

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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



## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Home Mission Sunday

### Sunday Readings: Year B

### Weekday Readings: Twenty Fourth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

## Services This Week

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Chris and Louise Long's intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Feria  
No Mass

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Feria  
No Mass

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Feria  
No Mass

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Cheung and companions  
No Mass

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
September  
St Matthew - evangelist  
3:00 pm Requiem Mass – Monica Wright

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
September  
Feria  
09:30 am James & Margaret Cleary RIP – followed by  
Benediction

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September  
8:00 am Open intention  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
10:00 am\* Open intention  
6:00 pm The people of the parish

\* Tea and coffee will be available in the church hall after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us

## Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself, rather, as we see in today's reading, he refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings.

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, as the image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting, but Jesus rebukes him severely and then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross. We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples - death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories and an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

## Home Mission: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Today is Home Mission Sunday – this is celebrated each year in the Catholic Church, on the third Sunday of September. On this day the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and there is a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. The Home Mission Desk sits within the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis and acts as a point of reference for evangelisation in dioceses, movements and Catholic organisations in England and Wales. It also helps to develop and produce resources for the formation of adult faith and coordinates additional projects as instructed by the Department. The Desk is also responsible for responding to enquiries that come in to the Catholic Faith Enquiry Office. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses today for Home Missions.

## 150 Club

The August prize draw took place last Sunday, the prize winners were as follows:

First	£15	No 165	Mr & Mrs M Mayston
Second	£10	No 223	Mr P Razzell
Third	£5	No 10	Mrs T Rose
Fourth	£5	No 24	Mrs S Matuszczyk

## First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19

The registration forms for those children wishing to be enrolled in the First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19 must be returned today. Please return your form enclosing a copy of the baptism certificate to Fr. Mathew or one of the children's catechists.

## Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy held during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays, will continue today. This is aimed at younger children - below first Holy Communion age – who will be very welcome. If you would like to be involved in leading or assisting with Children's Liturgy, please speak to Fr Mathew or email [childrensliturgy@marymagdalens.org](mailto:childrensliturgy@marymagdalens.org): the more that are involved in this, the better.

## Monica Wright RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monica Wright, who recently passed away. A requiem Mass will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3:00 pm. Monica and her husband Michael, were married at St Mary Magdalens. Please remember her and her bereaved family in your prayers.

## Advance Notice – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

This year, CAFOD will be holding its Harvest Fast Day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, when we are all invited to eat a simple meal in solidarity with those in the world who have less than adequate food available to them, and to give the resulting savings to CAFOD in the collection taken on the following Sunday. Gift Aid envelopes are available and tax payers are encouraged to increase the

value of any donation by means of the Gift Aid scheme. More information on this will follow over the next two weeks, and further details can also be found on the CAFOD web site.

### **Confirmation**

We are joining St. Mark's and St. Pancras for the confirmation programme 2019. If you would like to join please speak to Fr. Mathew or Martin Pakes.

### **School Vacancy**

There is a vacancy for Executive Head Teacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Lowestoft, and St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School, Gorleston (the 'Coastal Catholic Schools'). Further details, job description and person specification can be found on the Diocesan web site: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>, or follow the link on our parish web site. Closing date for applications is midday next Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham will take place, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. Further details can be found on the poster in the narthex or pick up a leaflet also in the narthex.

### **Deanery News**

Sadly, due to health problems, Fr John Warrington of St Mary's is unable to continue as parish priest. He is having to undergo dialysis three times weekly, and is also suffering from a heart condition. He is now living in St Edmund's catholic parish, in Bury St Edmunds. Bishop Alan has appointed Monsignor Tony Rogers as Priest Administrator of St Mary's for the next 12 months. He will not be living at St Mary's but will attend regularly and celebrate one of the Sunday Masses each week, but retains his other commitments at Aldeburgh, Leiston and Warren Hill and Hollesley Bay prisons. Please remember Fr John in your prayers, and Fr Tony Rogers as he takes on this additional responsibility.

### **Quiz Night 1**

The annual Deanery Quiz, organised by the Knights of St Columba, will be held in St Mary's church hall, Woodbridge Road, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7:30. Three teams of 4 persons are invited from each parish, with entry price of £5 per person including a buffet supper. Full details can be found on the poster in the narthex.

### **Quiz Night 2**

The Friends of St Albans is holding a Quiz Evening at St Alban's Catholic High School on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 7:00 for a 7.30 pm start. Teams will be of up to 8 persons (age 15 and over), but individuals will be welcome to come along and will be put into a team. Admission is £5.00 per person. You are welcome to bring along your own food. Nibbles will be provided and there is a licensed bar and raffle. For tickets please contact St Alban's School Office on 01473 726178.

### **St Mary Magdalen Choir**

After a break, the choir will be re-starting, commencing with a rehearsal on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7:30 pm in church. Anybody interested in joining the group will be very welcome to attend.

### **The Sick of the Parish**

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

### **Offertory**

The figures for the offertory and retiring collections for the last three Sundays are not yet available but will be published as soon as they are.

### **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Minnie Morris, James Cleary, Maria Wojciechowski, Sarah Quinn, James Wright and Bertie Armes whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*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.*

## Hedge Cutting

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, a working party is required between 10:00 am and 12:30 to help cut and tidy the various hedges around the church property and other miscellaneous gardening jobs. Please see poster in the narthex for more details and to sign up. We need your help!

## **Mass Readings for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that the prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### **Collect:**

Look upon us, O God, creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

### **First Reading:**

Isa. 0:5-9 *I offered my back to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheek to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

### **Second Reading:**

James 2:11-18 *If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show."

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:**

Mark 8:27-35 *You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to the disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist", they said, "others Elijah; others again one of the prophets." "But you", he asked, "who do you say I am". Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ". And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be out to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's". He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and the sake of the gospel, will save it".

### **Prayer over the Offerings:**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### **Prayer after Communion:**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.