

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
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** Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing,  
the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the  
daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So  
the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed  
them, "It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God  
so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among  
yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and  
with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to  
devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word." The  
whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen,  
a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip,  
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch,  
a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who  
prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of  
disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of  
priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 32

**RESPONSE:** *May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.*

Or **Alleluia!**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God  
and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too,  
the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus  
Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a  
spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious  
cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust  
on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are  
believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by  
the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble  
over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they  
do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated  
nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called  
you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me."  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how  
can we know the way?" Jesus said:

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be  
satisfied." "Have I been with you all this time, Philip," said Jesus  
to him, "and you still do not know me?"

"To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father'?  
Do you not believe  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:  
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.  
You must believe me when I say  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

"I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever believes in me  
will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father."

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice  
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
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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## Fifth Sunday of Easter 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A, Weekday Readings Year I

**Sunday Hymns:** Entrance: 54 Battle Is O'er, Hells Armies Flee Offertory: 556 This Is My Body

Communion: 404 How Great Thou Art Recession: 224 Our God Reigns

### Services During the Coming Week

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Fifth Sunday of Easter offered for the people of the parish. Reader R Cork, offertory Cork family
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for Albertina Vieira RIP. Reader A Smith, offertory Cleary family, Eucharistic Minister E Cleary
	10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Peter Kavanagh RIP. Reader T Barkr, offertory Fox family, Eucharistic Minister W Lobo
		<i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today prepared and served by Rosemary &amp; Val</i>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		Easter Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Easter Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Easter Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May		Easter Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Easter Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass, Sixth Sunday of Easter offered for the people of the parish.

**Today's Gospel:** The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow but Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father. Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more. The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life." The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus. *Courtesy of Loyola Press*

### Fr Paul

Fr Paul arrived safely in Vietnam after flying out from Heathrow last Sunday evening. He will be back in the UK next weekend. Today we welcome Fr Russell Frost back to St Mary Magdalen church. Fr Russell has agreed to cover all three Masses here this weekend for which we are very grateful. Next weekend, being the second weekend of the month, Fr Luke will be celebrating Masses at St Mary Magdalen and Fr Paul will be celebrating the weekend Masses at St Marks. Due to Fr Paul's absence, there will be no weekday services at St Mary Magdalen church again this week.

### April Offertory

The parish offertory for April comprised of £991.77 from the collection plate at Mass and £806.00 standing orders – a total of £1,194.77. In addition there was £203 collected for the Priests Training Fund. The monthly figure was lower than usual as it represents a 3 week month because the first Sunday was included in the March figures as part of the tax year which ended 5<sup>th</sup> April, and furthermore, as per Diocesan guidelines, 25% of the standing orders formed part of the Easter offering to Fr Paul. Thank you all for your generosity.

### 150 Club

The April prize draw of the parish 150 Club that was delayed to allow time for some of the late payments to be received, will now be made in the Garden Room after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday next, 14<sup>th</sup> May. There are still some subscribers that have not made their new year payment, and there is still time to do this before the draw takes place.

**Parish Registration:** There is a new parish registration form which can be found in the church porch and also on the parish web site. All parishioners are asked to complete and return a form to ensure that the parish records are up to date. Please return completed forms to Fr Paul.

**Parish Key-Holders:** For insurance purposes we need to have a list of key holders for parish property, and we want to update our records to make sure that we have all the information correctly recorded. Again, there are 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 held.

**Gardener wanted:** One of our parishioners is in desperate need of a part time gardener for two hours a week, year round paid work. Help is needed with jobs like lawn mowing, weeding, pruning, planting digging etc. If you are interested in this role and would like to apply or require further information, please contact Anne Smith on 07791 514208.

**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, 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 Canon Augustine Peacock, parish founder (1956), John Beeby (1985), Peter McWalter, Peter Samudovsky (2020), Phyllis Cullen (1998), Eileen Mills (1997< Michael Byrne (2005), Mary Hollis (2010), Reginald Park (1989), Frank Gay (1972) and John Smith (2007) whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the parish web site at <https://marymagdalens.org/events-diary/anniversaries>.

*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*