

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Please contact Fr Gates if you are going into hospital (☎ 01473 726701) or let Fr Mathew know.

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

Sunday 4th March 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year II – Third week of Lent

Sunday 4th
8 am Fryatt family
10 am Fr A S Bull – foundation mass
6 pm The people of the parish

Monday 5th **Lent Feria**
No mass

Tuesday 6th **Lent Feria**
9:30 am Janes family

Wednesday 7th **Lent Feria (In School)**
9:30 am Open intention

Thursday 8th **Feast of St Felix**
9:30 am Adolf von Fragstein

Friday 9th **Lent Feria**
10:30 am Michael Parmenter funeral service
12 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10th **Lent Feria**
9:30 am Charles Vieira - followed by Benediction

Intentions for Sunday, 11th March, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8 am Fryatt family
10 am Guiseppina, Emilia Guiseppe and Rosa Giovanni
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 we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the temple at Jerusalem. Jesus' action at the temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives.

Richard Collis RIP

Many of you will know Richard Collis, father of Fr Michael Collis, who passed away last week. His Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 19th March at 2:00 pm followed by burial at Claydon cemetery.

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.

Michael Parmenter RIP

On Friday 9th March, the funeral service for Michael Parmenter will be held at St Mary Magdalen church at 10:30.

Felix Hennon RIP

On Thursday 22nd March, the requiem mass for Felix Hennon will be held at St Mary Magdalen church at 10:00.

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 Richard Collis, Felix Hennon, Michael Mongan, Michael Parmenter and Henry Teuma recently deceased and for Dorothy Bolt, James Adams, Pamela Andrews, Vincenza Webber, Winifred Grant, Kitty Finn, Helan Welan, Georgina Beeby, Ernest Doolan, Daphne Westbrook, William Fleming, Donald Ludlow, Thomas Kearney, Florence Pratt, Audrey Gould, James O'Mara, Mary Irvine, Edward Millar, Josephine Ratcliff, Patrick McDemott, Francis Doyle, Catherine Doyle, Daniel Keenan, Norah Andrews, Patrick Owen, Robert McInnes, George Keenan, Leslie Robinson, Edward Clarke, Gerard Healey and Harry Frost 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.

Offertory

Due to the very bad weather this week, the details of the offertory collection from Sunday 25th February, and the retiring collection for CAFOD, are not yet available. These will be published as soon as possible.

Parish Vacancies

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

Hospital Chaplaincy

If you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital, whether planned or as an emergency admission, please let Fr Mathew know. There is a Catholic chaplain for the Ipswich Hospital, Fr Adrian Gates of St James parish, supported by a team of lay volunteers, who can tend to your spiritual needs whilst an in-patient. Holy Communion is taken to known patients every Sunday by a volunteer team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion drawn from all the parishes of the deanery.

Holy Week Services 2018

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, 25th March. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. Normal Sunday Mass times will apply.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th, 27th and 28th March, Mass will be at 9:30 in the morning followed by confessions from 10:00 to 10:30.

On Tuesday 27th, the annual Chrism Mass will take place at St John's Cathedral in Norwich.

On Holy Thursday, there will be Morning Prayer at 9:30 followed by confessions until 10:00 am.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at 7:30 pm and this will be followed by watch keeping before the Lord until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday, 30th March, is a day of fasting and abstinence. The solemn Liturgy of the Passion will take place at 3:00 pm. Stations of the Cross and veneration of the cross will be held at 7:30 pm.

Morning Prayer will be held in the Guild Room on Holy Saturday, 31st March, at 9:30. The Easter Vigil will be held at 7:30 pm.

On Easter Sunday, 1st April, Mass will be at 8:00 and 10:00. There will be no evening Mass.

All the Holy Week services and times can be found in the events diary on the parish web site.

National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The first, of what is intended to be an annual, pilgrimage to Walsingham for Catholic men will take place on Sunday 22nd April, from 10:30 until 17:30. Come and meet, talk and share the faith with other men; listen to speakers, celebrate confession and Mass, pray for families and for the country; process to the old Abbey grounds for Benediction. Lay and religious, single and married, young and old, fathers and sons will all be welcome. Further details, along with event registration, can be found at www.eventbrite.co.uk

"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England" - Pope Leo XIII, 1887

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland

A fully escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, will take place on 23rd April 2018. The cost is £599 per person based on sharing accommodation. This price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours are included. Wheelchair accessible rooms are available in the hotel and there are a limited number of single rooms available at a supplement of £100. Groups and individual bookings welcome. For further information or to book, contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL (Registration number T7613.)

Entrance Antiphon:	My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.
First Reading:	Ex. 20:1-7 <i>The law was given through Moses.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 18: 18-11 You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.
Second Reading:	1 Cor. 1:22-25 <i>Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i> I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. <i>Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!</i>
Gospel:	John 2:13-25 <i>Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up</i>
Communion Antiphon:	The sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her young, by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Children's Liturgy

As discussed at the parish forum in September last year, we are going to be starting a children's liturgy group within the parish. The Ignite Team, the diocesan youth mission team, will be attending St Mary Magdalens on Sunday 11th March. The 10:00 Mass will be led by Fr Luke Goymour with the team providing music for the Mass and some information about its work around the diocese. After Mass, the team will spend about an hour with the individuals who volunteered to be involved, to provide advice on delivering Children's Liturgy and guidance on suggested resources. If you have not already put your name forward, but would like to be involved in this, please speak to Fr Mathew.

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. This rota includes the Holy Week services. Please check the services allocated and arrange any swaps necessary if you are unavailable for any assigned Mass.

Dates for Your Diary

Unfortunately the Catholic Women's League Valentide Tea Party, due to have been held Tuesday 27th February, had to be cancelled due to the bad weather. The organisers have advised ticket holders to keep their tickets as these will instead be valid for a Spring Time Tea Party to be organised as a replacement event. Further details of this will be announced soon.

The Ipswich Life Group will be holding its annual *Cakes & Conserves* sale in St Pancras church hall after the anticipatory Mass on Saturday 10th March and after the morning Masses on Sunday 11th March. All donations of baked or home made products gratefully received. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to LIFE education. Your generous support would be gratefully appreciated.

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.