



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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**Everyone is welcome...without exception!**

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## 1st Sunday of Lent

**7th March 2022**

Sat 5 March	5.30pm	Confessions
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	6pm	People of the Parish
Sun 6 March	8am	Les & Elsie Robinson +
<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	10am	Nella Biancalani +
Mon 7 March	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Lent</b>		
Tue 8 March	10am	Fryatt Family
<b>St. Felix- Secondary Patron of the Diocese - Feast</b>		
Wed 9 March	11am	Exposition & Confessions
<b>Lent</b>	12noon	The People of Ukraine
Thur 10 March	10am	Vieira Family +
<b>Lent</b>		
Fri 11 March	9am	Exposition & Confessions
<b>Lent</b>	10am	Michael Brock +
Sat 12 March	11am	Francis Jaboci +
	5.30pm	Confessions
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	6pm	Pat and Terry
Sun 13 March	8am	Francis Jacobi +
<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	10am	People of the Parish

*Psalter Week 1*

*Parish Circle of Prayer - Our Lady & St. John the Evangelist, Sudbury*

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

## Second Collection

Next Week we will be asked to take a second collection for **CAFOD** for **Family Fast Day**.

A day where we go without a meal, or give something up and offer the money we save to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

## 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**

## Forum Meeting

Our next Parish Forum Meeting will be held on

**Saturday March 19th March at 11am**

The agenda is available at the back of the Church. If you have submitted an item for the agenda, then you will need to be at the meeting to present it and discuss it.

Thank you in advance.

## Opening the Church

The Church will be open every day except on Monday of this week, from 8am until 6pm. You are always welcome to pop in and spend some time in there in silent prayer with Our Lord.

## Parish Anniversaries

James O'Mara (1983), Mary Irvine, Edwards Millar (1998), Josephine Ratcliffe (1999), Patrick McDermott-Roe (2010), Francis Doyle (1986), Catherine Coyle, Francis Coyle, Edward Razzell (2013), Joseph Hynes (2017), Archbishop Peter Smith (2020), Daniel Keenan, Norah Andrews (1961), Margaret Dowsing (2016), Patrick Owens, Robert McInnes (1987), George Keenan, Leslie Robinson (2000), Edward Clarke (1973), Gerrard Healey (1987), Harry Frost (2005), Arthur Watkinson (1978), Daniel Mendonca (2013), Isabel Whittle (1969), John Roche (1983), Noel Andrews (2018).

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



### **Forty Days and Forty Nights**

Lent is an amazing opportunity to take time out of our often hectic lives and to set aside some time each day to spend in prayer with the Lord. We recall Jesus' 40 days and 40 nights in the desert before his ministry began and so it helps us prepare for the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

There are many resources available to help us to us to use this time wisely. As a parish, we will be having Lectio Divina everything Thursday evening from 8-9pm, focusing on the forthcoming Gospel. Next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent, is the Transfiguration taken from Luke 9: 28-36.

I pray that each one of us has a blessed and fruitful Lent and that as a parish family we will grow closer to God.

I pray for each of you daily and ask that you will include me in your own prayers!

### **Deanery Meeting**

On Tuesday, the Feast of St Felix, the parish is hosting the clergy of the Deanery for a Deanery meeting. They will arrive after the 10am Mass, and will be having a simple lunch in the Garden Room from around 12.30pm.

### **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

### **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 Rembrandts 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: Deuteronomy 26:24-10

### **Response to the Psalm**

**Be with me, O Lord, in my distress**

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

### **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 our 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; pray for us!**

### **Parish Finances**

The 2021 parish accounts have recently been completed and show a loss of £8.4k on General Funds. Expenditure on maintenance of buildings has been particularly high this year, the main items being (i) replacement of the flat roof on the Guild Room kitchen/toilet block following the discovery of wet rot in the supporting timbers (ii) electrical works required following an inspection in January including rewiring of the church and works in the hall and (iii) refurbishment of the presbytery including completely recarpeting and replacement of some old furniture/ furnishings.

Income was affected by a number of factors including a lack of hall rental income in the first quarter of the year due to Covid restrictions and a reduction in Alive in Faith income as funds from the first phase have now all been received. These reductions were however offset by receipt of a grant from the LD Rope charity to supplement parish resources and accrual of Giftaid tax rebate receivable but not yet claimed for the tax year commencing April 2021, the first year that this adjustment has been made to the accounts.

We have been fortunate to receive donations for a new church noticeboard and purchase of a new monstrance during the year and we are also grateful for donations received towards the cost of our new Parish Room - now known as the Garden Room - which together with a contribution from Alive in Faith income has allowed it's completion without impacting on general parish funds.

Looking forward to the year ahead, aside from continued maintenance of the church and presbytery our main focus needs to be on the church hall which has suffered badly from lack of investment over the years, the income having been used to supplement general parish resources rather than improvements to the hall.

We have now reached the stage where we need to invest in the hall in order to ensure continuation of the valuable income stream which it provides as well as maintaining it as a usable parish facility.