

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th January 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

14 Sunday

Weekday Readings: Year II – Second Week of the Year

8 am Margaret Cleary

10 am Open intention

[Tea/coffee after Mass in the Church Hall – All welcome!]

6 pm Open intention

15 Monday (Feria)

No Mass

16 Tuesday (St Fursey)

No Mass

17 Wednesday (St Anthony)

No Mass

18 Thursday (Feria)

No Mass

19 Friday (Feria)

No Mass

20 Saturday (Feria)

No Mass

Intentions for Sunday, 21st January

8 am: Open intention

10 am: Open intention

6 pm: Open intention

Welcome

Today we welcome Fr Michael Rear who has kindly agreed to celebrate Sunday Masses with us whilst Fr Mathew is away.

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

Sacrament of Penance Whilst Fr Mathew is away, the Sacrament of Penance will be available from Fr Michael Rear on Sundays only, either before or after Mass.

World Peace Sunday

Every year *Pax Christi* promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The 51st World Peace Day is celebrated today, January 14th 2018.

No one can be unaware of the tens of thousands of people around the globe who have been displaced and forced to leave their homes because of violence, war, trafficking and climate-related disasters, so it is no surprise that Pope Francis has chosen the theme '*Migrants and Refugees – men and women seekers of peace*,' for his 2018 Peace Day message. Every year Catholics in England and Wales celebrate the Pope's message on Peace Sunday, promoted by *Pax Christi* and supported by the International Affairs Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The increased numbers of displaced persons is one of the consequences of the endless and horrifying sequence of wars, conflicts, genocides and ethnic cleansing that had characterised the twentieth century. To date, the new century has registered no real breakthrough: armed conflicts and other forms of organised violence continue to trigger the movement of peoples within national borders and beyond. Many in this country have responded to the invitation to shelter the stranger and more are involved in campaigns to stem this tragic flow in their work to challenge the arms trade and to protect our environment. With this timely theme, we are all invited to reflect on our role to be peacemakers, and peace seekers, today.

The Holy Father in his Papal message for World Peace Day says "*We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home*".

For more information, please see the *Pax Christi* web site at www.paxchristi.org.uk.

Contact in Fr Mathew's Absence

Yesterday, Fr Mathew left the UK on a private visit home to India. We wish him a safe journey and pray that the surgery on his arm that he will undergo whilst away, will be successful. He will be away until February 8th. During his absence there will be no weekday Masses at St Mary Magdalens. Sunday Masses will be celebrated by Fr Michael Rear.

Fr Mathew will be picking up his email whilst away, so please feel free to contact him via email using parishpriest@marymagdalens.org if you need to or alternatively use the contact form on the parish web site. He can also be contacted by leaving him a voice message on his mobile number – he will call you back if the urgency requires. If a priest is required urgently, please contact one of the other Ipswich clergy – Fr Leeder (St Pancras) 01473 252596, Fr Gates (St James) 01473 726701, Fr Christopher Smith (St Mark) 01473 684963 or Fr John Warrington (St Mary) 01473 728115. For non-urgent matters please use the contact form on the parish web site or leave a message on the presbytery answering machine 01473 741975.

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 Margaret Howes, Kevin Finnegan, Martina Bacon, Marie Thumiez, Eleanor Nemy, Majorie Reddington, Mary Titterington, Ruth Frost and James Walsh 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please note there is a new rota for January and February on the notice board in the narthex, and available for download on the web site.

We do require some additional people to volunteer for this ministry. If you would like to be considered, please speak to Fr Mathew, email him (parishpriest@marymagdalens.org) or use the contact form on the parish web site.

Readers and Offertory Procession

Would readers and those who bring up the offertory gifts please note there is a new rota available for the period to Easter. A copy is pinned on the notice board in the narthex or can again be downloaded from the parish web site.

If anybody would like to help by becoming a reader or taking part in the offertory procession, please contact Martin Pakes or use the contact form on the parish web site. Training, coaching and support will be provided for new readers.

The First Communions & First Confessions 2018

Please keep our candidates in your prayers: Kian Garvie, Filip Szczecina, Zifia Graves, Alicia Ianello, Taylor Green, Antonio Cocker, Matilda Pierce, Michael Skyes, Louis Selby-Ndlovu, William Lebaga, Roxanne Martins, Boluwatife Adedapo, Rowan Har, Florence Davey, Amelia Oliver, Bianka Bandosz, Eniko Stuller, Feng Yu, Jacob Wojtczak, Stacey Boateng, Weronika Przybys, William Taylor, Edith Wankowska and Yuri Teixeira.

Catholic Women's League

The first meeting of 2018 of the Ipswich branch of the Catholic Women's League will take place on Tuesday January 16th. The meeting will begin with Holy Mass at 2:30 in St Pancras church, Orwell Place, Ipswich, and will be followed by a social afternoon in the St Pancras church hall. This is an open meeting – all women will be very welcome.

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 31st December was £357.05 and on Sunday 7th January it was £566.00. Many thanks.

