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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th February 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

4 Sunday

5 Monday (St Agatha)

6 Tuesday (St Paul Miki)

7 Wednesday (Feria)

8 Feb Thursday (Feria)

9 Friday (Feria)

10 Saturday (St Scholastica)

Weekday Readings: Year II – Fifth Week of the Year

8 am Eric List (foundation Mass)

10 am Open intention

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

6 pm Open intention

No Mass

No Mass

No Mass

No Mass

9:30 am followed by the Rosary

9:30 am

Intentions for Sunday, 11th February

8 am: Elsie Robinson (foundation Mass)

10 am: Open intention

6 pm: Open intention

Welcome

We again welcome Fr Michael Rear who this week will celebrate Mass with us for the last time before Fr Mathew returns. We are very grateful to Fr Michael for looking after us so well.

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.

Today's Gospel

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

Fr Mathew's Absence

Fr Mathew will be back in the parish this week after his visit home to India. We welcome him back. Weekday Masses will restart this week with Mass on Friday at 9:30, followed by the rosary, and Saturday morning at 9:30.

We would like to express our thanks to Fr Michael Rear for saying Masses for us whilst Fr Mathew was away.

Day of Prayer

This Thursday, 8th February, is a Day of Prayer for victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it. Next Sunday, 11th February, is World Day of Prayer for the sick and a day of prayer for the unemployed. Please remember these special intentions in your prayers on these days.

Catholic East Anglia

The February edition of the Diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, is now available in the narthex. Please take a copy – there is no charge! The 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 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 or advise him using the contact form on the web site.

Henry Teuma RIP

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

Baptism

Congratulations and welcome to Noel John Cooper who was baptised last Sunday, 28th January

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.

Fertility Awareness Methods

Fertility Awareness Methods (FAM) are the practices of observing a woman's signs of fertility and interpreting them to determine her fertile and infertile days. This information can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy in a highly effective manner, in unity with the Catholic Church's teaching. There are some information leaflets available in the narthex - please take one. Further information can be found on the Diocesan web site.

Job Vacancy

Tools With a Mission (TWAM) is a Christian charity sending tools across the world to third world countries like Malawi, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zambia and Tanzania. There is a vacancy in their Ipswich, Hadleigh Road refurbishment centre as a centre manager. TWAM is looking for somebody with experience managing volunteers and overseeing a busy workplace. Full details of the position, job description and application form can be found on their website. Applications must be submitted by 26th February 2018.

150 Club

The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club took place last Sunday, 28th January. Congratulations to the following winners:

Monthly Prizes	1 st	£15	No 103	Mr & Mrs Pakes
	2 nd	£10	No 240	Mr & Mrs M Mayston
	3 rd	£5	No 67	Mr M J Burder
	4th	£5	No 247	Mr & Mrs C R Long

The financial end of the year for the 150 Club is 31st March and envelopes for next year's subscriptions will be available soon. If you are not a member of the Parish 150 Club, now would be an excellent time to join ready for the start of the new year in April. Membership forms are available in the narthex or can be downloaded from the 150 Club pages of the parish web site.

Church Gallery

The work on re-structuring the church gallery front wall and the new confessional is now complete. Our two friends from Hollesley Bay have this week redecorated the kitchen and utility room in the presbytery and changed the radiator in Fr Mathew's study for a double panelled one for additional heat. The window broken in the recent burglary has also been repaired.

Last Sunday, after the 10:00 Mass, person or persons unknown broke the toilet cistern in the guild room gentlemen's toilet, resulting in a minor flood. Whilst this damage may well have been accidental, it is sad that nobody actually said anything or reported it. As a result, we have had to purchase and install a new cistern this week to make good the damage at not inconsiderable expense.

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 Henry Teuma recently deceased and for William Clancy, Andrew Flynn, Imelda Foulger, Jeanie Walker, Ivy Long, Darren Platts, Charles Vieira, John Metcalfe, Hilda Chaisty, Caterina Fella, Elizabeth (Elsie) Robinson, George Youngman, Harold Mottram, Antonio Melero, Delia Reilly, Sheila White, Michael McGlead and Percy Beavis 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.

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.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**4th February 2018****Entrance Antiphon:**

O come let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Restlessly I fret 'till twilight falls

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 1:29-39
He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Dates for the Diary

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.

As part of the Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes, Bishop Alan will celebrate a solemn Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, at the Cathedral of St John, Norwich, on Saturday 17th February. All are welcome.

Friday 23rd February is the CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day. This is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd, can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat. And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference – every £1 donated to CAFOD will be matched by the UK government up to £5 million. Please think carefully about what you can do this year to make this Lenten appeal a memorable one.

On Saturday 24th February, a Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Day will be held at the Bowthorpe Church Centre, Norwich. The day will consist of Holy Mass, prayer and praise, Reconciliation and prayer for healing. The day is open to all – tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch. More details can be found on the poster in the narthex.

On Tuesday 27th February, the Ipswich Catholic Women's League will be holding a Valentide Tea party in St Pancras church hall starting at 2:30 pm. Tickets are £3 each and can be purchased after Mass or on the door on the day. There will be a raffle and a Bring 'n' Buy sale – more details can be found on the poster in the narthex.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. Once again this year, the Bishop will be travelling throughout the Diocese leading a series of Station Masses in various towns. On Friday 2nd March, the Ipswich Lenten Station Mass will be celebrated in St Pancras church, starting at 6:00 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, followed by Mass celebrated with all the Deanery clergy at 7:00pm. All will be welcome.

Offertory

The offertory collection from last Sunday is not yet available, but will be published as soon as it is.

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@marvmagdalens.org) or use the contact form on the parish web site.