



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Everyone is welcome...without exception!

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3rd Sunday of Lent

19th March 2022

Sat 19 March	5.30pm	Confessions
2nd Sunday of Lent	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 20 March	8am	Les & Elsie Robinson +
2nd Sunday of Lent	10am	Percy Howes +
Mon 21 March	10am	Stephen Mullan +
Lent		
Tue 22 March	No Mass	
Lent		
Wed 23 March	11am	Exposition & Confessions
Lent	12noon	Gerard & Family
Thur 24 March	10am	Vieira Family +
Lent		
Fri 25 March	10am	The Beda College
The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity		
Sat 26 March	No Mass - Our Lady of Ipswich Rededication	
Lent	5.30pm	Confessions
4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 27 March	8am	Celia & Declan Moore & Family
4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	10am	Mary Noon +

Psalter Week 3

Parish Circle of Prayer - St Mary, Thetford

There is Exposition before Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for 30 minutes.

Ladies

The ladies of the parish will begin to meeting on the 4th Friday of each month, starting again on

Friday 26th

March

at

2.30pm

For tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

Monthly Collection

Figures

February 2022

£1150.00

Standing Orders

£889.91 Cash

Total = £2039.91

Second Collection
White Flower Appeal

£140.09

Thank you for your generosity

Finances

Would all those parishioners who normally make their weekly offering using Giftaid envelopes please note that their new 2022/23 envelopes are now available for collection from the Narthex.

I would encourage those of you who, during the pandemic have converted to paying by standing order/direct credit into our bank account to continue this practice as it greatly assists the church finances. If you can't find your envelopes in the box please see either Fr. Paul, Chris Croker (Giftaid co-ordinator) or another member of the Finance Committee. If anyone who has already signed up to giving by Giftaid has changed their address during the last year or did not pay sufficient income or capital gains tax to cover the tax reclaimable on their offerings then please notify one of the above. Finally, the tax reclaimable from HMRC is an important source of funds for our parish and currently makes up 10% of our annual income. I would therefore strongly recommend that those of you who pay tax but have not made a Giftaid declaration do so as soon as possible. There is no ongoing commitment and it will **boost the value of your offering to the parish by 25% at no cost to yourself.**

Forms are available in the Narthex and when completed should be handed to either Fr. Paul or Chris Croker.

Thank you for your continuing support."

Parish Anniversaries

Edward Clarke (1973), Gerrard Healey (1987), Harry Frost (2005), Arthur Watkinson (1978), Daniel Mendonca (2013), Isabel Whittle (1969), John Roche (1983), Noel Andrews (2018), Alberto Computaro (2001), Marion Keenan, Margaret Quinn, Ambrose Andrews (1970), Margaret Savage (1982), Patricia Porteous (1995), Lilliana Zagni (2010), Margaret Stobo (2011) Jean Keenan, Ruby Stendera (1991), Patrick O'Donovan (1993), Joseph Baran (2012), Ranford Barret (2019), Wilfred Murray (1959), Patrick Kearney (1970), Pamela Spencer (1985).

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

The Women at the Well

Today we have the gospel of the women at the well. Here is someone who is an outcast to all those around her. Yet not only does Jesus speak to her, something that was highly unusual at the time...

a man speaking to a lone woman; let alone a Samaritan woman.

Yet here we have Jesus speaking to her and offering her salvation.

Are we able to offer others the same hospitality and welcome as Jesus offers the Samaritan women?



On behalf of FIND - March Suggestions

Thank you all again for your generosity toward the great work that FIND does.

The suggestion list for March is...

Drinking Chocolate

Fruit squash

Tinned fruit

Jam

Peanut butter

Snacks

These are only possible suggestions but anything is fantastic and anything can make all the difference

Lectio Divina

During Lent we are being given the opportunity to gather together on a Thursday evening and spend some time in prayer, and silence, contemplating how God speaks to us through the Gospel for the coming Sunday.

Lectio is one of the oldest traditions of prayer in the Church, but you do not have to have studied it or prayed this way before.

It is not complicated but it helps us to give God the space to speak to us.

We meet at 7.45pm in the Garden Room to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

All are welcome

Day of Reflection during Lent

The Day of Reflection is an opportunity to take time out of your regular schedule and spend it with the Lord. There will be a reflection based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son and on Rembrandt's Paints of the same name.

There is also time to spend in silent prayer and to join with others as we journey closer to Christ.

Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

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, Terry Spellman.

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Response to the Psalm

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

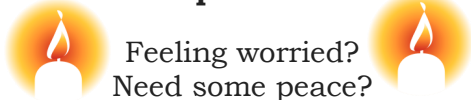
Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Taize Prayer Evening

Thursday 7th April 2022

at 7:30pm

**St Mary's Catholic Church,
Ipswich**



Feeling worried?
Need some peace?

On Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7:30pm, we will have an evening of gentle harp and piano music, prayer and silence to help you take some time out during Lent to spend with God.

The Guild of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich

The Guild, formally known as The Meryemana Group, has reverted back to the Guild of Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich. There is a re-dedication of the Guild at St. Mary Elms Church here in the town, on

Saturday March 26 at 11am.

All are welcome to attend and I encourage the parish to join in. The history of Our Lady of Ipswich is a fascinating one.

Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich;

St James Parish

24th March

7pm - 9pm

Easter Craft Evening

Contact: Janet Irving
on

07837152179

The cost is £5 for the session. Janet would love to have people from different Parishes