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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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st October 2018

World Mission Sunday

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Twenty Ninth Week of Ordinary Time, Year II

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

Services This Week

Sunday 21 st October	8:00 am	Cancelled
	10:00 am*	Rex Ogden RIP
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses today in aid of Missio

Monday 22nd
October Feria
No Mass

Tuesday 23rd
October Feria
No Mass

Wednesday 24th
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No Mass

Thursday 25th
October Feria
No Mass

Friday 26th
October Feria
No Mass

Saturday 27th
October Feria
No Mass

Sunday 28th
October 8:00 am
 10:00 am*
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time 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

This week, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple, in particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago, Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

Fr Mathew

Fr Mathew was taken into hospital on Thursday and at the time of going to press, his circumstances were unknown. Daily Masses next week have all been cancelled on the assumption that he will not be available. However, should this change, the home page of the parish web site www.marymagdalesn.org will be updated and the Mass times published on the web site will reflect the latest position. Please refer to the web site for the latest information. We welcome, and are very grateful to, Fr Michael Johnstone who has travelled from Norwich to cover the 10:00 Mass today and Fr John Barnes from Felixstowe who is covering the 6:00 pm Mass. Sadly the 8:00 Mass has had to be cancelled as no cover was available.

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday, your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes.

Missio Red Boxes

Chris Codd, the local secretary for Missio, writes: *"Please would all red box holders have their boxes ready for when their promoters make contact for either collection or delivery to church. All boxes need to be with the promoter by early November. Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so generous with your donations to help others in much less fortunate circumstances than ourselves. Thank you also to the promoters for continuing to volunteer collecting on behalf of Missio. Without you my role as local secretary would be so much more difficult."*

Bishop's Synod

During 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 4th at St. John's Church, Mildenhall, starting with a light lunch served from 12:30 pm and concluding by 5 pm 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

The parents meeting for the children who are making their First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 28th October at 4.30 pm in the Guild Room. Instruction classes will commence on Sunday 4th November, and will run from 4.45 to 6.00 pm also in the Guild Room. This will help the children and the parents to join the 6.00 pm Mass. The complete schedule for the First Holy Communion programme 2019, is available in the narthex - please take a copy for reference purposes. Alternatively, you can download a copy from the *First Holy Communion* page of the parish web site.

St Edmunds Fund

Caritas East Anglia encourages, supports and co-ordinates works of social outreach in the diocese. It is a member of the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the social action arm of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. The management team of Caritas East Anglia includes representatives of each deanery and of caring organisations active in the diocese. The St Edmund's Fund, which makes crisis grants to needy individuals and families, is administered by Caritas East Anglia. To assist in this work, there will be a retiring collection taken at all masses on Sunday 4th November.

Appeal

Does anybody have a floor rug they can donate for the Children's Liturgy group to use on Sunday mornings? Ideally about 2 metres by 3 metres, but any size or shape would be welcome to save the children having to sit on the floor during the liturgy sessions. If you can help, please contact Collett Long or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Childrens Liturgy.

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 Christine Firmin, Malcolm Long, Kathleen Galloway, Frank McManus, George Roberts, Doris Butterworth, Alec Rumford, Aleksandro Svystum and William Swann 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 27th 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.

Hall Booking Manager

Due to pressure of other commitments, our hall manager Laura Krolik, has regretfully had to tender her resignation. We are very grateful to Laura for the work she has done to bring the hall management processes up to date but it is now time to hand on to another. We are in the process of appointing a replacement and an announcement will be made in due course.

Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy

Because of the shortage of priests in Ipswich, it might not be possible to supply a permanent chaplain for the Ipswich Hospital to replace Fr Gates, and whilst this is still being pursued, it may instead be necessary to appoint a *Lay Chaplaincy Co-ordinator*, preferably a Eucharistic Minister, who would be responsible for gathering patient information, administration and making first contact ward visits. If you might be interested in such a post please contact Deacon Clive Brooks for further information. Until an appointment can be made, Deacon Clive is acting in this role.

The hospital gives no patient information to the chaplains, so if you are going into hospital and would like to receive the ministrations of the Church whilst there, please let Fr Mathew know, or leave a message for Deacon Clive on 01206 396319.

Fireworks Fun Night

Friends of St Albans is holding its annual fireworks night party on Friday 2nd 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.

Mass Readings for the Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 21st October 2018

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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. 53:10-11 *If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

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

Second Reading:

Heb. 4:14-16 *Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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 10:35-45 *The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. "Master", they said to him "we want you to do us a favour." He said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory." "You do not know what you are asking", Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" They replied, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted." When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefitting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in the present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.