

# 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.



## ***Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018***

### ***Sunday Readings: Year B***

### ***Weekday Readings: Ninth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II***

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

### ***Services This Week***

	8:00 am	Robert & Sean
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10:00 am*	Deceased members of the Poll family
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	
	9:30 am	Requiem Mass – Peter Copple RIP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of St Boniface	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria – in St Pancras School	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	
	9:30 am	Janes family
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Rosary
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention – followed by Benediction
10 <sup>th</sup> June	8:00 am	G C J Vieira
10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am*	Fox and Rose families
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

\* Everybody is invited to join us for tea or coffee after Mass in the church hall

## Today's Gospel

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - at one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood. Mark's Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

## Peter John Cople RIP

The Requiem Mass for the Late Mr. Peter Cople will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Since Peter Cople has no living relatives in England, our usual 9.30 am Mass will be celebrated as his Requiem Mass. He will be buried with his relatives in Liverpool.

## Catholic East Anglia

The June edition of Catholic East Anglia, the diocesan newspaper, is available in the narthex. If you have not already taken a copy, please do so. This publication contains a wealth of information and news from around the diocese and is free. The newspaper can also be found on line – just follow the link in the parish web site.

## Share the Journey

Pope Francis has launched *Share the Journey*, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. The timescale of the campaign is from now until the Pope goes to address the UN in September 2018. A week of action will also take place during Refugee Week in June. In support of the campaign, CAFOD are aiming to walk 24,901 miles - the distance around the whole world! All parishes and schools are invited to engage in this campaign. It's an act of solidarity to *Share the Journey* with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Every step you take, together with others from across the England & Wales, will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. They need to act with courage and compassion when they agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration in 2018. Resources are available on the CAFOD website at: <https://cafod.org.uk> - please click the campaign heading.

## 150 Club

The monthly prize draw for May was made last Sunday. The prize winners are:

First	£15	No 57	Mrs L Dolby
Second	£10	No 23	Mr M J Burder
Third	£5	No 47	Mr J Poll
Fourth	£5	No 2	Mrs A Bardwell

There is still plenty of room in the 150 Club for new members – if you have not yet joined, why not join today? Complete a membership form available in the narthex or one can be downloaded from the parish web site.

## **World Meeting of Families**

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families, from 21<sup>st</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, a National Opening of WMOF2018, which will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland. 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, a three-day Congress. Each day will reflect on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World" chosen by the Holy Father and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, WMOF2018 will close with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

More information: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en>

## **Parish Finances**

A summary of the parish finances for 2017 has been prepared and is displayed on the notice board in the narthex, with copies available for you to take away. The summary documents can also be downloaded from the parish web site.

The synopsis of the accounts is that a surplus was made for the year of just over £8000 – this was due to some generous donations received and a reduction in some areas of expenditure.

## **The Sick of the Parish**

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Molly & 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 they can be offered 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 Peter Copple who's requiem Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, and for Mary Mallo, Sarah Malone, David Murphy, Patrick Kelly, Peter Kavanagh, Antony Abbott and Agnes Stacey whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*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.*

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Today, on the feast of Corpus Christi, our Eucharistic Ministers will be re-commissioned at the Mass they normally attend. The number of ministers has fallen recently and we could do with some addition to the number. If you would like to be considered to become a Eucharistic minister, please speak to Fr Mathew.

## **Offertory**

The offertory collection from all Masses on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is not yet available, but will be published as soon as it is.

## **Readers Training Evening**

This Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a training evening for readers from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm and all our readers are asked to attend. It would be a wonderful opportunity to reflect and pray about their ministry and the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God to us and to learn how to do it even better. If you are not a reader yet, you are welcome to attend the evening and then decide whether God is calling you to this ministry for His people.

## Mass Readings for Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year B) 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

<b>Entrance Antiphon:</b>	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
<b>First Reading:</b>	Ex. 24, 3-8 <i>This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you.</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18 The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Heb. 9:11-15 <i>The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 <i>This is my body. This is my blood.</i>
<b>Communion Antiphon:</b>	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### Celebrate East Anglia

Celebrate East Anglia is a lively Catholic, faith-filled weekend for people of all ages. It takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>/Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 at St Benedict's Catholic High School in Bury St Edmunds. The weekend consists of inspiring talks, multiple workshops, and age-appropriate groups for children and on Sunday Bishop Alan will be celebrating mass. A great opportunity in this Year of Mercy to accompany a friend and/or move along in your personal faith journey. More details can be found on the poster in the narthex, or contact Philip Walters on 07910157584. Alternatively check out the Celebrate web site for more details and a booking form - <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/eastanglia/> or follow the link on the parish web site.

### Marriage and Family Celebration Mass

Bishop Alan warmly invites all married and engaged couples to attend a special Mass celebrating marriage and family at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 12 noon, followed by light refreshments. Certificates will be awarded to those married 1yr, 5yrs and every multiple of 5 years thereafter. For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kerry Urdzik on 01473 251301, or email [mflc@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:mflc@rcdea.org.uk).

### Northern Saints Youth Pilgrimage

The Ignite Team is leading a pilgrimage to York, Durham, Lindisfarne and Iona for those aged between 16-35. The pilgrimage will take place from July 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> this year, and to confirm a place, bookings must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> June. More information can be found on the Diocesan web site – [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth).

### Grandparents Pilgrimage

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place. This will commence at 11:00 am with reconciliation, music and song and include Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12 noon. More information can be found on the poster in the narthex, or from the Catholic Grandparents Association (tel. 01328 560333 or email [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).) Alternatively you can visit their web site [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).