

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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*Please contact Deacon Clive Brooks (01206 396319) or let Fr Mathew know if you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital. Please be aware that for reasons of patient confidentiality, the current practice in the NHS is **NOT** to inform the chaplains of any Catholics that are admitted to hospital. So unless you or your relatives inform the chaplains of your hospital stay, you will not be visited by a priest or any other member of the chaplaincy team.*

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Sunday Readings: Year C

### Weekday Readings Year I: 26<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year

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

## Services This Week

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Martin Curry RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>	
	Entrance: - Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (242)	
	Offertory: - O God We Give Ourselves Today (394)	
	Communion: - The Lord IS My Shepherd (533)	
	Recession: - Blest Are The Pure in Heart (66)	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	St Jerome	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass - Janes family
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	St Therese of the Child Jesus	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	The Holy Guardian Angels	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Francis of Assisi	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	
	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Holy Mass
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Molly & Roger's intention
Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

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\* Children's Liturgy is held during the 10:00 Mass each Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

## **Today's Gospel**

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die but Lazarus finds himself in heaven, the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as "loving money." (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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## **World Day of Migrants and Refugees - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) and the theme this year is "It is not just about migrants". With this theme, Pope Francis wants to stimulate our prayer and action by reflecting on ways in which migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and victims of human trafficking, are part a wider concern for all marginalized people.

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## **Weekday Masses**

Please note changes to weekday Mass times this week as Fr Mathew is away in Rome.

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## **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, is the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. No one should be beyond reach of love and support they need to thrive. On Harvest Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Donations from parishes will help the poorest in many parts of the world. On 4<sup>th</sup> October CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal and give the money we save to help children we support who are loved by their parents as we love our own. Fast day envelopes are available in the Narthex. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October to receive your donations. If you are a tax payer, please remember to Gift Aid your donation, and increase its value to CAFOD by 25% without this extra costing you a penny! Remember, no matter how badly off we think we may be in this country, we are so wealthy in comparison with the third world countries – please do be generous.

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## **Installation of Parish Priests**

The Bishop will install Fr Russell Frost as the parish priest of St. Pancras on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October during a Mass at 6.30 pm, Fr Paul Vincent OCD will be installed as the parish priest of St. Marks on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October during the Mass at 11.00 am and Fr Peter Raj will be installed as the parish priest of St. Mary's on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 pm. All are welcome to these Masses celebrated by our Bishop. In fact it would be wonderful if St. Mary Magdalen is well represented at these Masses.

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## **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, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly and Pippa Williamson.

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## **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Martin Curry, Stephen Smith and Norman Nicholas 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.*

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## **Ipswich Film Society**

Are you interested in the best of the world cinema as well as joining other members of our community for a friendly regular evening out? There are some brochures with application forms on the table in the Narthex. For more information please speak to Ernest Thomas or Fr. Mathew.

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## **Blessed John Henry Newman**

Blessed John Henry Newman is to be canonised as a Saint of the Church at St Peter's, Rome, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019. More information about the canonisation ceremony can be found at: [www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com).

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## **Offertory Collections**

The offertory collection on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September was £284.32. The second collection for Home Mission realised £67.40. The collection on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September was £438.67. Thank you.

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## **St. Pancras Catholic Primary School and St. Mary's Catholic Primary school**

St. Pancras Catholic Primary school has an open meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm for parents who are thinking about applying for a place for their children in September 2020. St. Mary's Catholic Primary school has two 'open days' on 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30 am and on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30pm. A reminder to the parents: that the applications should be completed online and sent to Suffolk County Council by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be completed and returned to the school by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. If you need more information, please attend the open days, speak to the schools or to Fr Mathew.

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## **World Mission Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October and Extraordinary Month of Mission**

Baptised and sent: the Church of Christian Mission in the World. The missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized person is a mission. People in love never stand still: they are drawn out of themselves; they give themselves to others and build life-giving relationships. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love. The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with "the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the *Missio Ad Gentes* and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal". (Pope Francis, WMS 2017). For more information and to download a guide for the Month of Mission 2019, visit the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emm/>

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## **Confirmation Programme 2020**

Registration has now begun for those wishing to join the confirmation programme and receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year. There's a set of registration forms on the table in the narthex – please take one and return the completed form to Fr Mathew or Martin Pakes. The course will start in October. There are also registration forms in the narthex for the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. This programme is for adults who wish to be received into the Catholic church, and will prepare adult converts for reception into the church at Easter 2020. This course will be run on demand, so please ensure if that if you feel God might be calling you in this way, you complete and return a registration form as soon as possible so that the necessary practical arrangements can be made. You will then have the opportunity to learn more about becoming a Catholic and potentially be received into the church next year.

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## **First Holy Communion Programme 2020**

Application forms for enrolment in the First Holy Communion programme for those who will make their First Holy Communion in May next year, are available in the narthex. To enrol your child, please take a form, and return it completed by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The form can also be downloaded from the parish web site. The programme kick-off meeting for parents will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 4:00 pm in the Guild Room.

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## **Date For Your Diaries**

The Friends of St Albans Catholic High School will be holding a Fireworks Fun Night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the grounds of the school, Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ. The gates open at 6:00 pm with the fireworks starting at 7:15. There will be various stalls selling refreshments, games, candy floss and popcorn. Ticket prices in advance are £4 adult, £3 child, £15 family (2 adults and up to 5 children). On the day prices are £5 adult, £4 child, £20 family. Free parking is available. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of St Alban's" and payment made to the school office in an envelope marked "Fireworks". For ticket returns please include name and address details in a marked envelope. For more details email: [friendsofstalbans1@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstalbans1@gmail.com).

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## Readings for 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

**Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Collect:** O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**First Reading:** Amos 6:1,4-7 *Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 145:6-10 My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1Tim. 6:11-16 *Do all that you have been told until the appearing of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilot, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has ever seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31 *Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out 'Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames. 'My son,' Abraham replied 'remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus, Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all; between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours.' The rich man replied, 'Father, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning that they do not come to this place of torment too.' 'They have Moses and the prophets' said Abraham. 'Let them listen to them.' 'Ah no, father Abraham,' said the rich man 'but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Then Abraham said to him, 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

**Prayer over the Offerings:** Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Prayer after Communion:** May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his death. Through Christ Our Lord.