

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.*

COLLECT

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 145

RESPONSE: *How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Or **Alleluia!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.*

Or

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th January 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: No. 210 He Who Would Valiant Be Offertory: No 243 In Bread We Bring You

Communion: No. 66 Blest Are The Pure In Heart Recession: No. 514 Tell Out My Soul

Services During the Coming Week

Saturday 28 th January	5:30pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, open intention. Reader M Kenning, Offertory Kenning family.
Sunday 29 th January	8:00 am	Mass, offered for the Vieira family. Reader F Vieira, Offertory Moore family, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary
	10:00 am	Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader N Fox, Offertory Fox family, Eucharistic Minister M Long
Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Karen & Molly		
Monday 30 th January	Feria	No Mass Today
Tuesday 31 st January	St John Bosco	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
	2:00 pm	Funeral Service for Ron Green
Wednesday 1 st February	Feria	
	12:00 noon	Holy Mass
Thursday 2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord – <i>Candlemas Day</i>	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira family.
Friday 3 rd February	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass, open intention, followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 4 th February	5:30pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass

Today's Gospel: Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. We quickly see that the people Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy: the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals - Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. "Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favoured*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome - and surprising - to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God. *Courtesy of Loyola Press.*

Flame at Wembley: The Diocesan Youth Service is taking a group to *Flame* on March 4th. *Flame* is the largest catholic gathering of young people in the UK, coming together to experience the best in international speakers, artists and performers. For details and to book your place, please visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth or follow the link on the parish web site. Bookings must be made by 12th February.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023: The registration for those wishing to join the preparation programme to make their First Holy Communion this year is now open. To register for this, please complete a registration form which is available in the church porch, or can be downloaded from the parish web site. The first session and parents meeting will be held in the church at 9:15 am on Saturday 18th February. Please return completed registration forms to the parish office before then, or, at the latest, bring it with you to the parents meeting.

Confirmation Classes 2023: Classes to prepare candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will this year be run jointly with St Marks parish. The first session will be held at St Mark's church, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich, on 25th February at 3:30 pm. Candidates, who must be a minimum of 13 years of age, are invited to register for this by contacting Fr Luke by email using parishpriest@marymagdalens.org and completing a registration form, available from the church porch. Please return the completed registration form to the parish office before 25th February, or bring it with you to the first session.

Catholic East Anglia: The February edition of *Catholic East Anglia*, the free Diocesan newspaper is out now, please take a copy from the church porch. This edition includes reports on the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Alive in Faith donations for Ukraine from East Anglia and some of Bishop Emeritus Alan's reflections on his almost ten years as Bishop of East Anglia.

Maureen Sparkes RIP: A regular at the 6:00 pm Mass for many years, Maureen passed away on 27th December 2022. A requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am Thursday 16th February, followed by interment at the Ipswich Lawn Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of Maureen's soul and remember her family and friends who mourn her passing.

150 Club: The January draw of the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass today in the Garden Room. Why not join us for coffee, after Mass and who knows – you might be able to collect your prize in person!

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, 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 Deacon Clive Woods and Ron Green who died recently and for Cesare "Reno" Pasini (2011), Richard Miller (1962), Leslie Hiscocks (1977), Gertrude Wilson (2000), Franciszek Meller (2000), Andrew Murray, Alfred Sheppard, Elizabeth Powell, Theresa Akehurst (1994) Pietro Gilardi (1998), Gwendoline Nicholas (2010), Annie Kearny (1975), Cecil Everitt (1995), Cecilia Molyneux (2000), William Clancy (1979), and Andrew Flynn (1999) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

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.