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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th February 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 7th Week of Year 1

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

Services This Week

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| | 8:00 am | Open intention |
| | 10:00 am* | Open intention |
| Sunday 24 th February | | Hymns for 10:00 Mass |
| 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Entrance: | 36 Amazing Grace |
| | Offertory: | 342 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace |
| | Communion: | 175 God Forgave My Sin |
| | Recessional: | 122 Do Not Be Afraid |
| | 6:00 pm | The people of the parish |
| Monday 25 th February | Feria | |
| | 9:30 am | Open intention |
| Tuesday 26 th February | Feria | |
| | 9:30 am | Open intention |
| Wednesday 27 th February | Feria – Mass in St Pancras School | |
| | 9:30 am | Open intention |
| Thursday 28 th February | Feria | |
| | 9:30 am | Open intention |
| Friday 1 st March February | St David - Patron Saint of Wales | |
| | 7:00 pm | Open intention followed by Eucharist Adoration and Benediction |
| Saturday 2 nd March | Feria – Pratt family – foundation Mass | |
| | 8:30 am | Sacrament of reconciliation |
| | 9:00 am | Rosary |
| | 9:30 am | Open intention |
| Sunday 3 rd March 8 th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 8:00 am | Open intention |
| | 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's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Next Friday, 1st March, is the Women's World Day of Prayer. Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection values for Sunday, 10th and Sunday 17th February, will be published in the newsletter on Sunday 10th March.

RCIA Class

The RCIA classes (the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) for adults wishing to be received into the church continue tomorrow, 18th February, in the Guild Room at 7:30 pm.

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.

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.

Holiday Absence

Due to holiday arrangements, this week's newsletter has been prepared in advance, and is therefore lighter than usual on content. Any important news items that arise during this period will be announced as notices at the end of today's Masses. Normal service will resume on 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 Walter Reynolds, Audrey Hartery, Sidney Mason, Dorothy Bolt, James Adams, Pamea Andrews, Vincenza Webber, Winifred Grant, Kitty Finn Helen Whelan, Richard Collis, Georgina Beebt, Ernest Doolan, William Fleming, Donad Ludlow, Thomas Kearney, Florence Pratt and Ellen Armes 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.

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.

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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: 1Sam. 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying around him. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice." David answered Abishai, "Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed one and be without guilt?" David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted at the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13 The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: 1Cor. 15:5-49

We who have been modelled on the earthly man will; be modelled on the heavenly man.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 *Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back."

Prayer over the Offerings:

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Prayer after Communion: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ Our Lord.