

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 137

RESPONSE: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him

anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!
*You are Peter
and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out
against it.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he said, "who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
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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The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday 27th August 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A Services during the coming week – Twenty-first Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 26 th August	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass for 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the Allegro Family RIP. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 27 th August	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family. Reader: A Smith, Offertory: Moore Family, Eucharistic Minister: C Moore
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the People of the Parish. Reader: N Fox, Offertory: Fox Family, Eucharistic Minister: M Geisel
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared & served by Dorothy & Rosemary</i>		
Monday 28 th August		St Augustine No Mass Today
Tuesday 29 th August	10:00 am	The Passion of St John the Baptist Holy Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Martin Curry RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 30 th August	10:00 am	Feria Holy Mass – open intention
Thursday 31 st August	10:00 am	Feria Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family
Friday 1 st September	10:00 am	Feria Holy Mass – open intention, followed by Exposition and a chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 2 nd September	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, offered for the people of the parish.

Today's Gospel: It is important to read today's and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. Today we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction of his passion and death. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. They indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader. In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God, contrasting sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel when, after Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, he is said to be no longer thinking as God does but as humans do. The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter is credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity, and today the Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

St Columban Mission Appeal: Over the weekend 12th/13th August, Fr Tom Ryan of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban visited our parish and made an appeal for his order's missionary work. The Missionary Society of Saint Columban is grateful for the support received from the parishioners of St Mary Magdalen church, and for their generous response to the appeal which raised a total of £331.07. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish 150 Club: The August prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass this Sunday. If you are not a member of this parish fund-raising venture, why not sign up today and you will be entered in this draw? Application forms are in the church porch or, even quicker, you can sign up on-line via the parish web site.

Parish Picnic: Following the meeting held on Monday 14th August to discuss social activities within the parish, it has been decided to hold a picnic and afternoon tea in the church garden on Saturday 9th September. Bring your own picnic food, and tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Cream teas and cakes for the afternoon tea will be provided - any donations will be welcome. To gauge numbers, you are asked to register using the sheets in the church porch and the Garden Room if you will be attending. The picnic will also give everybody the opportunity to admire the amazing results of the efforts of our two gardening stalwarts Chris and Paul Riches. Also as a fun activity and added interest, we are also asking the children to make a scarecrow and bring it along to the picnic. These will be placed in the garden to ward off the evil crows!

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 Monica Wright (2018), Alyssa Maior (2018), Paul Treiber (1964), John Grant (2002), John Eaton (2010), Vincent O'Brien (1990), Rose Carter (1978) and Richard Twomey (2007) 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