



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent

**12 December 2021**



Sat 11 Dec	5pm	Confessions
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	Catherine & George Webber
Sun 12 Dec	8am	The People of the Parish
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	10am	In Thanksgiving—Monica Ogden
Mon 13 Dec	<b>St. Lucy</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tue 14 Dec	<b>Advent</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed 15 Dec	<b>Advent</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Thur 16 Dec	<b>Advent</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri 17 Dec	<b>Advent</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat 18 Dec	5pm	Confessions
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	6pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 19 Dec	8am	Monica Mary Ogden +
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	10am	Deceased members of the Poll Family

## Christmas Tree Decorating Sunday 19th December

We would like our children in the parish to help us decorate our Parish Tree. During the Masses of the 4th Sunday of Advent, if any child would like to bring a special decoration to place on our tree, please bring it with you, and we will hang them on it at the beginning of Mass.  
Thank you!

## Christmas Post

Please feel free to use the letter rack in the Church Porch for Christmas Cards that you would like to leave for friends that you may not have yet seen or may not see over the next couple of weeks.

Please do check it regularly so that you don't miss any thing that is for you.

## Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete (Rejoice/Joy) Sunday

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.**

How often do we rejoice at the joys we find in God's creation or in our everyday lives. During the summer I was out for a walk, it was quite hot and I decided to take a rest on a bench that happened to be near a small pond. As I sat, I suddenly realised there were about 20 or so Dragonflies buzzing around the whole area. It was a spectacular sight to watch. Whilst I had seen Dragonflies before, I had never seen them in such large numbers. To just sit and watch them as the swooped and danced around in the air was truly joyous. So today, or perhaps during the coming week, let us all take some time to look at our lives, to see what joy we have in them and the thank God for it.

## Monthly Collection

### Figures

### November 2021

£1170.00 Standing Orders

£950.00 Cash

**Thank you for your generosity**

## Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zaphaniah 3:14-18

**Response to the Psalm**

***Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.***

Second Reading: Philippians: 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke: 3:10-18

## Parish Anniversaries

Gwendoline Lockwood (2001), Peggy Sallabank (2011), Marie Quinn (1976), Betty Smythe (1985), Eillie McDonagh (1995), Joan Baron (2005), Edward Richardson (1962), William Schemensky (1983), Thomas Baldwin (1994), Peter Tierney (2010), William Hoey (1965), Johanna Parlone (1971), Isabella Stiff (2005), Douglas Eno (1977), Agnes Humble (1999), Fredrick Lowry-Corry (2006), Kathleen McCullar (1963), John Woodstock (1990), Valerie Jenkins (2017), Giuseppe Nelli (2011).

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine**

### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, alive or deceased, or for a special occasion, then please do use the envelopes provided at the back of the church.

If there is a Mass with 'Open Intention' on the newsletter, then there is still an opportunity to have a Mass offered at that time.

If you have put in a Mass to be said and you feel it may have been missed, please can you speak to Fr. Paul and he will arrange for it to be said as soon as possible.

### **Trial of Vigil Mass on a Saturday Evening**

I would like to know, as we go along, peoples views on the trial of the Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. Please do speak to me after Mass, or email me on the parish priests email account.

Thank you. Fr. Paul

### The Sick of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims.

### Penitential Service for Advent

This year there will be a Penitential Service for the whole town.

This will take place at...

St. Pancras  
Monday 20th December  
at 7pm

This is a great opportunity for all the town to come together for confession and a time of reflection before the Christmas season begins.

### Christmas Preparations in the Church

On **Wednesday 22 December at 11am**, people are invited to come and join us in the Church for our Christmas preparations. This will include arranging flowers and greenery, but no experience is needed and all parishioners are welcome to join us.

### Second Collection

**There will be a second collection today, Sunday, 12 December, for Church flowers, this will be used towards our Christmas flowers and beyond.**

### **'Back With A Bang' - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 4pm**

A special Christmastide Mass for all young people and their families from across the diocese.

Followed by hot dogs, a bonfire and fireworks. There will be a collection of presents for children who are refugees (please bring presents unwrapped).

Held at The White House, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, NR14

### Bringing joy this Christmas

Once again, we are joining FIND  
(our local food bank)  
in their Christmas Gift Appeal

This brings joy to people (especially children) all around Ipswich.

This year we need Gift Vouchers - £10 upwards (must have receipts, please)

£ vouchers (printed) are very welcome too

Plus the traditional, boxes of Biscuits, Sweets, Chocolates  
Please bring them to Church:

We continue to collect for those in greater need.

Many thanks

### Christmas Mass Times

#### Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Eve Mass	6pm
Midnight Mass	8pm

#### Christmas Day

Dawn Mass	8am
Mass During the Day	10am

### Sunday 26th December—Feast of the Holy Family

8am and 10am

*There will be no 6pm Mass on Saturday 25th December*

### Christmas Offering

As you may be aware, the Christmas and Easter collections are the traditional personal gift from the Parish Family to the parish priest or priest administrator as we have in Fr. Paul.

For those using Giftaid envelopes, there is a special one in your box or you can use any envelope clearly marked as 'Christmas Gift' and return it at any time. If you pay by Standing Order/Bank Transfer, please mark this as 'Christmas Offering'. There will also be a separate box at the back of Church for this purpose. We will ensure that it gets to Fr. Paul and that the total raised is published in the newsletter.

Thank you for anything you are able to give.