

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Parish school: St Pancras Catholic Primary School, Stratford Road, Ipswich, IP1 6EF

Head teacher: Mr Stephen Barker ☎ 01473 742074

Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Fr A Gates

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st January 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

21 Sunday

22 Monday (Feria)

23 Tuesday (Feria)

24 Wednesday (St Francis de Sales) No Mass

25 Thursday (Conversion of St Paul) No Mass

26 Friday (SS Timothy & Titus) No Mass

27 Saturday (Feria)

Weekday Readings: Year II – Third Week of the Year

8 am Open intention

10 am Open intention

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

6 pm Open intention

No Mass

No Mass

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No Mass

Intentions for Sunday, 28th January

8 am: Open intention

10 am: Adolf von Fragstein RIP

6 pm: Open intention

Welcome

We again 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

At a recent meeting of the deanery clergy, it was proposed to look into the establishment of a St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference for Ipswich.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international Christian voluntary membership organisation. Membership is open to anyone who can adopt the SVP's ethos. The SVP believes that everyone should have the means to life with dignity. Inspiration is taken from Blessed Frederick Ozanam, one of the SVP's principal founders who, as a young university student in Paris, with 6 companions set up a *Conference of Charity* in 1833, visiting the poor, bringing food, clothing and friendship. They adopted St Vincent de Paul as their patron. Today, volunteer SVP members are people from all walks of life who want to make a difference to the lives of people in need.

If you are interested in helping to set up a new SVP Conference for Ipswich, have any previous experience of the SVP, have belonged to an SVP Conference in the past or are just interested in being part of a new SVP Conference for Ipswich, please pass your details to Fr Mathew, or use the contact form on the parish web site. An initial meeting for all those interested will then be arranged. Further information about the aims and objectives of the SVP can be found on its website www.svp.org.uk

Service for Christian Unity

On Sunday 21st January at 6:30 pm, an ecumenical service for Christian Unity will be held at St Thomas' church on the corner of Cromer Road/Bramford Lane, Ipswich. Everybody is invited to attend - it would be wonderful if St Mary Magdalens could be represented.

Contact in Fr Mathew's Absence

Fr Mathew is away 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 Helen Frost, Ivy Scaife, Giuseppe Miceli, Josephine Horne, William Irvine, Anna Graham-Picket, Sarah Kelly, John McRase, John Hughes, Mary Corrigan, Edmund Coyle and Kitty Finn 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, FilipSzczecina, Zifia Graves, Alicia Ianello, Taylor Green, Antonio Cocker, Matilda Pierce, Michael Skyes, Louis Selby-Ndlovu, William Lebaga, Roxanne Martins, Boluwatle Adedapo, Rowan Har, Florence Davey, Amelia Oliver, Bianka Badosz, Eniko Stuller, Feng Yu, Jacob Wojtczak, Stacey Boateng, Weronika Przybys, William Taylor, Edith Wankowska and Yuri Teixeira.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 14th January is not yet available, but will be published as soon as it is.

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.

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Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make me know your ways.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
The world as we know it is passing away

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20
Repent, and believe the Good News

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Dates 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. Licensed bar will be available. Tickets from Mrs Siobhan White 07718 086694 or the school office 01473 726178. All proceeds to Friends of St Albans.

Support for World in Need is holding a Beetle Drive on Saturday 10th February in St James' Parish Hall, 482 Landseer Road, Ipswich IP3 9LU, 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Adults £5.00; Children (up to 10 years) £2.50. Refreshments and tea/coffee/squash included. You are invited to an evening of fun for all the family - whatever your age! Tables of 4 will be organised on the night so, if you are coming on your own, there will be a table for you to join. Tickets from Violet Gitzer 01473 271671 and Sue Coppens-Browne 01473 738909.

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/

Church Gallery

The work on re-structuring the church gallery front wall has progressed on schedule and is now ready for the wrought iron railing to be delivered and installed tomorrow. Work has also progressed on the construction of the new confessional within the priest's sacristy, as discussed at the parish assembly last year. We are grateful to all those who provided meals for our workers over the past fortnight. We are again looking for further volunteers to prepare and serve lunch and evening meal for the two Hollesley Bay workers during this final week. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.