

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Sunday Readings: Year C

### Weekday Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent 1

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

## Services This Week

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	8:00 am	Stephen George
	10:00 am*	
	<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>	
	Entrance:	610 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
	Offertory:	337 Love Divine All Loves Excelling
	Communion:	79 Christ Be Beside Me
	Recessional:	61 Be Thou My Vision
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Feria – Mass in school	
	9:30 am	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Feria	
	9:30 am	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Feria	
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Lent Feria	
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation
	9:00 am	Rosary
	9:30 am	Mass
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	8:00 am	The Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	
	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 Guild Room after 10:00 – please do come and join us!

## **Today's Gospel – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Year C**

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be to trap Jesus - either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

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### **The Right of Scrutiny**

Today, our adult Elect Catechumens who are preparing to be received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil service, undergo their third and final scrutiny. The ritual Masses in which these scrutinies take place, make use of the readings' for Cycle A of the lectionary, hence the change of readings again this week. Please remember our Catechumens in your prayers as they continue to receive instruction and prepare for full reception into the church.

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### **Elaine Carter RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elaine Carter who passed away peacefully on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. No funeral arrangements are yet known.

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### **Readers Required**

On Palm Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, and Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, we will hear the reading of the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. As is our custom, these readings will be done in many parts and we are asking for volunteers to take part in these. If you can help with this, or by reading at the Holy Week services generally, please put your name down on the list in the narthex, or speak to Martin Pakes.

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### **Planned Giving Envelopes**

If you use the planned giving envelopes to Gift Aid your donations to the church, please pick up your new box of envelopes for the tax year 2019/2020 which are now available in the narthex. If your box is not present, please note this on the sheet adjacent to the boxes and the organisers will correct the matter.

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### **Lenten Penitential Service**

The Ipswich Deanery Lenten penitential service will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm at St Mary's church, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

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### **Easter Flowers**

Today, 7<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a retiring collection taken at all Masses for Easter flowers.

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### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Following a recent appeal, we have had one volunteer come forward to join the parish team of Eucharistic ministers. A training session will be held to cover some of the practical issues relating to this ministry, after 10:00 Mass today, 7<sup>th</sup> April. With the regular use of three ministers at the 10:00 Mass each Sunday, if there are any existing ministers who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity to review the practice and execution of this ministry, they will be very welcome.

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### **Missio Red Box Promoters Required**

St. Mary Magdalen's Parish has, for many years, supported the national Missio overseas charity - parishioners having the famous 'Red Box' in their homes in which to place their donations of small or not so small change - the annual collection raising approx £1000. For a small parish this is a

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significant sum of money to help others. The Red Boxes are collected, emptied and counted once a year, usually in early November, by a 'Promoter'. The money is then handed over to the local secretary to complete paperwork etc. before being transferred to the Central Office, Mill Hill for distribution where needed around the world. The Promoter also distributes a quarterly magazine to the 4-7 people on their round. The work is not difficult but does take up a little bit of time four times a year. If you would like more information to become involved with supporting this very worthwhile charity as a promoter or indeed having a Red Box in your home please contact Chris Codd 01449 761707 or email [chriscodd@btinternet.com](mailto:chriscodd@btinternet.com).

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### Offertory Collection

The offertory collection taken up on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April was £347.72. Thank you. Today, there will be a retiring collection taken after all Masses for Easter Flowers.

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### 150 Club

The March prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Congratulations to the following winners:

£15	No 41	Mrs M von Fragstein	£10	No 97	Mrs D Casey
£5	No 116	Mrs C Sims	£5	No 202	Mr D Moore

Bonus Prizes:

£100	No 141	Mrs M Jermy	£50	No 145	Mr & Mrs Iannelli
£50	No 87	Mrs V Davison	£30	No 85	Mr & Mrs R Cork
£25	No 98	Mrs L Dolby	£25	No 226	Mrs D Casey
£25	No 109	Miss S Fosker	£25	No 8	Mrs C Sims
£20	No 112	Mrs V Croker			

If you are not a member of the 150 Club, now would be the perfect time to join. This is a fun way of raising additional revenue for the parish, and deserves the support of every parishioner. Take that initial step - fill out an application form, which can be found in the narthex or down loaded from the parish web site. Simply pop the completed form in the collection plate at Mass or pop it through the presbytery letter box and we will do the rest.

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### Catholic East Anglia

The April issue of Catholic East Anglia, the free diocesan newspaper, is available in the narthex. Please do take a copy or you can read it on-line by following the link on the parish web site.

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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, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, 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 Geraldine Littleboy, Alice Woolley, Michael Staunton, Dave Kuymiere, Emmie Stoneman, Kevin Barrett and Timothy Curran 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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### Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent – Year A: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Collect:** By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your son handed himself over to death. 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:** Eze. 37: 12-14 *I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 129 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading:** Rom. 8:8-11 *The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the spirit of God has made his home in

you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord: whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel:** John 11: 1-45 *I am the resurrection and the life.*

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judaea." The disciples said, "Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?" Jesus replied: "Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night, he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him." He said that, then added, "Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better." The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas – known as the twin – said to the other disciples, "Let us go too, and die with him." On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "Your brother", said Jesus to her, "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies, he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes Lord", she said "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, "The Master is here and wants to see you." Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who had followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept; and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I Knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me." When he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here!" Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free." Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and seen what he did believed in him.

**Prayer over the Offerings:** Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**Prayer after Communion:** We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Through Christ Our Lord.