

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Peace Sunday

### Sunday Readings: Year C

### Weekday Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Year 1

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

### Services This Week

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Open intention	
	10:00 am*	Open intention	
	<b>Hymns:</b>	Entrance: 726	Offertory: 224
		Communion: 342	Recessional: 183
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes		
	9:00 am	Open intention	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Feria		
	9:00 am	Open intention	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Feria – Mass in St Pancras School		
	9:30 am	Open intention	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales		
	9:00 am	Open intention	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	The Conversion of St Paul		
	7:00 pm	Open intention followed by Eucharist Adoration and Benediction	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Saints Timothy & Titus		
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation	
	9:00 am	Rosary	
	9:30 am	Open intention	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Open intention	
	10:00 am*	Adolf von Fragstein RIP	
	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's Gospel reading describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle. In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity. Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity. John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfil Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine - six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

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## Pax Christi

Today is World Peace Day, and a retiring collection will be taken to aid in the work of 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.

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## FIND

We have received a thank you note from FIND for the Christmas gifts donated to the food bank – this is on the notice board in the narthex. Additionally, we have received a separate note from Francis Morrell who writes “As your FIND rep I saw your generosity when I collected the gifts for the volunteers who were preparing the hampers and parcels right up to Christmas Eve. It was wonderful. Your generosity makes the job a pleasure. Many Thanks.”

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### **Letter Rack in the Narthex**

There are a number of Christmas cards in the letter rack in the narthex which have not yet been collected. Please check the rack and take away any cards addressed to you as this rack will be cleared in the next week or so and any remaining cards destroyed.

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### **Offertory Collections**

The collection on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January came to £435.87. Thank you.

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### **Rotas**

Will readers, Eucharistic Ministers and those that bring the offertory gifts, please note there are new rotas on the notice board in the narthex. These can also be downloaded from the parish web site.

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### **Children's Liturgy**

Children's Liturgy continues today, aimed primarily at pre First Holy communion children. Younger children are welcome, but very young children should be accompanied by a parent as our catechists are not able to manage, for example, toilet requirements.

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### **Who is my Neighbour?**

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre warmly invite you to join them to examine the parable of the Good Samaritan, with reference to today. Fr Michael Winstanley SDB will lead the session at St John Payne Parish Hall, Colchester CO4 3QD on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 2.15 pm for 2.30 pm start. Further details can be found on the poster in the narthex, on the Canonesses web site [www.canonesses.co.uk/news-events/who-is-my-neighbour-fr-michael-winstanley-sdb/](http://www.canonesses.co.uk/news-events/who-is-my-neighbour-fr-michael-winstanley-sdb/) or by calling 01206-867296.

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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:k6oconnor@aol.com). Alternatively write to her at 32 Scalebor Gardens, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkely, LS29 7BX.0

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### **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.

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### **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Helen Frost, Giuseppe Miceli, Ivy Scaife, Josephine Horne, William Irvine, Anna Graham-Picket, Sarah Kelly, John McRae, John Hughes and Mary Corrigan 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.*

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### **150 Club**

The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Parish Vacancy**

Unfortunately, due to ill health, our parish treasurer has been forced to retire 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](mailto:finance@marymagdalens.org) or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Finance.

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## **Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### **Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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. 62:1-5

*The bridegroom rejoices in his bride*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named "Forsaken", nor your land "Abandoned", but you shall be called "My Delight" and your land "The Wedded"; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 95:1-3, 7-10 Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

### **Second Reading:**

1Cor. 12:4-11

*One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits, another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:**

John 2:1-11

*This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine". Jesus said, "Woman why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now" he told them "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ Our Lord.