

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 65

RESPONSE: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Or **Alleluia!**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds!" **R.**
2. "Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him."
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 14th May 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A, Weekday Readings Year I

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: 337 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Offertory: 243 In Bread We Bring You

Communion: 342 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace Recession: 61 Be Thou My Vision

Today we welcome Fr Luke who will be celebrating All three weekend Masses

Services during the coming week

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| Saturday 13 th May | 5:30 pm | Confessions |
| | 6:00 pm | Vigil Mass, Sixth Sunday of Easter offered for the people of the parish. Reader I Suttle, offertory Hennon family |
| Sunday 14 th May | 8:00 am | Holy Mass, offered for the Lacy Family (Foundation Mass). Reader C Moore, offertory Moore family, Eucharistic Minister C Moore |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass offered for Florence Dooley RIP. Reader N Fox, offertory Long family, Eucharistic Minister M Geisel |
| | 11:00 am | Baptism – we welcome Kenya Nakiyingi into the Church and our parish family. |
| <i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Mollie & Julie</i> | | |
| Monday 15 th May | | Easter Feria No Mass Today |
| Tuesday 16 th May | | Easter Feria |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass offered for All members of the Sheridan and Morris families, living and dead 2022 Foundation Mass |
| Wednesday 17 th May | | Easter Feria |
| | 12 noon | Holy Mass offered for The repose of the soul of Claude Turner RIP 2022 Foundation Mass |
| Thursday 18 th May | | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family |
| | 7:00 pm | Holy Mass offered for all members of the Bolt family, living and dead 2022 Foundation Mass |
| Friday 19 th May | | Easter Feria |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass offered for Monica Ogden 2022 Foundation Mass |
| | 11:00 am | Funeral Service for Neville Good |
| Saturday 20 th May | 5:30 pm | Confessions |
| | 6:00 pm | Vigil Mass, Seventh Sunday of Easter offered for the people of the parish. |

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: On Thursday this week, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, commemorating the day on which Jesus Christ ascended to his Father in heaven 40 days after his Resurrection at Easter. This day is one of the most important in the Church's calendar and is a Holy Day of Obligation on which we are all obliged to attend Mass if at all possible. Mass at St Mary Magdalens will be celebrated at 10:00 am and at 7:00 pm.

World Communications Day: Next Sunday, 21st May, is the 57th World Communications Day. World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication - the press, motion pictures, radio, television and the internet - afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. The theme for this year, selected by Pope Francis, is *Speaking With The Heart*. You can find the Pope's message for the day on the parish web site. Next Sunday there will be a second collection at each Mass to help towards the work of the Catholic Communications Network.

Marriage Celebration Mass: Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to join him for the annual *Marriage Celebration Mass* which this year takes place on Saturday June 3rd at 11.30 in the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich. All married couples and their families are welcome. Those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries, that is one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter, or individual years from 60 years onwards, will receive a certificate from the Bishop. If you would like to register for a certificate please visit the registration website in advance at www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration alternatively email the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, Dr Antonia Braithwaite, at mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk. After Mass, you are invited to gather for tea and cake in the Cathedral hall. Photographs will be available online after the day.

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

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Clare Jermy (1980), Stanley Poll (1993), Terence Sparkes (1997), Florence Dooley (1975), Philip Ford (1966), Patrick Kiely, John Faure (2017) and John Morley (1981) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish web site at www.marymagdalens.org/events-diary/anniversaries.

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