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

Palm Sunday: 14th April 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: Holy Week

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

Services This Week

	8:00 am	The Fryatt family
	10:00 am*	Paulina Miken RIP (Luciano Ndone)
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
Sunday 14 th April	Entrance:	19 All Glory, Laud and Honour
Palm Sunday	Offertory:	465 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
	Communion:	610 When I survey the Wondrous Cross
	Recessional:	159 Give Me Joy In My Heart
	6:00 pm	The people of the parish
Monday 15 th April	Monday of Holy Week – Ernie Lacey RIP (fm)	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass, confession 10:00 – 10:30am
Tuesday 16 th April	Tuesday of Holy Week – Doreen Andrews RIP (fm)	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass, confession 10:00 – 10:30am
	7:00 pm	Chrism Mass, St John's Cathedral, Norwich
Wednesday 17 th April	Wednesday of Holy Week - For the suffering of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane (S Curry)	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass, confession 6:30 – 7:00pm
Thursday 18 th April Maundy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
	9:30 am	Morning prayer & confession until 10:00am
	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	Good Friday	
Friday 19 th April	9:30 am	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm	3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Saturday 20 th April	Holy Saturday	
	9:30 am	Morning prayer in the Guild Room
	8:30 pm	The Easter Vigil
Sunday 21 st April	8:00 am	Holy Mass
Easter Sunday	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	Note:	No evening Mass

* 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 – Palm Sunday

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass - the first, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they shouted blessings and praise to God. This event is reported in each of the four Gospels but Luke's Gospel is the only one to report the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus' response shows that this event, and those yet to come, are part of a divine plan.

At the Liturgy of the Word on this Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross and only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath.

Throughout Holy Week, we will continue to reflect on the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son and brought to fulfilment the Kingdom of God. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

Holy Week

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year. It is more sacred than Christmas! This is because Holy Week commemorates the final week of Our Lord's life, the very purpose for which Christmas happened. Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday, when Jesus made his final triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. This three-day period is referred to as the *Sacred Triduum* when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, the solemn liturgy of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy of the Church, after nightfall on Holy Saturday.

Chrism Mass - Tuesday

This beautiful service takes place in St John's cathedral, Norwich, at 7:00 pm. The Oils for the Sacraments used throughout the diocese during the coming year, are blessed by the Bishop, and priests, deacons and people renew their commitment to serve.

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday evening we celebrate *the Mass of the Lord's Supper*, where the Church relives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. After the homily, there is a washing of the feet ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant, just as Jesus did with his disciples. The Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose, where watching with the Lord will continue until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday

Friday of this week is Good Friday. There will be Stations of the Cross at 9:30am and we will celebrate the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm. It is one of only two days of fasting and abstinence in the church's year. After the 3:00 pm service, there will be a retiring collection taken for the Shrines of The Holy Land.

Holy Saturday

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The vigil is divided into four parts - the service of light, the liturgy of the Word, the liturgy of Baptism, and the liturgy of the Eucharist. This is also the service where our four Catechumens will be baptised, confirmed and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

During this, the most important week in the church's liturgy, you are all encouraged to take a full and active part in the Holy Week services, leading to the culmination of the Pascal Mystery: The Resurrection.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Ipswich CWL will be held on Tuesday 16th April, beginning with Stations of the Cross in St Pancras Church at 2.30pm and followed by the annual review in the church hall. The meeting is open to all – please do come along.

Vacancy

The directors and governors of St Mary and St Peter Catholic primary school, Gorleston, are seeking to appoint a well-qualified, ethos driven and capable leader, who is a practicing Catholic, to a full time, permanent role as head of school, starting in September. Full details and documentation can be found on the diocesan web site rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/. Closing date for applications is Thursday 2nd May.

Easter Flowers

The retiring collection taken last Sunday realised £135.03 for Easter flowers. Thank you. If anybody would like to join our team of flower arrangers, please use the contact form on the parish web site to get in touch with the organiser. The flowers to decorate the church for Easter are being arranged on Saturday 20th April starting at 9:00 am and anybody that would like to come to meet the team and help make the church look beautiful ready for the Easter celebration would be most welcome.

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.

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 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.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection taken on Sunday 7th April was £384.02. Thank you.

Easter Offering

Next weekend, the offertory collection taken at the Vigil service and the two Masses on Easter Sunday morning, will form the customary personal gift to the parish priest.

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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Margaret Flynn, Doreen Andrews, Terence Sparkes, Ernie Lacey, Ambrose Andrews, Herbert Littleboy, Albertina Vieira, Joan Long, David Cuddon, Fr Roy Fosker, Rita Lavery, Petro Laba, David Silcock, Renata Carnhall and Rosemary Lowry-Corry 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.

Readings for Palm Sunday – Year C: 14th April, 2019

Processional Entrance

Gospel:

Luke 19:28-40 *Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord the life.*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Isa. 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint, I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?.

Second Reading:

Phil. 2:6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him up.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him a name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory. Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him a name which is above all names. Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory

Stand for the reading of the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Prayer over the Offerings:

Through the passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Prayer after Communion:

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ Our Lord.