

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Please contact Fr Gates if you are going into hospital (☎ 01473 726701) or let Fr Mathew know.

Mass is celebrated in the Ipswich Hospital chapel each Monday at 4 pm – all are welcome.

Palm Sunday

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Holy Week

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and especially to any visitors.

Palm Sunday 25 th March	8 am Albertina Vieira 10 am* Horne foundation Mass 6 pm People of the Parish	Palms will be blessed and distributed at each of the three Masses
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Monday 26 th March	Monday of Holy Week. 9:30 am Janes family 10-10:30 am	Holy Mass Confession
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Tuesday 27 th March	Tuesday of Holy Week 9:30 am Albertina Vieira 10-10:30 am 7:00 pm	Holy Mass Confession Chrism Mass, St John's Cathedral, Norwich
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Wednesday 28 th March	Wednesday of Holy Week 9:30 am Steve Barker 6:00-7:30 pm	Holy Mass (In St Pancras School) Confession – please call at Presbytery, 468 Norwich Road
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Holy Thursday 29 th March	Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) 9:30 am 7:30 pm Sufferings of Jesus	Morning prayer & confession until 10:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching before the Lord until 10:00 pm
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Friday 30 th March	Good Friday – day of fasting and abstinence 3:00 pm 7:30 pm	Solemn liturgy of the Passion A collection will be taken for the Shrines of the Holy Land Stations of the Cross and veneration of the cross
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Saturday 31 st March	Holy Saturday 9:30 am 7:30 pm	Morning prayer in the Guild Room The Great Vigil of Easter
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Sunday 1 st April	Easter Sunday – note no evening Mass today 8:00 am Martin Curry 10:00 am* People of the Parish	Holy Mass Holy Mass
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* Tea and coffee is available in the church hall after Sunday 10:00 Mass – all are welcome

Today's Gospel

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. This year in lectionary cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple, and after this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death. When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin - the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders - he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gave an example of how we should serve one another by washing the feet of his disciples. This act of service is commemorated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper when the priest washes the feet of 12 persons of the congregation. We are looking for 12 volunteers, young or old, male or female, to take part in this ceremony – a list for names is in the narthex. Please put your name down if you would like to take part.

Good Friday – Retiring Collection for the Holy Places of the Holy Land

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, head of the Vatican's Congregation for Eastern Churches, has called on Catholics around the world to give generously to the Good Friday collection that traditionally goes to support the Church in the Holy Land. He emphasised the importance of contributing to the upkeep of the sacred sites, while at the same time supporting the search for peace in the land where Jesus lived. Faced with the events that "take place in this troubled region of the world", the Cardinal says, there is a risk that we see them as unconnected to our own lives, "as if we had no responsibility". But by taking part in this annual collection for the Holy Land, he says, Catholics can personally contribute to combating "war, poverty, terrorism, violence, division and keep a strong bond between all Christians across the world and the Holy Places".

Easter Baptisms

Isaac, Ruby, Scarlet and Sapphire Boateng will be baptised at the Easter Vigil next Saturday and Wenison Da Trindade Jesus, Flissaela Manacas, Chanel and Luena Miguel will be baptised on Easter Sunday. Isabelle Norman and Jonah Parsons will be baptised on Low Sunday, 8th April. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

School Vacancies

There is currently a vacancy for the position of Head of School at the St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School in Norwich, and applications are invited for this post. More details of the role can be found on the diocesan web site. A copy of the advert for this position is in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site. Closing date for applications is Monday 16th April 2018.

There is a forthcoming vacancy for the position of Headteacher of St Mark's Catholic Primary School in Ipswich and applications are invited for this post. For more details and an application pack, please contact Headteacher Recruitment at headships@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01473 263943. Closing date for applications is 16th April 2018.

Ellen Armes RIP

The Requiem Mass for Ellen Armes will be on Wednesday 4th April at 2.00 pm. Mrs. Armes was a daily presence at our church during the time of Fr. Conlon and Fr. Bull. Please remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

Noel Andrews RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noel Andrews, one of the last remaining founding parishioners of St Mary Magdalens parish, who passed away peacefully at home 14th March with his family around him. He suffered a long battle with cancer, undergoing lengthy and painful surgery in 2016. A Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary Magdalens on Friday 6th April at 10:30 am.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound, especially for Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana DiMascio, Ron Green, Fr. David Hennessy, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Roger Mayhew, Yvonne Metcalf, Robert Mullan, Mary O'Reilly Maureen Sparks and Ken Banbridge.

