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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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th November 2018

Sunday Readings: Year B

Weekday Readings: Thirty Third Week of the Year, Year II

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

Services This Week

	8:00 am	Open intention
Sunday 18 th November	10:00 am*	Geraldine Lofthouse RIP – includes Children's Liturgy Group.
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 19 th November	Feria	No Mass
Tuesday 20 th November	St Edmund – king and martyr	No Mass
Wednesday 21 st November	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Mass
Thursday 22 nd November	St Cecilia	9:30 am Open intention
Friday 23 rd November	Feria	9:30 am Open intention – followed by Rosary
Saturday 24 th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac	9:30 am Open intention – followed by Benediction
Sunday 25 th November	8:00 am	Open intention
Christ the King	10:00 am*	Open intention
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish

* Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays for pre-first Holy Communion children.

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

Today's Gospel

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they are not caught unprepared for this final Day of Judgement.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

World Day of the Poor

'Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and in truth' (1 John 3:18). With these words Pope Francis launched the first World Day of the Poor last year. To be kept annually on the 33rd Sunday of the liturgical year, this World Day is an opportunity for us all to bear witness to Jesus' love for the poor and vulnerable among us, through focused prayer and almsgiving or some sort of service. However we mark this, and future World Days of the Poor, we hope it will enable us all to grow in awareness, generosity and an active love. In the words of Pope Francis: *'Let us not squander this grace-filled opportunity. On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.'* The Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Second World Day of the Poor can be read by following the link on the parish web site, or by taking one of the hard copies available on the table in the narthex.

Emergency Contact List

Fr Mathew's recent illness highlighted a problem we have in contacting people who normally attend Mass at St Mary Magdalens on Sundays. To try to improve contact arrangements in the event of any future emergency situations, we are going to prepare an email list of people who normally attend 8:00, 10:00 and 6:00 pm masses respectively so that we can get a message out to these persons if arrangements have to be changed due to any unforeseen circumstances.

In order to comply with GDPR, if you would like to have your name included on this distribution list, you will need to specifically request it to ensure we have your consent to use your personal data for this purpose.

If you would like to receive such email notifications, please send an email to contact@marymagdalens.org giving your name, your email address and requesting that you be added to the contact list for the mass you normally attend. Alternatively you can submit the same request using the parish web site contact form.

We also have a Facebook page @marymagdalens which is used to publish any emergency arrangements, so it is recommended you follow St Mary Magdalens in order to receive any such news posts this way too.

The Feast of Christ the King

Next Sunday, 25th November, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, also called the feast of Christ the King. It is a festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation and marks the last week of the church's liturgical year. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. originally celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promoted by Pope Paul VI in 1969, it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, immediately preceding Advent, where its theme of Christ's dominion makes it a fitting end to the liturgical year.

Red Wednesday

Make a Stand for Faith and Freedom on Wednesday 28th November 2018. Christians around the world are being persecuted because of their faith. Will you show your support for the Suffering Church? Aid to the Church in Need is being joined by Christian Solidarity Worldwide for this campaign, but your help is needed.

Persecution against Christians in the worst-affected regions reached a new peak, the impact of which is only now beginning to be felt in all its horror. Join in on Wednesday 28th November – #RedWednesday, and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and faith minorities who suffer unjustly for their peacefully-held beliefs. Let's spread the word and use social media to make #RedWednesday 2018 a campaign that cannot be ignored.

A Mass will be celebrated for Persecuted Christians by Bishop Alan Hopes at the Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist at 7 pm on Wednesday 28th November.

Offertory Collection

The collection taken at all Masses on Sunday 11th November was £410.02. Thank you.

Next Sunday, 25th November, there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Youth Service.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Ipswich branch of the CWL will be held on Tuesday 20th November at 2.30 pm in St Pancras Church Hall, when the guest speaker will be Andrew Beale from the Royal British Legion. Andrew will present stories of the men from Ipswich who lost their lives in the first world war, with a focus on the Catholic men of our town. This is an open meeting and anybody interested will be very welcome to come along.

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, Anna Nelli and Mary O'Reilly.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Joseph Gildea, Michael Farrelly, John Dooley, Eileen Wright, Angela Walmsley-Cotham, Richard Courtney, Leslie Hewitt, Catherine Harwood, Peter Pratt, Freda precious, William Cowan, Joseph Marcell and Cissie Kerr 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.

Ipswich Hospital Chaplaincy

The hospital gives no patient information to the chaplains, so if you, or any member of your family, 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.

Parish Hall

As mentioned last week, the You & Me playgroup, which was the main user of our church hall, and which looked after the basic cleaning as part of its hiring arrangements, has ceased operating and we now need to make alternate arrangements in order to keep the hall clean and tidy. We really need to do this from our own resources rather than incur cost hiring professional cleaners, and need volunteers to offer about one hour per week to help. We have one name offered so far, but really need more. If you can help out in this way, please add your name too the list in the narthex.

150 Club

The prize draw for November will be made in the church hall after 10:00 Mass next Sunday.

Children's Liturgy

The recently started Children's Liturgy group is now well established and is proving to be very popular with our younger parishioners. We have three leaders who are leading these sessions with a number of other people supporting them. It would be ideal to have at least one more person who is prepared to lead a session on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 Mass, meaning each leader would only have one session per month, and giving greater depth of cover for when people are unavailable. If you would like to help in this way, please speak to Fr Mathew or use the contact form on the parish web site.

Readings for the Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): 18th November

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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: Dan. 12:1-3 *When that time comes, your own people will be spared.*

“At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:5, 8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second Reading: Heb. 10:11-14, 18

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All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32 *He will gather his chosen from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.”

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion:

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.