

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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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.

## ***Easter Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019***

### ***Sunday Readings: Year C***

### ***Weekday Readings: Octave of Easter***

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

### ***Services This Week***

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	8:00 am	
Easter Sunday	10:00 am*	
	<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass – see order of service booklet</b>	
	No evening Mass	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Monday in the Octave of Easter – Elsie Lacey RIP (foundation Mass)	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday in the Octave of Easter - George & Gladys Collins RIP (foundation Mass)	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass Holy Mass	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday in the Octave of Easter	
	No Mass	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 am	Holy Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – 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

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit. (courtesy of Loyola Press)

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## Friday Within the Octave of Easter

This Friday being within the Octave of Easter, fasting and abstinence is dispensed with! ☺

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## Message from Bishop Alan

Bishop Alan writes: "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as you know Canon Mathew has been away in recovery since the beginning of December last year. I am delighted to be able to announce to you that his time away has been fruitful and that Fr Mathew will be returning to the parish at the beginning of May.

I want to thank all of you for being so understanding and patient. I also want to thank Fr Mathias for his pastoral care of you and the hospital during these last five months. I know that his ministry has been much appreciated. I ask that you keep Fr Mathew in your prayers and give him your full support and encouragement in the coming months.

On this Easter Day, I wish you much joy and every blessing in the Risen Lord!"

A few copies of this letter from Bishop Alan are available in the narthex if you would like a copy.

Fr Mathew has separately advised his return flight is booked - he will be back in the UK on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and will be back here saying Masses here on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

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## Church Lighting

The new lights have now been completed in the body of the church. The high level lights over the altar remain to be changed and this work is planned for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, as these require special high level access arrangements which will be left until after Easter. New spotlights for the statues at either side of the altar and for the Walsingham altar will then be fitted to complete the work.

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## 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/](http://rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/). Closing date for applications is Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

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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.

## **Easter Offering**

Today, the offertory collection taken at the Vigil service and the two Masses of Easter Sunday morning, will form the customary personal gift to our parish priest, Fr Mathias.

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## **Ignite Festival**

The Diocesan Youth Service is holding its annual Ignite Festival on the weekend May 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> at the Sacred Heart School, Swaffham, Norfolk. All young people in year 8 upwards are invited to attend. Come and experience your faith in a new and dynamic way at the Ignite Festival. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff including sumo suit wrestling! For further information, visit the festival web site [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk). For details of groups going from the Ipswich Deanery and organised transport, please email [jessicamccall@btinternet.com](mailto:jessicamccall@btinternet.com). Bookings need to be made by April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **Elaine Carter RIP**

The funeral arrangements have now been confirmed for Elaine Carter, who passed away Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a requiem Mass for Elaine, celebrated by Fr James Walsh at St Mary Magdalen Church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10:00 followed by committal at the Ipswich crematorium. All will be welcome to attend the Mass, and it will be lovely to have Fr James back again, albeit in very sad circumstances. Please remember Elaine and her family in your prayers.

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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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## **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](mailto:chriscodd@btinternet.com).

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## **Apparition Hill**

Coming up on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, your chance to see the award-winning documentary film about Medjugorje. Seven strangers investigate reports of miracles and supernatural phenomena in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, where locals say the Virgin Mary has been appearing since 1981. Daniel Klimek of the Huffington Post wrote "*One of the most powerful films I have ever watched in my life*". The film will be shown at St Felix Church, Gainsborough Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7HT, at 7:30 pm. Teas/coffee will be served. All welcome, no booking necessary – just turn up on the night.

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## **Offertory Collection**

The offertory collection taken on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April was £453.06. Thank you.

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## **Indian Meal**

There will be an Indian meal held at St James parish on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The event will be hosted by *Support for the World in Need*. Come along and enjoy an authentic, three course Indian Meal in St James' Parish Hall, 482 Landseer Road, Ipswich, IP3 9LU at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £15 per person and must be booked in advance; no alcohol licence so bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle. To book your place, please call 01473 271671.

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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 Beryl Ingham, Cora Watson, Charles Aldis, Giovanni Iannelli, Nigel Shee, Amelia Wright, Elsie Lacey, Bernard Oliver, Lucy Mountford and Martin Mongan 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 Easter Sunday – Year C: 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2019

### Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### Collect:

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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:** Acts 10:37-43 *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 17:1-2, 16-17,22-23

This day was made by the Lord; We rejoice and are glad.

**Second Reading:** Col. 3:1-4 *You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9 *He must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb" she said "and we don't know where they have put him". So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first. He bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head: this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### Prayer over the Offerings:

Exultant with Paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### Prayer after Communion:

Look upon your church, O God, with unflinching love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ Our Lord.