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

Sunday 25th February 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent **Sunday Readings: Year B**

Weekday Readings: Year II – Second week of Lent

Sunday 25 th	8 am	Open intention
	10 am	Open intention
	6 pm	The people of the parish

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

Monday 26th **Lent Feria**
9:30 am Open intention

Tuesday 27th **Lent Feria**
9:30 am Open intention

Wednesday 28th **Lent Feria (In School)**
9:30 am Open intention

Thursday 1st **Feast of St David, patron of Wales**
9:30 am Open intention

Friday 2nd **Lent Feria**
9:30 am Open intention followed by the Rosary
12 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3rd **Lent Feria**
9:30 am Open intention followed by Exposition and Reconciliation

Intentions for Sunday, 4th March

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

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 takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Lent Family Fast Day

Last Friday, 23rd February, was the CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day. Today a second collection will be taken at all Masses for the work of CAFOD. Please use the CAFOD envelopes available in the narthex for your offering. If you are a UK tax payer please complete the basic details to allow CAFOD to reclaim from the government, the tax you have already paid on the money donated. Also remember that the Government, through its UKAid programme, has promised to match all donations given up to a maximum of £5M. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the full £5M was obtained! Following the eloquent appeal made last Sunday by Declan Moore, please do give generously.

Congratulations and Welcome

Last Sunday during the 10:00 Mass, Feng Yu was baptised and Stacey Boateng was received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please remember them, their parents, godparents and sponsors in your prayers.

Offertory

The offertory collection from Sunday 18th February was £411.18. Thank you.

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.

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 and Michael Mongan 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.

Michael Mongan RIP

The requiem Mass for Michael Mongan was celebrated on Tuesday, 20th February. Please remember Michael, his family and friends in your prayers.

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 starting 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.

150 Club

The February draw of the 150 Club was made last Sunday, 18th February. The prize winners were:

First	£15	No 38	Mrs P M T Williamson
Second	£10	No 262	Mrs L Bond
Third	£5	No 79	Mr E J Long
Fourth	£5	No 102	Mrs J DiMascio

The final draw of the Club's year will be made after the 10:00 Mass on Easter Sunday. Subscription envelopes for the new year will be available shortly. If you are one of those persons who has been meaning to join the 150 Club for ages but never quite got round to it, now would be a very good time with the start of the new Club year. Please complete a membership form in the narthex or download one from the parish web site.

Parish Vacancies

We are still seeking to appoint a new parish treasurer and a new manager for our parish hall bookings. If you can help by giving of your time to assist in either of these two roles, please let Fr Mathew know.

Lenten Station Mass

Lenten Station Masses are held in the seven deaneries across the Diocese of East Anglia, celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes. Each Mass will begin with an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6pm, followed by the Station Mass at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Alan and priests of the deanery, followed by soup, bread and cheese afterwards. The Ipswich Station Mass will take place next Friday, 1st March, at St Pancras Church.

The "Station Mass" originated in Rome under the auspices of Pope Gregory the Great. They were conceived as a daily pilgrimage in the footsteps of the martyrs and saints. Pilgrims and penitents visited 40 churches in Rome on foot and performed penitential exercises and celebrated Mass in each "stopping place" or "station". In doing so, they were also following the example of Jesus who went out into the desert and fasted for 40 days and forty nights in preparation for his mission.

Bishop Alan says: "Let us take the opportunity this Lent to come home to the Father, encourage those who no longer worship with us or have lost their way, to come home to the Father and when you have done so, become a missionary of God's loving mercy in your family, in your place of work or learning, in your local community, in your local Christian community. For mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel and must be the beating heart of every Christian community and every Christian life."

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

25th February 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. Its your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading:

Gen. 2:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 115: 10, 15-19 Psalm 114:9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading:

Rom. 8:31-34

God did not spare his own son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the beloved, Listen to him". ***Glory and praise to you, O Christ!***

Gospel:

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will ministers please note there is a new rota available for the months of March and April. A copy is pinned to the notice board in the narthex, or can be downloaded from the parish web site.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Next Friday, 2nd March, is Women's World Day of Prayer. Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community.

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.

Dates for the Diary

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.

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.

On Tuesday March 27th, the Chrism Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St John, Norwich. At this Mass the oils for the Sacraments are blessed, and priests, deacons and people renew their commitment to serve. This is one of the main Diocesan events of the year and every year the Cathedral is packed.