

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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

## Easter Sunday

### Sunday Readings: Year B

### Weekday Readings: Easter Octave

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

Holy Saturday      The Great Vigil of Easter  
31<sup>st</sup> March              7:30 pm      For the newly Baptised

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April      Easter Sunday – Note no evening Mass today  
8:00 am              Martin Curry  
10:00 am              People of the parish

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April      Monday in the Octave of Easter  
9:30 am              Kavanagh foundation Mass

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April      Tuesday in the Octave of Easter  
9:30 am              Albertina Vieira

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April      Wednesday in the Octave of Easter  
2:00 pm              Requiem Mass for Ellen Armes

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April      Thursday in the Octave of Easter  
9:30 am              Janes family  
7:00 pm              Reception and Vigil for Noel Andrews

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April      Friday in the Octave of Easter  
10:30 am              Requiem Mass for Noel Andrews

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April      Saturday in the Octave of Easter  
9:30 am              Albertina Vieira – followed by Benediction

Sunday              Second Sunday of Easter  
8<sup>th</sup> April              8:00 am              Stephen and grandparents  
                            10:00 am\*          Noel and Doreen Andrews – foundation Mass  
                            6:00 pm              People of the Parish

\* Tea and coffee is available in the church hall after Sunday 10:00 Mass – all are welcome

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Every blessing of the Risen Christ!

*From the Very Rev. Mathew Canon George Vandalakunnel who is so privileged to celebrate this Easter with you.*

## **Today's Gospel**

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

## **Easter Offertory**

This weekend, the offertory collection from the Easter Vigil and the two Masses on Easter Sunday morning, represent our customary personal gift to our parish priest, Fr Mathew.

Last week's offertory collection, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, was £515.72. The second collection for Easter flowers realised £29.47. Thank you.

## **Easter Baptisms**

Please pray for Wenison Da Trindade Jesus, Isaac Boateng, Ruby Boateng, Scarlet Boateng and Sapphire Boateng who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil and for Elissaela Manacas, Chanel Miguel and Luena Miguel who will be baptised on Easter Sunday at the 10:00 Mass.

Isabelle Norman and Jonah Parsons will be baptised next week, on Low Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Friday Abstinence**

During the Octave of Easter, Friday abstinence is dispensed with, so this coming Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April there is no abstinence required.

## **School Vacancies**

There is currently a vacancy for the position of Head of School at the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School in Norwich, and applications are invited for this post. More details of the role can be found on the diocesan web site. A copy of the advert for this position is in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site. Closing date for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

There is a forthcoming vacancy for the position of Headteacher of St Mark's Catholic Primary School in Ipswich and applications are invited for this post. For more details and an application pack, please contact Headteacher Recruitment at [headships@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:headships@suffolk.gov.uk) or telephone 01473 263943. Closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## **Ellen Armes RIP**

The Requiem Mass for Ellen Armes will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00 pm. Mrs. Armes was a daily presence at our church during the time of Fr. Conlon and Fr. Bull. Please remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> March with his family around him. He suffered a long battle with cancer, undergoing lengthy and painful surgery in 2016. His body will be received into church on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm and his Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30 am.

### **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.

Fr Mathew is preparing a list of the housebound who would like a regular visit from a priest or a Eucharistic Minister so that we can offer them adequate pastoral care. If you know someone who would like a visit from a priest, with their permission please pass on their details to Fr Mathew.

### **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Noel Andrews and Ellen Armes, recently deceased and for Timothy Keonane, Winifred Razzell, Brian Shelvin, Margarita Baron, Lorras Savage, Michelle Adams, William Osborne, Yvonne Lynch and Geraldine Littleboy 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.*

### **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

The Monday after Pentecost will from now on be celebrated as the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. A decree was issued on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Cardinal Robert Sarah wrote that the new celebration will *"help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God."*

The memorial will appear in all calendars and liturgical books for the celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. This year, the celebration will fall on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018.

### **150 Club - End of 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 and, as the income was ahead of plan, some additional bonus prizes. Why not come into the hall after Mass for a cup of coffee and join us for the draw.

The subscription envelopes for the new year are also now available for existing subscribers. 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**

Further to the recent Mass led by the Ignite Youth Mission Team, we hope to start our Children's liturgy sessions on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Catholic East Anglia**

The April issue of the diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, is available now in the narthex. Please take a copy – there is no charge! It can also be downloaded from the diocesan web site [rcdea.org.uk](http://rcdea.org.uk).

The editor, Keith Morris, is still trying to identify a communications champion 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.

### **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.

**Mass Readings Easter Sunday (Year B)****1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.
<b>First Reading:</b>	Acts. 10:34, 37-43 <i>We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Col. 3:1-4 <i>You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 20:1-9 <i>He must rise from the dead.</i>
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**Parish Vacancies**

Following the recent appointment of John Anderson-Hurst as parish treasurer, we are looking for a new parish representative for FIND (Families In Need in Ipswich). If you would be interested in filling this role, or would like to know more about it, please speak to Fr Mathew.

**Novena to St. Joseph (APF)**

Novena to St. Joseph: 10-18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk).

**Dates for Your Diary****Celebrate East Anglia**

The *Celebrate Conference* – a local faith-filled, family friendly conference for people in all stages of life – will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bury St Edmunds. The weekend includes talks, workshops, praise and worship, music, performing arts and opportunities for prayer. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan on the Saturday, and there will be professionally organised activity programmes for young people in different age groups. For more information go to [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) and click on East Anglia.

The Ignite Festival is the main diocesan youth event of the year. All young people from year 8 upwards are invited to this festival which will take place in Swaffham over the weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The weekend will include powerful talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff including sumo suit wrestling! This year the organisers, the Diocesan Youth Service, are particularly pleased to be welcoming Gabby and Paige from the TV show Bad Habits, Holy Orders. More information can be found at the festival web site [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk).