



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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

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**Parish School:** St. Pancras Catholic Primary School, Stratford Road, Ipswich, IP2 6E

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

**19th March 2022**

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| Sat 19 March                                    | 5.30pm  | Confessions                   |
| <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>                       | 6pm   | People of the Parish          |
| Sun 20 March                                    | 8am   | Les & Elsie Robinson +        |
| <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>                       | 10am  | Percy Howes +                 |
| Mon 21 March                                    | 10am  | Stephen Mullan +              |
| <b>Lent</b>                                     | <b>No Mass</b>                                    |                               |
| Tue 22 March                                    |   |                               |
| <b>Lent</b>                                     |   |                               |
| Wed 23 March                                    | 11am  | Exposition & Confessions      |
| <b>Lent</b>                                     | 12noon  | Gerard & Family               |
| Thur 24 March                                   | 10am  | Vieira Family +               |
| <b>Lent</b>                                     |   |                               |
| Fri 25 March                                    | 10am  | The Beda College              |
| <b>The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity</b> | 7.30pm  | Private Intention             |
| Sat 26 March                                    | <b>No Mass - Our Lady of Ipswich Rededication</b> |                               |
| <b>Lent</b>                                     | 5.30pm  | Confessions                   |
| <b>4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b>      | 6pm   | People of the Parish          |
| Sun 27 March                                    | 8am   | Celia & Declan Moore & Family |
| <b>4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b>      | 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?



### 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

### 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 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

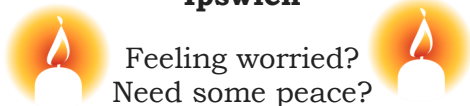
Gospel: John 4: 5-42

### Taize Prayer Evening

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**at 7:30pm**

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



Feeling worried?  
Need some peace?

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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