

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 94

RESPONSE: *O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work." **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

Or

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

468 Norwich Road, Ipswich, IP1 6JS

Document Ref: SMM001-MD-MFL-453-A

☎ 01473 741975

✉ 07414 735102 (text only)

🌐 www.marymagdalens.org

📧 @marymagdalens

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia

🌐 www.rcdea.org.uk

Parochial Administrator: Fr Luke Goymour ✉ parishpriest@marymagdalens.org

Assistant Priest: Fr Paul Chanh ✉ paulchanh@gmail.com

Parish school: St Pancras Catholic Primary School, Stratford Road, Ipswich, IP1 6EF

Head of School: Mrs Lucille Martin ☎ 01473 742074

Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

Bank: Barclays **Account Name:** St Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Parish **Account number:** 70777323 **Sort code:** 20-44-51



The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 10th September 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A Services during the coming week – Twenty-third Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 9 th September	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass for 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 10 th September	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader: F Vieira, Offertory: Cleary Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Gemma Irving RIP. Reader: J Iannelli, Offertory: M Geisel & M Mayhew, Eucharistic Minister: M Long
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared & served by Michael & Julie</i>		
Monday 11 th September	Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 12 th September	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of William Cowan RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 13 th September	St John Chrysostom	12 noon Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Frank Janes RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday 14 th September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family
Friday 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	11:30 am Requiem Mass for Tim Melhuish RIP
Saturday 16 th September	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. In response to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed. Today we hear Jesus address a dispute between two members of the Church, and outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. Failing that, the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance. *Courtesy of Loyola Press*

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: A Call to Mission in England and Wales. In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel entitled *Evangelii Gaudium*. In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to "embark on a new chapter of evangelisation" marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today's world. Formerly known as Home Mission Sunday, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. Next week there will be a second collection taken for the work of the Home Missions.

Canonical Visitation: As part of his visit to Ipswich on the weekend 16th/17th September, Bishop Peter Collins will be at St Mary Magdalen church to celebrate the vigil Mass at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Mass, either as well as or instead of their usual Sunday Mass, and avail themselves of the opportunity to meet Bishop Peter. There will be light refreshments in the Garden Room after Mass.

Can you help? This is an appeal to all 8:00 am Mass attendees. We have a lady who requires a lift to and from 8:00 Mass each Sunday for a few weeks while she recovers from a medical condition. She lives in Anglesea Road, Ipswich. If you are able to help, please have a word with Fr Paul who can put you in direct touch with the person.

RCIA Forms: Any person considering becoming a Catholic, or wanting to enter full Communion with the Catholic Church, should complete one of the RCIA Registration forms which can be found at the back of the church and on the parish web site. Completed forms should be handed to Fr Paul or Fr Luke.

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran and all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed.

Lord, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit. Amen.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Patrick Clifford (1998), Katherine Brett (2005), Canon William Burrows (1959), Thomas Finegan (1969), Hilda Moss (1961), Jennifer Bishop (1972) and Mary Bulbeck (1994) whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace