

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment

*Please let Fr Mathew know if you are going into hospital.*

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

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Sunday Readings: Year B

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

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

### Services This Week

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	8:00 am	Stephen & George
	10:00 am*	Tommy Stromblad
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses today in aid of the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT)

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Teresa of Jesus
	9:30 am Janes family

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria
	9:30 am Open intention

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	St Ignatius of Antioch
	<b>No Mass</b>

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke, Evangelist – <b>Mass in St Pancras school</b>
	9:30 am Open intention

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria
	9:30 am Open intention – followed by Rosary

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria
	9:30 Open intention – followed by Benediction

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	8:00 am Fryatt family
29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am* Rex Ogden RIP
	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, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him: first, he must give up his possessions and the second is "*follow me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

## **Prisoner's Sunday**

Today is Prisoner's Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants. The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) is the national Catholic charity that provides support to prisoners, people with convictions and their families, through a range of family, court, helpline and prison and community based services. PACT was founded in 1898 by Canon Cooney, who provided care to Catholic prisoners and their families in London. Today, the charity supports prisoners from every diocese in England and Wales, working with them from the point of sentencing to release, in over 60 prisons as well as courts and local community settings. Its vision is of a society in which justice is understood as a process of restoration and healing, where the innate dignity and worth of every human being is valued. More information can be found at the PACT web site [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk), or by following the link on the parish web site. There will be a retiring collection today after all Masses for the work of PACT.

## **World Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help missionaries in building a future of hope in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the church. Tax payers will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio.

To coincide with World Mission Day, it is also time for those who have the red Missio collection boxes at home to either bring them to church or be ready for when their promoter contacts them regarding collection. Either way, all boxes need to be with the promoter by early November. Thank you to all those box holders for their generosity in continuing to support Missio in this way.

## **Bishop's Synod**

In October, Catholic Bishops from around the world will meet in Rome to focus on how the church helps, guides and accompanies young people as they grow in faith and discern the part they can play in shaping the future of the Church. Here in East Anglia, it is intended to hold a meeting which will discuss the same questions and issues that the Synod fathers will be looking at. This will take place on November 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Church, Mildenhall, starting with a light lunch served from 12:30pm and concluding by 5pm after Adoration and Benediction. The afternoon will be hosted by Hamish McQueen (Director of the Diocesan Youth Service), Father Luke Goymour (Chaplain to the Youth Service) and the Ignite Team and will be attended by Bishop Alan. The bishop is asking for two representatives from our parish: i) a young person of secondary school age/a young adult and ii) an adult who is working with young people – a catechist, a youth group leader, teacher or a member of the parish with an interest in the work we do with young people. If you would like to be involved in this and represent your parish, please contact Fr Mathew.

### **First Holy Communion Programme 2019: Parents meeting**

The parents meeting for the children who are making their First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30 pm in the Guild Hall. Starting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, the classes will be on Sundays from 4.45 to 6.00pm in the Guild Hall. This will help the children and the parents to join the 6.00pm Mass. If your child is at St. Pancras School, please contact the school about the programme.

### **Baptisms**

Today, with great joy we welcome Romeo Assoncao and Ilja Aljunas who will be baptised at 11:00 and 12:00 respectively. Please pray for them, their parents and godparents.

### **Fireworks Fun Night**

Friends of St Albans is holding its annual fireworks night party on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St Albans Catholic High School, Digby Road. Gates open at 6:00 pm and the fireworks start at 7:15 pm. Free parking is available and a hot supper is served. Tickets can be purchased from the school office – telephone 01473 726178. Tickets on the night are £5 adult, £4 child £20 family (2 adults and up to 5 children), but discounts are available for tickets purchased in advance.

### **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.

### **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for John Patrick Murphy whose funeral will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Old Cemetery Church, Ipswich and for June Drew, Patrick Rea, John Ambrose Brown, Jean Wade-Smith, Josef Stendera, James Wright, Helen Westbrook and Evelyn Sweeny 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.*

### **Light a Candle Service of Remembrance**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00 am, an ecumenical service of remembrance will take place at St Mary & St Botolph church, Whitton Church Lane, Ipswich, led by its rector Rev Mary Sokanovic, and attended by the Ipswich Hospital chaplain and Fr Mathew. Organised by Hunnaball funeral directors, it is intended to bring together those who have suffered bereavement in their lives and offer them comfort and reassurance as they remember their departed loved ones. If you would like to attend, please advise Hunnaball's by telephone 01473 748808 or by email [ipswich@hunnaball.co.uk](mailto:ipswich@hunnaball.co.uk).

### **School Vacancy**

There is a vacancy for Executive Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School Lowestoft & St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School Gorleston (the 'Coastal Catholic Schools'). See Diocesan website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>. Closing date for applications is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Catholic Women's League**

The next meeting of the Ipswich branch of the CWL is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in St Pancras Hall when Rebecca Crear will speak about the work done by the Suffolk Refugee Support Service in Ipswich. This is an open meeting and anyone interested in this work will be welcome.

### **Offertory**

The offertory collection for last Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, was £393.70. The second collection for CAFOD was £314.26. Thank you.

### **Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy**

We are awaiting the appointment of a new Catholic Chaplain for the Ipswich Hospital following Fr Adrian Gates' recent move. In the mean time, if you, or one of your family, are going into hospital or are admitted in an emergency, please let Fr Mathew know or contact Deacon Clive Brooks on 01206 396319. Holy Communion is taken to patients each Sunday morning by a team of Eucharistic Ministers from each of the parishes in the Ipswich deanery. If you or a family member would like to receive Holy Communion whilst you are in hospital, please let Fr Mathew or Deacon Clive know.

## St Mary Magdalen Choir

The next choir practice will be held this Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, at 7:30 pm in church. New members will be very welcome.

### **Mass Readings for the Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

#### **Collect:**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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:** Wis. 7:7-11 *Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 89:12-17

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

**Second Reading:** Heb. 4:12-13 *The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30 *Go and sell everything you own and follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery, You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother." And he said to him, "Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, "My children," he said to them, "how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God" They were more astonished than ever. "In that case", they said to one another "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For men", he said, "it is impossible but not for God: because everything is possible for God." Peter took this up. "What about us?" he asked him. "We have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life."

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

Accept O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.