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

3rd Sunday of Easter: 5th May 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 3rd Week of Easter

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

Services This Week

Sunday 5 th May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Stephen George RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass	
	Entrance:	112 Crown Him With Many Crowns
	Offertory:	4 Abide With Me
	Communion:	430 Oh the Love of My Lord is the Essence
	Recessional:	376 Now the Green Blade Riseth
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 6 th May	Easter Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Tuesday 7 th May	Easter Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Wednesday 8 th May	Easter Feria	
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Thursday 9 th May	Easter Feria	
	9:30am	Holy Mass
Friday 10 th May	Easter Feria	
	7:00pm	Eucharistic adoration followed by Holy Mass
Saturday 11 th May	Easter Feria	
	8:30 am	Sacrament of reconciliation
	9:00 am	Rosary
	9:30 am	Mass - Open intention
Sunday 12 th May 4 th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	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

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke; however the Gospels for the Easter Season are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally, as we heard last week, to Thomas and the disciples. After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded. Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source.

In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful. Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realises that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the presentation of the gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring - bread and wine, "the work of human hands" - and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

Welcome Home

Today it is with great joy we welcome back Fr Mathew following his recent recuperation in India.

We also welcome back Chris Croker after his recent eventful trip to Morocco and wish him a speedy return to full health and mobility.

Offertory Collections

The collection on Good Friday, for the shrines of the Holy Land, came to £141.52. The Easter offering for Fr Mathias came to £1003.67. The collection on Sunday 28th April was £325.68. Thank you.

Help Required

We have been contacted by a catholic mother whose son is studying at Northgate High School, and has nowhere to stay until the end of June, when he hopefully will finish his studies and return home to Spain. His previous host is sick at the moment and cannot have him any longer and a host family is needed for him during the summer term. Accommodation expenses will be paid. For further information please contact Irene at irenedebust@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Apparition Hill

Coming up on Saturday 18th 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.

Indian Meal

There will be an Indian meal held at St James parish on Saturday 11th 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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Catherine Head, Patrick McManus, Manuel Giner, Pamela Blake, Provost Augustine Peacock, John Brady, Mary Dodson, Peter McWalter, Phyllis Cullen, Eileen Mills, Michael Byrne and Mary Hollis 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.

St Mary Magdalens 150 Club

The first prize draw of the new Club year will be delayed for a week or so. This is because a) the books, accounts, cheque book etc are with the accountant for the annual audit and their return is awaited before the draw can be made and b) there are a number of subscriptions that have not yet been received. We currently have 108 paid up subscriptions compared to 208 we had last year, which was in itself down on the year before. We desperately need new subscribers to fill the vacancies left if this venture is to remain viable. We have a number of new faces in the parish who have not joined and now really is the time to take out membership and help support your parish. This message is aimed at all those who, for whatever reason, have not joined the Club – please, please do so now – we need your support! Application forms can be found in the narthex or can be downloaded from the parish web site.

First Communion Masses 2019

This year the children of the parish will be making their First Holy communion at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday 12th May. This will be followed by the children of the school group one week later on the 19th May, also at the 10:00 Mass. On both occasions the church will be very full with friends and families in attendance and there will be reserved pews at both Masses for the families. Everyone is welcome to attend these Masses and share the celebration, but some may prefer to go to a less crowded Mass on these days.

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter – Year C: 5th May, 2019

Entrance Antiphon Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect: May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed faithfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 5:27-32,40-41 *We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. "We gave you a formal warning", he said "not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us." In reply Peter and the

apostles said, "Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God had given to those who obey him." They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Apoc. 5:11-14 *The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animas and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, "The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing." Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, "To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever." And the four animals said, "Amen"; and the elders prostrated themselves in worship.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord Jesus explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-19 *Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." They replied, "We'll come with you." They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, "Have you caught anything, friends?" And when they answered, "No," he said, "Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something." So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." At these words "It is the Lord", Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak around him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from the land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have caught." Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, "Who are you?"; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus had showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these do?" He answered "Yes Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time, he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Look after my sheep." Then he said a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, *Do you love me?* and said, "Lord, you know everything: you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go." In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, "Follow me." (Short form – read between **)

Prayer over the Offerings: Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant church, and, as you have given her great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ Our Lord.