

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Year II – Fifth week of Lent

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

Services This Week

Sunday 18th 8 am Alberto Camputaro RIP
March 10 am * Fox and Rose Families
6 pm The people of the parish

Monday 19th Feast of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 2:00 pm Requiem Mass for Richard Collis

Tuesday 20th Lent Feria
March No Mass

Wednesday 21st Lent Feria – Mass in St Pancras School
March 9:30 am Leslie Robinson RIP

Thursday 22nd Lent Feria
March 10:00 am Requiem Mass for Felix Hennon

Friday 23rd Lent Feria
March 9:30 am Albertina Vieira
12 noon Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th Lent Feria
March 9:30 am Albertina Vieira – Mass followed by Exposition and Benediction

Palm Sunday 25th 8 am Albertina Vieira
March 10 am * Open intention
6 pm The people of the parish

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

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgement is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

Palm Sunday Passion Reading

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. The services of Holy Week can be found on the notice board in the narthex, or can be downloaded from the parish web site.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave an example of how we should serve one another by washing the feet of his disciples. This act of service is commemorated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper when the priest washes the feet of 12 persons of the congregation. We are looking for 12 volunteers, young or old, male or female, to take part in this ceremony – a list for names is in the narthex. Please put your name down if you would like to take part.

Palm Sunday Passion Reading

We are looking for volunteers to take part in the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday, March 25th. There are a number of small parts in the reading and it would be nice to have more volunteers to read these in order to make the reading more expressive.

If you would like to take part, please contact Martin Pakes in person, or by using the contact form on the parish web site, or speak to Fr Mathew.

Ellen Armes RIP

On Wednesday 4th April at 2:00 pm, the funeral service will take place for the late Ellen Armes who passed away 2nd March.

Noel Andrews RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noel Andrews, one of the last remaining founding parishioners of St Mary Magdalens parish, who passed away peacefully at home 14th March with his family around him. He suffered a long battle with cancer, undergoing lengthy and painful surgery in 2016, which bought him some additional time to meet his second and third great-granddaughters and see his fifth grandchild married. He will be sadly missed. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary Magdalens on Friday 6th April at 10:30 am.

Richard Collis RIP

Many of you will know Richard Collis, father of Fr Michael Collis. Richard sadly passed away recently and his Requiem Mass will be held tomorrow, Monday 19th March at 2:00 pm followed by burial at Claydon cemetery.

Felix Hennon RIP

Next 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 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.

If you are unable to get to Mass on Sunday, please let Fr Mathew know. We can arrange for a visit to be made by one of our Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion at home, to those unable to get to Mass.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Noel Andrews, Richard Collis and Felix Hennon recently deceased and for Patrick O'Donovan, Joseph Baran, Alan Hobbs, Wilfred Murray, Patrick Kearney, Pamela Spencer, Edward Rayell, Antonio Cassinelli, Frances Darcy, Michael Cleary, William McCarthy and Daniel Mendonca 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

The offertory collection from Sunday 4th March was not available at the time of printing. This will be published as soon as it is available.

Chrism Mass

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. St Mary's parish is running a coach for any persons interested in going to the cathedral for this celebration. The coach will leave St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, car park at 3:45 pm and will return to St Mary's at approximately 10:30 pm. The fare will be £10 per seat, payable on the coach on the day.

150 Club New Year

The final draw of the current year for the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass on Easter Sunday. This is the main draw of the year, and will include the annual bonus prizes.

The subscription envelopes for the new year are now available. There are currently only 82 members of the Club and whilst nearly all of these members have more than one subscription, there is still room for several new subscribers. Following the appeal last year, we did sign up some new members but there is still room for many more to keep this fund raising venture viable. If you are a new parishioner, or an established parishioner who has been meaning to join but not yet got round to it, please do sign up. The membership forms are in the narthex, or can be downloaded from the parish web site. With the new year about to begin, now would be a very good time to finally take this step and join.

Children's Liturgy

Last week, we enjoyed a special Mass at 10:00 celebrated by Fr Luke Goymour and led by the Ignite Youth Mission Team. After Mass, our volunteer catechists met with the team for a short training session and received advice and guidance on resources and materials appropriate for use in children's liturgy sessions. Our grateful thanks go to the Ignite team, and to the volunteers from the parish who took part. If there are any others who would like to be involved in this, please contact Fr Mathew. It is hoped to start these liturgy sessions at 10:00 Mass starting 1st Sunday after Easter.

Congratulations

Baby Victoria Majchrzak was baptised after the 10:00 Mass last Sunday. We welcome her to our community.

Mass Readings Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**18th March 2018****Entrance Antiphon:**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading:

Jer. 31:31-34
I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-15
A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading:

Heb. 5:7-9
He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel:

John 12:20-30
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Communion Antiphon:

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Parish Vacancies

Laura Krollick has kindly agreed to manage the Parish Hall bookings. I would like to thank her for being so generous to our parish and offer her our support and co-operation. Sharon Barnes has done this for us until now. We are very grateful for her dedicated service to the parish.

Laura has arranged a "spring clean" day for the hall on 18th March at 12:00 noon. She has already enlisted 2 other people to help her but it would make life much easier if a few more volunteers could be recruited to help out for an hour or two. If you can spare some time on that day, please contact Laura to let her know. She can be contacted by email (hallbookings@marymagdalens.org) or you can use the contact form on the parish web site.

John Anderson-Hurst has agreed to be our Treasurer. I would like to thank him for his willingness and support. He will join the Finance Committee. Teresa Rose who is our current Treasurer will continue to be the Gift Aid officer and member of the Finance Committee. While thanking her for her dedicated service as the treasurer, I am looking forward to working with both of them, in the temporal administration of the parish.

John Anderson-Hurst at present is our representative for FIND (Families In Need in Ipswich). As he takes up this new role as the parish treasurer, we now need a new FIND representative.

Novena to St. Joseph (APF)

Novena to St. Joseph: 10-18th March at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St. Joseph with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's Blessing on their society and the missionary work of the church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are welcome to send your petitions and intentions to Novena Director, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email: novenamhm@gmail.com or visit www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk.

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 Catholic Women's League will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday 20th March at 2.30pm in St Pancras Church Hall. A presentation will be given by Mrs Kenny 'St Mary's Twinning with Cambodia - a personal experience'. The meeting is an open one - everyone is most welcome. For further information, please contact Monica Ford.