Baptism

Congratulations to Anaia Osarieme Ize-Iyamu who was baptised on Sunday 17th December and Igor Lukasz Jackiewicz who was baptized 24th December. On Tuesday 2nd January, we welcomed baby Samuel Douglas to the church when he was baptised during the 9:30 Mass. Please remember them all, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

On Sunday 28th January, Noel John Cooper will be baptised by Fr Michael Rear at 11:00. On Sunday 18th February, Fr Mathew will baptise Feng Yu during the 10:00 Mass. Also at that Mass, Philip Maddock and Hannah Soulsby will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and be confirmed. Please remember them all, their parents, godparents and sponsors in your prayers.

Church Cleaning

Would all cleaners please note there is a new rota for 2018. This is on the notice board in the narthex and can be downloaded, if required, from the parish web site. We could really do with some additional helpers to join the cleaning team. It is not particularly onerous – if you could spare just a couple of hours every 2-3 months to help keep our church looking good it would really be appreciated. If you can help, please contact Sarah King by email (churchcleaning@marymagdalens.org) or use the contact form on the parish web site.

Parish Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint a new parish treasurer – our current treasurer, Teresa Rose, will be stepping down this year and we need a new person sometime in March or April. If you have some finance / accounting experience and are happy to give generously some of your time for the parish, please let Fr Mathew know. The treasurer will be a *de facto* appointment to the parish Finance Committee.

We are also seeking to appoint a new manager for our parish hall bookings. Managing the hall is very important for us as 29% of our annual income comes from hiring it out. Without that income we would not be financially viable as a parish. If you can help with this, again please let Fr Mathew know.

Catholic East Anglia

The *Catholic East Anglia* newspaper will be going monthly from January 2018 to help get news out across the diocese of East Anglia more quickly, and it needs your help with stories, pictures and distribution. The paper will be produced every month, except August and December, increasing from the current six bi-monthly editions a year. Each edition will go down from 16 to 12 pages but there will be more room overall for news and features from across the Diocese and many stories will be published quicker than before. Editor Keith Morris is keen to identify communications champions in each parish who would send in news items and pictures and help distribute the paper, making sure it is displayed prominently and simply handed out at the end of Mass. If you would be interested in this role at St Mary Magdalen parish, please speak to Fr Mathew.

So Great a Mystery

The Marriage and Family Life Commission, part of the Diocesan structure and based at Poringland, has been established to assist in the organisation and implementation of initiatives which enable married couples to live out their vocation to each other and as evangelisers in the world.

The Commission has developed a marriage preparation course for engaged couples -*So Great a Mystery* - which consists of 4 sessions delivered at a parish level and a day-long Saturday session delivered on an area basis.

The programme is comprehensive - it includes church teaching on marriage as a covenant and sacrament, how to overcome difficulties, and practical advice on both the wedding ceremony and married life. As such, it prepares couples well for marriage in the Catholic Church.

There is a cost associated with the programme which covers all materials and lunch and refreshments on the Saturday session. More details about the programme can be found on the Diocesan web site at www.rcdea.org.uk/registration-for-marriage-preparation-2017/

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**14th January 2018****Entrance Antiphon:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name O Most High!

First Reading:

Samuel 3:3-10, 19
Speak Lord, your servant is listening

Responsorial Psalm:

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 1:35-42
The world as we know it is passing away

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Church Gallery

The work on re-structuring the church gallery front wall started on Monday 8th January and is, due to finish 19th. The work has been timed during Fr Mathew's absence to minimise the disruption to daily services and allow the workers an un-broken work period before having to clear up for Sunday Masses. As before when we have benefitted from the resources provided by Hollesley Bay, we will need to provide meals for the two workers – a midday lunch and a hot evening meal. Thank you to all those who provided meals last week. We are looking for a further help in providing meals for the two workers this week too. If you can help, please put your name down on the sheet in the narthex.

Following this work by Hollesley Bay workers, staff from Higham Forge will be starting on Monday 22nd to fit new wrought iron railings to the top of the restructured wall, completing the work by Wednesday 25th.

Tea and Coffee after 10:00 Mass

Every Sunday after 10:00 Mass, tea and coffee (usually with a few other nibbles!) is available in the hall after Mass. This is a great way to meet and socialise with fellow parishioners – why not pop in for a cuppa? Would helpers please note a new rota is available from 1st January – it is on the narthex notice board or can be downloaded from the web site.

Letter Rack

The letter rack in the narthex still has some Christmas cards that have been left for people but which have not been taken. Can you please check the rack today and take any items addressed to you. The rack will be cleared this weekend and any Christmas cards remaining will be removed and destroyed.

Date for the Diary

On Friday 2nd February, the Friends of St Albans will be holding a Quiz and Chips evening at the school – 7:00 for a 7:30 start. Entry fee of £8 per person, including a fish or sausage and chips supper. Teams of 8 persons, minimum age 15 years. If you cannot get a full team, come along anyway and you can be put in a team on the night. Advance booking essential to allow food to be ordered. Licenced bar will be available. Tickets from Mrs Siobhan White 07718 086694 or the school office 01473 726178. All proceeds to Friends of St Albans.

FIND

The FIND tub is available in the narthex all year round – St Mary Magdalen parish has a proud track record of supporting this particular charitable appeal in the past - please continue to do so throughout the year with your donations of non-perishable foods.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40)