

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

Or

*Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.*

COLLECT

God of everlasting mercy,
who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed... **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 117

RESPONSE: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

Or **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."
Let the sons of Aaron say:
"His love has no end."
Let those who fear the Lord say:
"His love has no end." **R.**
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short

time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you.

"As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you."

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

"Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained."

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord," he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him:

"You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of those you have brought to new birth),
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness... **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts... **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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Second Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

Today we welcome Fr Luke Goymour who is celebrating Masses this weekend

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: 62 Bind Us Together Offertory: 376 Now the Green Blade Riseth

Communion: 183 Go Tell Everyone Recession: 275 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Services During the Octave of Easter

Saturday 15 th April	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Second Sunday of Easter offered for Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader I Suttle, offertory R Hennon
	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the people of the parish. Reader C Moore, Eucharistic Minister C Moore
Sunday 16 th April	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Doreen Andrews RIP (Foundation Mass). Reader M Pakes, offertory Long Family, Eucharistic Minister R Shorten
<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Val and Molly</i>		
Monday 17 th April	Easter Feria No Mass Today	
Tuesday 18 th April	Easter Feria No Mass Today	
Wednesday 19 th April	Easter Feria No Mass Today	
Thursday 20 th April	Easter Feria No Mass Today	
Friday 21 st April	Easter Feria No Mass Today	
Saturday 22 nd April	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Third Sunday of Easter offered for Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader R Cork, offertory Cork family

Today's Gospel

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognised though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognise that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her; in Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognise him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognise Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion. From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: we are called to believe without seeing. In fact all Christians since the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire and consequently he is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen. *Courtesy of Loyola Press*

The Ignite Diocesan Youth Team

The Ignite team is looking for people age 18-35 to join them, sharing the Gospel Message with young people. These are full-time positions initially for either 12 months (September intake) or 6 months (January intake), with training, food, accommodation and a monthly allowance provided. For more information visit the web site www.rcdea.org.uk/youth.

150 Club

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 have now been audited and can be reported. The income for the year was £3,826, prizes awarded were £1,510 representing 39% of income, expenses were £20 leaving a contribution to the parish of £2,296. To all our supporters – Thank you!

Knock Pilgrimage

There will be a pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine in County Mayo, Ireland, on 4th June this year. The escorted pilgrimage costs £949 per person. Details of the pilgrimage can be found on the notice board in the church porch and on the parish web site.

Foundation Masses

Due to administrative lapses as a result of the multiple changes of clergy at St Mary Magdalen church in the last 18 months, a number of Foundation Masses that are established within the parish were not in fact offered last year. Those that were missed last year will be offered by Fr Paul this year instead, in addition to the Mass scheduled for this year. Apologies to those affected by this oversight. A list of Foundation Masses established within the parish, showing the target date for their celebration and the date they lapse, has been added to the parish web site.

Parish Key-Holders

For insurance purposes we need to have a list of key holders for the parish property, and we want to update our records to make sure that we have all the information correctly recorded. There are some forms in the church porch, and on the parish web site, and we would request that anybody that holds any key for any parish property completes one of these forms to record their details and details of each of the keys they hold. Please return completed forms to Fr Paul.

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, Jo Fox, 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 Herbert Littleboy (1976), Albertina Vieira (1979), Winifred "Joan" Long (2011), David Cuddon (2011), Rita Lavery, Pietro Laba (1996), Roy Watkins (2021), Davis Silcock (1982), Renata Carnall (1984), Rosemary Lowry-Cory (2010), Beryl Ingham (2012), Cora Watson (2014), Charles Aldis (2011) and Giovanni Iannelli (2011) 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