Fr Mathew is preparing a list of the housebound who would like a regular visit from a priest or a Eucharistic Minister so that we can offer them adequate pastoral care. If you know someone who would like a visit from a priest, with their permission please pass on their details to Fr Mathew.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Noel Andrews, Ellen Armes, Richard Collis and Felix Hennon recently deceased and for Robert Dellaney, James Faul, Joseph Lapetito, Karen Murphy, Alice Bolt, Clare Moss, David Bloomfield, Wendy Hall, Anita Thompson, Ruby Shuttleworth, Rose Adams and Maria Eranenho whose anniversaries occur about now.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Offertory

The offertory collection from Sunday 4th March was £420.98, 11th March was £362.07 and 18th March was £420.25. The retiring collection last week for Easter flowers realised £41.90. Thank you.

Chrism Mass

On Tuesday March 27th, the Chrism Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St John, Norwich. At this Mass the oils for the Sacraments are blessed, and priests, deacons and people renew their commitment to serve. This is one of the main Diocesan events of the year and every year the Cathedral is packed. St Mary's parish is running a coach for any persons interested in going to the cathedral for this celebration. The coach will leave St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, car park at 3:45 pm and will return to St Mary's at approximately 10:30 pm. The fare will be £10 per seat, payable on the coach on the day.

150 Club New Year

The final draw of the current year for the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass on Easter Sunday. This is the main draw of the year, and will include the annual bonus prizes. The subscription envelopes for the new year are now available. If you are a new parishioner, or an established parishioner who has been meaning to join but not yet got round to it, please do sign up. The membership forms are in the narthex, or can be downloaded from the parish web site. With the new year about to begin, now would be a very good time to finally take this step and join.

Children's Liturgy

Last week, we enjoyed a special Mass at 10:00 celebrated by Fr Luke Goymour and led by the Ignite Youth Mission Team. After Mass, our volunteer catechists met with the team for a short training session and received advice and guidance on resources and materials appropriate for use in children's liturgy sessions. Our grateful thanks go to the Ignite team, and to the volunteers from the parish who took part. If there are any others who would like to be involved in this, please contact Fr Mathew. It is hoped to start these liturgy sessions at 10:00 Mass starting 1st Sunday after Easter.

Mass Readings Palm Sunday (Year B)**25th March 2018****Entrance Antiphon:**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!. Blessed are you who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of Hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading:

Isa. 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.***Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading:

Phil. 2:6-11

*He humbled himself but God raised him high.***Gospel Acclamation:**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel:

Mark 14:1-15, 47

*The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark***Communion Antiphon:**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Parish Vacancies

Laura Krolick has kindly agreed to manage the Parish Hall bookings. I would like to thank her for being so generous to our parish and offer her our support and co-operation. She can be contacted by email (hallbookings@marymagdalens.org) or you can use the contact form on the parish web site.

John Anderson-Hurst has agreed to be our Treasurer. I would like to thank him for his willingness and support. He will join the Finance Committee. Teresa Rose who is our current Treasurer will continue to be the Gift Aid officer and member of the Finance Committee. While thanking her for her dedicated service as the treasurer, I am looking forward to working with both of them, in the temporal administration of the parish.

John Anderson Hurst at present is our representative for FIND (Families In Need in Ipswich). As he takes up this new role as the parish treasurer, we now need a new FIND representative.

Novena to St. Joseph (APF)

Novena to St. Joseph: 10-18th March at St. Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St. Joseph with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's Blessing on their society and the missionary work of the church, as well as, for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are welcome to send your petitions and intentions to Novena Director, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email: novenamhm@gmail.com or visit www.millhillmissionaries.co.uk.

Dates for Your Diary**Celebrate East Anglia**

The *Celebrate Conference* – a local faith-filled, family friendly conference for people in all stages of life – will take place on June 2nd and 3rd at Bury St Edmunds. The weekend includes talks, workshops, praise and worship, music, performing arts and opportunities for prayer. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan on the Saturday, and there will be professionally organised activity programmes for young people in different age groups. For more information go to www.celebrateconference.org and click on East Anglia.