass in the church hall. It is early this month due to the organiser's absence at the end of the month.

First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

18th February 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory; I will grant him length of days..

First Reading:

Gen 9: 8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 24: 4-9

Your ways Lord are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3: 18-22

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. ***Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!***

Gospel:

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Communion Antiphon:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Altar Servers

We are in great need of additional recruits to our small team of Altar servers. Anybody can apply, male or female, young or old, although it is recommended (but not mandatory) that individuals should have made their first Holy Communion.

We would like to re-establish the St Mary Magdalens branch of the archconfraternity of the Guild of St Stephen, but will need a greater number to make this worth while. If there are any persons who would be interested in becoming an altar server, please make contact by email to altarserving@marymagdalens.org, use the contact form on the church web site or speak to Fr Mathew on his return. Our younger parishioners would be especially welcome – ongoing training will be provided over time to allow our altar servers to take increasingly more responsible roles in our services and provide them with a greater understanding of what they are doing so that they may serve with increasing reverence and prayerfulness.

Dates for the Diary

As part of the Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishop Alan will celebrate a solemn Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, at the Cathedral of St John, Norwich, on Saturday 17th February. All are welcome.

On Saturday 24th February, a Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day will be held at the Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich. The day will consist of Holy Mass, prayer and praise, Reconciliation and prayer for healing. The day is open to all – tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch. More details can be found on the poster in the narthex.

On Tuesday 27th February, the Ipswich Catholic Women's League will be holding a Valentide Tea party in St Pancras church hall starting at 2:30 pm. Tickets are £3 each and can be purchased after Mass or on the door on the day. There will be a raffle and a Bring 'n' Buy sale – more details can be found on the poster in the narthex.

Once again this year, the Bishop will be travelling throughout the Diocese leading a series of Station Masses in various towns. On Friday 2nd March, the Ipswich Lenten Station Mass will be celebrated in St Pancras church, starting at 6:00 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, followed by Mass celebrated with all the Deanery clergy at 7:00pm. All will be welcome.

On March 16th, the Friends of St Albans are holding a St Patrick's Night Ceilidh in St Albans School Hall from 7:00 until 11:00 pm. There will be a licensed bar. Tickets available from Geraldine Byrne (01473 270472), Jo Chow (01473 620082) or the school reception (01473 726178). Admission: adults £8 children (14-18) £5.