

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

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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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th January 2018, Racial Justice Day

Sunday Readings: Year B

28 Sunday

29 Monday (Feria)

30 Tuesday (Feria)

31 Wednesday (St John Bosco)

1 Feb Thursday (Feria)

2 Friday (Presentation of the Lord)

3 Saturday (Feria)

Weekday Readings: Year II – Fourth Week of the Year

8 am Open intention

10 am Alfred von Fragstein RIP

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

6 pm Open intention

No Mass

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Intentions for Sunday, 4th February

8 am: Open intention

10 am: Open intention

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.

Racial Justice Sunday

On this day, Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination.

As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible, with clear calls to “Love the stranger”. That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites, but to all of God’s people.

The theme this year is “Belonging”, emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

Break In

Unfortunately the presbytery was broken into overnight 18th January. Entry was gained by breaking a window in the study and opening the patio doors from the inside. Steps have been taken to increase security but thankfully, nothing much was taken and little damage was done. However, this is a timely reminder to all of us to be vigilant in regard to our own goods and property and keep a watchful eye on that of our friends and neighbours too.

Henry Teuma RIP

Henry Teuma, a well known parishioner, passed away on Friday 19th January in Ipswich Hospital, having been taken suddenly ill. There no details yet available regarding his funeral arrangements. Please remember Henry and his family in your prayers.

150 Club

The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club will take place in the hall after 10:00 Mass today. There will be tea and coffee available as normal, so why not come in after Mass for a chat and a cuppa? If you are not a member of the Parish 150 Club, it is never too late to join. Membership forms are available in the narthex or can be downloaded from the 150 Club pages of the parish web site.

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

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.

This week is also the turn of St Mary Magdalen parish to take and administer Holy Communion to the Catholic in-patients at Heath Road Hospital. Please remember all those in hospital who will be sharing Communion with us this week, and pray that they may be granted a speedy recovery.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Henry Teuma recently deceased and Margaret Long, Elizabeth Millar, Cesare Pasini, Leslie Hiscocks, Gillian Wilson, Franciczek Meller, Andrew Murray, Alfred Sheppard, Elizabeth Powell, Theresa Akehurst, Gwendoline Nicholas, Annie Kernay, Cecil Everitt and Celia Molyneux 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.

Church Gallery

The work on re-structuring the church gallery front wall is now complete and the new confessional constructed within the priest's sacristy is also nearing completion. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the preparation of the new wrought iron railing to surmount the gallery wall, so the gallery remains out of use for the time being. Our two friends from Hollesley Bay will be continuing next week to finish the confessional, before moving to the presbytery to redecorate the kitchen, install a radiator in the study and re-glaze the broken window before Fr Mathew returns. We are again very grateful to the Hollesley Bay community for assisting us in this way.

Church Cleaning

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 baby Samuel Douglas who was baptised during the Mass on Tuesday 2nd January. Please remember him, his parents and godparents in your prayers.

Today, 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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**28th January 2018****Entrance Antiphon:**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you..

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35
An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Mark 1:21-28
He taught them with authority

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love, O Lord, let me never be out to shame, for I call on you.

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 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/

Offertory

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 14th January was £451.79.

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 21st January was £429.02. Thank you.