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Please contact Fr Mathias if you are going into hospital (07951 066607) or let Fr Mathew know.

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

5th Sunday of Easter: 19th May 2019

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings: 5th Week of Easter

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

Services This Week

Sunday 19 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	Holy Mass – George Stephen
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – for the First Holy communion children
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass Please see separate order of service	
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 20 th May	Easter Feria
	9:30 am Holy Mass

Tuesday 21 st May	Easter Feria
	9:30 am Holy Mass – Janes family

Wednesday 22 nd May	Easter Feria – Mass in church
	9:30 am Holy Mass- Holy Souls

Thursday 23 rd May	Easter Feria – Mass in school
	9:30am Holy Mass

Friday 24 th May	Easter Feria
	9:30 am Holy Mass

Saturday 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable
	9:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation
	9:30 am Holy Mass

Sunday 26 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	8:00 am Holy Mass – J V D Smith RIP
	10:00 am* Holy Mass – Stanley & Mary Poll RIP
	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's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs; we see it in the example of the lives of the saints; we see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

First Holy Communion

Fr Mathew writes: *"Today is a very special day for Finin, Antonino, Guiseppe, Grace-Lilly, Timmy, Scarlett, Jacob, Harry, Louie, Jasmine, Dominik, Aiden, Ashlee, Jack and Mercedes as they receive Holy Communion for the first time. It is a day in which we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive in Holy Communion."*

I would like to thank the parents of our children for their commitment undertaken at Baptism to bring their children up in the knowledge and practice of their Catholic faith. They have done a marvellous job in preparing, encouraging and accompanying them towards this day. I would like them to continue to do that every Sunday from now on. The parents have received invaluable help from the school, I would like express our gratitude to Lucille Southgate and other members of staff of St. Pancras School. Please continue to pray for our young people."

Diocesan Priest's Training Fund

Today there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the Diocesan Priest's Training Fund.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 12th May was £447.48. Thank you.

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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Philip Ford, Patrick Kiely, John Morley, Frederick Bolt, Elizabeth Sefton, Mary Chaisty, Maria Hewitt, Mary Poll, Ken Bainbridge, John Elliott, Freda Casartelli, Veronica Holbon, Frank Janes and Teresa Billesberry 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.

First Communion Masses 2019

Following the parish group which made its First Holy Communion last Sunday, today, the children of the school will be making their First Holy communion at the 10:00 Mass. Music and hymn singing at this Mass will be led by the school. There will be reserved pews at this Mass for the families. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass and share the celebration, but some may prefer to go to a less crowded Mass on these days.

New Pilgrim Web Site

This website is inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christians to 'walk the streets of the digital highways ... in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ.'

New Pilgrim Path explores and shares the rich spiritual resources of the internet. Visitors are helped to find sites that are relevant to them at the particular stage of their journey. They have pages devoted to a range of resources, including daily prayer, online retreats, inspirational reflections, spiritual poetry, religious broadcasts and many others. Each week they also feature a 'Website of the Week'. Please go to www.newpilgrimpath.ie for more information.

Celebrate East Anglia

The annual Celebrate conference for the East Anglia region will this year be held over the weekend 1st / 2nd June at St Benedict's Catholic High School, Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RH. Organised by Celebrate, the Catholic Charismatic movement, the Conference runs from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday and from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on the Sunday. The weekend, to be attended by Bishop Alan Hopes, will include lively praise, daily Mass, a time of adoration and an opportunity for Reconciliation and Prayer Ministry as well as group sessions on selected topics for both adults and children. There will also be an opportunity for quiet private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Celebrate chapel. More information can be obtained from Martin Pakes or Nigel Fox, or by following the link on the parish web site to visit the celebrate web site where you can also book your place.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Ipswich branch of the Catholic Women's League will be held next Tuesday, 21st May, at 2:30 pm in St Pancras Church hall. A presentation will be given by Jean Johnson regarding progress of the education of children in a Ugandan village which she supports. This is an open meeting – all are welcome.

Marriage & Family Mass Celebration

This year, the Marriage & Family Mass celebration will take place in St John's Cathedral, Norwich on Saturday 8th June at 11:30 am, followed by tea/coffee and a special celebratory cake in the Narthex. All couples are invited to attend and especially those celebrating a special anniversary this year – 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th etc – who will also receive an anniversary certificate. Please inform Bonnie Lander-Johnson by email at bc124@cam.ac.uk, of names and anniversary of those who will be attending.

Celebration of St Paul VI – Pope

The Congregation for Divine Worship has informed us that St Paul VI – Pope has been added to the General Roman Calendar on 29th May as an optional memorial.

Details of the readings proper to the day can be found on the URL <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Sanctoral/May.shtml#May29>

Extraordinary Month of Mission – October 2019

The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with *“the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the Missio Ad Gentes and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal”*. More information can be found on the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emml/>.

St Mary Magdalens 150 Club

The annual audit of the 150 Club has been completed and the accounts for 2018-19 have been signed off. In summary, the accounts show:

Income	£2,511	Prizes	£1,000 (40%)
Expenses	£20	Contribution to parish	£1,491

The contribution to the parish is down by £150 from the previous year due to the falling number of subscriptions, and this year is already a lot lower than last. We desperately need new subscribers to replace a large number that we have lost. If you are not a member please do sign up now.

The next prize draw will be made on Sunday 26th May when both the May draw and the delayed April draw will take place.

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter – Year C: 19th May, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 14:21-27 *They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in their faith. "We all have to experience many hardships" they said "before we enter the kingdom of God". In each of the churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Apoc. 21:1-5 *God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice from the throne, "You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone." Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: "Now I am making the whole of creation new."

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35 *I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: "Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Prayer over the Offerings:

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion:

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ Our Lord.