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Please contact Fr Mathias if you are going into hospital.

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

The Baptism of The Lord– 13th January 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 1st Week of the Year I

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

Services This Week

Sunday 13 th January Baptism of the Lord	8:00 am	The people of the parish
	10:00 am*	Open intention
	Hymns:	Entrance: 418 Offertory: 298
		Communion: 70 Recessional: 183
	6:00 pm	Martha Grace & Family – in thanksgiving
Monday 14 th January	Feria	
	9:00 am	Open intention
Tuesday 15 th January	Feria	
	9:00 am	Open intention
Wednesday 16 th January	St Fursey – Mass in St Pancras School	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Thursday 17 th January	St Anthony	
	9:00 am	Open intention
Friday 18 th January	Feria	
	7:00 pm	Open intention followed by Eucharist Adoration and Benediction
Saturday 19 th January	Feria	
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation
	9:00 am	Rosary
	9:30 am	Open intention
Sunday 20 th	8:00 am	Open intention
2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John himself might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate - he says that he has baptised with water, but that someone will come and baptise with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

Pax Christi

The work of *Pax Christi*, meaning the Peace of Christ, is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Its vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work. Pax Christi works for:

Peace: A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met and people feel safe and valued in their communities.

Reconciliation: A process which begins when people try to mend relationships – between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.

Nonviolence: A way of living and making choices that respects others, challenges what is not fair or just, and offers alternatives to violence and war.

It supports teachers, chaplains and youth workers in promoting a culture of peace in schools and amongst young people and works in schools and colleges to explore how young people can be encouraged to make choices based on Christian values. It works to develop solidarity between people who are working non-violently for justice and peace and does this through joint actions for peace in Israel-Palestine, through events to encourage international efforts to abolish nuclear weapons and by celebrating the life and witness of peacemakers. It aims to promote an understanding of sustainable security where human needs are met and the environment is protected, rather than seeking security through weapons and warfare. Next Sunday, 20th January is World Peace Day, and a retiring collection will be taken to aid in the work of Pax Christi.

Offertory Collections

The collection on Sunday 6th January will be reported in next week's newsletter.

The British Association of the Order of Malta

The British Association of the Order of Malta takes a group of sick, disabled and older pilgrims on pilgrimage to Lourdes, flying from Stansted. The next pilgrimage will take place between Friday 3rd May and Thursday 9th May 2019 and will include a full programme of religious events. In addition, lively and fun activities and opportunities for sightseeing are available. Nursing and medical care is provided as necessary. Applications are invited from interested sick, disabled and older people to join the pilgrimage, with accommodation in the Accueil Notre Dame. The cost contribution is £300, but this can be reduced in cases of need. For further information and an application form, please contact Mrs Kim O'Connor by email before 14th January 2019: k6oconnor@aol.com. Alternatively write to her at 32 Scalebor Gardens, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkely, LS29 7BX.0

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 Margaret Howes, Kevin Finegan, Martha Bacon, Marie Thulliez, Eleanor Nemy, Majorie Reddington, Mary Titterington, Ruth Frost, James Walsh, Michael Mongan and Henry Teuma 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.

150 Club

The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass on Sunday 27th January in the church hall. If you are not a member of the 150 Club, there are still vacancies and it is never too late. Membership forms can be found in the narthex or can be down loaded from the parish web site.

Parish Vacancies

Unfortunately, due to ill health, our parish treasurer, John Anderson-Hurst, has been forced to retire, stepping down at the end of the financial year, and we are seeking to appoint a new parish treasurer. If you have some finance / accounting experience and are happy to give generously some of your time for the parish, please contact Chris Croker, Chairman of the finance committee, or Declan Moore. Alternately, you can email finance@marymagdalens.org or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Finance.

Readings for feast of The Baptism of the Lord Year C: 13th January, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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. 40:1-5, 9-11 *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.*

“Console my people, console them” says your God. “Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.” A voice cries, “prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger of Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger of Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God.” Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-4, 24-25, 27-30

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 *He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 *While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, “I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion:

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ Our Lord.