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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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th January 2019 Peace Sunday

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 3rd Week of Year 1

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

Services This Week

Sunday 27 th January 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Adolf von Fragstein RIP
	Hymns:	Entrance: 49 Offertory: 712
		Communion: 556 Recessional: 190
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 28 th January		St Thomas Aquinas
	9:30 am	Open intention
Tuesday 29 th January		Feria
	9:30 am	Open intention
Wednesday 30 th January		Feria – Mass in St Pancras School
	9:30 am	Open intention
Thursday 31 st January		St John Bosco
	9:30 am	Open intention
Friday 1 st February		Feria
	7:00 pm	Open intention followed by Eucharist Adoration and Benediction
Saturday 2 nd February		Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation
	9:00 am	Rosary
	9:30 am	Open intention
Sunday 3 rd 4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Giusseppe & Michael Nelli 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 combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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Faith Formation & Pastoral Support

Fr Mathias writes: *"I want to encourage members of the parish to take advantage of the pastoral support in the parishes by calling the attention of the priest to anyone or family that might need the services of a priest. Also formal opportunities for further faith formation for the faithful in the shape of weekly courses are to be started in the parish soon."* Watch out for further announcements soon.

Catholic East Anglia

The February edition of the Diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, is now available and you can help yourself to a free copy from the narthex. This edition includes a special feature on Fr Pat Cleary, originally of our own parish. You can also read the publication on-line by following the link on the parish website.

Offertory Collections

The collection on Sunday 13th January came to £400.68 and on Sunday 20th January it was £353.82. The second collection taken on Sunday 20th for the work of *Pax Christi* came to £42.67. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers

Will Eucharistic Ministers please note a change in practice for the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. We will be reverting to the previous practice of using three ministers, one to assist with the distribution of the Body of Christ and two to administer the Precious Blood. The rota for Eucharistic Ministers has been rearranged accordingly, with the first named minister at 10:00 Mass each Sunday distributing the Body of Christ. Please review the revised rota in the narthex, or download a copy from the parish web site.

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, often referred to as a Eucharistic Minister, may be required at Mass to assist the celebrating priest with the distribution of Holy Communion. Outside of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion may be required to assist the priest to minister Holy Communion to the sick or housebound, to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament or to assist at a Celebration of Word and Holy Communion in the absence of a priest to celebrate Mass. We are in need of additional persons to join this ministry. If you feel you would like to become a minister, please speak in the first instance to Fr Mathias.

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.

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 Edward Coyle, Kitty Finn, Margaret Long, Elizabeth Millar, Cesare Pasini, Leslie Hiscocks, Gillian Wilson, Franciszek Meller, Andrew Murray, Alfred Sheppard, Elizabeth Powell, Theresa Akehurst, Gwendoline Nicholas, Annie Kernay, Cecil Everitt and Cecilia Molyneux 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 today. 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 downloaded from the parish web site.

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 or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Finance.

Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: 27th January, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in 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:

Neh. 8:2-6, 8-10 *Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, "Amen! Amen!"; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense,

so that all the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, “This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.” For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, “Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.”

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:8-10, 15 Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 12:12-30 *You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as the human body, though it is made up of many parts is a single unit because all the parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and the one spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, “I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body,” would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, “I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,” would that mean that it is not part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you”, nor can the head say to the feet “I do not need you.” What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the church, God has given the first place to the apostles, the second to the prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages and interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The text is being fulfilled today

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: *The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to give the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.* He then rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all the eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.”

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ Our Lord.