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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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th February 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 5th Week of Year 1

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

Services This Week

Sunday 10 th February 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Holy Souls (Frank)
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance:	610 When I survey the Wondrous Cross
	Offertory:	87 Colours of Day
Monday 11 th February	Communion:	547 The Spirit Lives
	Recessional:	712 I The Lord of Sea and Sky
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
	Feria – Margaret (Peggy) Cleary RIP	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Tuesday 12 th February	Feria	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Wednesday 13 th February	Feria – Mass in St Pancras School	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Thursday 14 th February	Saints Cyril and Methodius – Patrons of Europe	
	9:30 am	Open intention
Friday 15 th February	Feria	
	7:00 pm	Open intention followed by Eucharist Adoration and Benediction
Saturday 16 th February	Feria	
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation
	9:00 am	Rosary
Sunday 17 th 6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:30 am	Open intention
	8:00 am	Open intention
	10:00 am*	Patrick Corrigan (AP)
	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 how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile, but ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord" - the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection - and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter. Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

RCIA Class

We will be holding a series of RCIA classes (the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) for adults wishing to be received into the church. The classes will be held in the Guild Room on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, commencing Monday 11th February and will continue until Easter, when those prepared will be received into the church. Martin Pakes will be leading these classes and has separately contacted those who have already provided their names and contact details. Any other interested persons should speak today with Fr Mathias or Martin Pakes.

Day of Renewal

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in East Anglia, is organising a Day of Renewal to be held in the Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road, Bowthorpe, Norwich, NR5 9AA on Saturday 9th March between 10:00 am and 4:30 pm. The theme is *Inspirational Lives* and the guest speaker will be Fr Stefan Park, Prior of Clare Priory. The day will include praise and worship, Holy Mass, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch. Further information can be found on the organisation's web site www.renewaleastanglia.org/future-events.

Racial Justice Day

Next Sunday, 17th February, is Racial Justice Sunday. Promoted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, this day is established to recognise the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace. In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity and justice for all. We are called to ensure people are not exploited while they work and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. "As you did this for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me..." Please take one of the special prayer cards that can be found on the table in the narthex. Further information can be found on the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales web site www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next Sunday for the Catholic Association of Racial Justice.

Offertory Collections

The collection on Sunday 3rd February came to £389.12. Thank you. Due to holiday absence, details of the offertory for the next four weeks will not be published until Sunday 10th March.

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.

We have had one new volunteer come forward to be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, and it is intended to hold a training session in March. If there are any existing Eucharistic Ministers that feel they would benefit from attending this training, please speak to Fr Mathias or send an email to contact@marymagalens.org.

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 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 Percy Beavis, Mary Conlon, Edmund Miles, Ellen Ferrell, Catherine Bates, Lucille Spence, William Loner, Margaret (Peggy) Cleary, Arthur Bonner, Victoria Pagnillo, Mary Cuffe, Willie Long and Harry McAuliffe 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 February prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made after 10:00 Mass on Sunday 10th March. This is delayed slightly due to the absence on holiday of the organiser.

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.

Holiday Absence

Due to holiday arrangements, the newsletters for the next three weeks have been prepared in advance, and are therefore lighter than usual on content. Any important news items that arise during this period will be announced verbally as notices at the end of Sunday Masses. Normal service will resume on 10th March.

CWL Valentide Tea Party

You are invited to a Valentide Tea Party on Tuesday 19th February in St Pancras Hall 2.30 pm - 4 pm. Tea and delicious refreshments will be served and there will a Raffle and Bring & Buy stall. Come along for a chat with friends. Proceeds support Local and CWL Charities.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: 10th February, 2019

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is our Lord.

Collect: Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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. 6:1-8 *Here I am, send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth." The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: "What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts." Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: "See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?" I answered, "Here I am, send me."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 15:1-11 *I preach what they preach, and that is what you all believed.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared before Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 *They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." "Master, Simon replied "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets." And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Then bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Prayer over the Offerings: O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion: O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ Our Lord.