

# 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.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Sunday Readings: Year C

### Weekday Readings: 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

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

### Services This Week

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	Holy Mass – J V D Smith RIP
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Stanley & Mary Poll RIP
		<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>
		Entrance: Be thou my vision (61)
		Offertory:- Let all Mortal flesh keep silence (300)
		Communion: Blessed Assurance (see words overleaf)
		Recession: Make me a channel of your peace (342)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		St Augustine of Canterbury
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May		St Augustine of Canterbury
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Maier foundation Mass
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May		Easter Feria – <b>Mass in church</b>
	9:30 am	Holy Mass- Holy Souls
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May		Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation
	9:30am	Holy Mass – Janes family
	7:30 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May		Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Scott family foundation Mass
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June May		St Justin
	9:00 am	Rosary & Reconciliation
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Moss family foundation Mass
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – for Sean
	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!

## Communion Hymn – Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

### *Chorus*

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

### *Chorus*

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

### *Chorus*

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

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## Today's Gospel

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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## The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holyday of Obligation on which all Catholics are required to attend Holy Mass. Mass will be at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead at Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

This feast celebrates the elevation of Christ into heaven by His own power in the presence of His disciples on the fortieth day after His Resurrection. We will hear it narrated by St. Luke in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The phrase that '*he was taken up to heaven*' does not necessarily imply that they locate heaven directly above the earth. However it means that He dwells with the Father in honour and power. On the feast of Pentecost, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the arrival of the promised '*Counselor*' the Holy Spirit, and the beginnings of the community of believers in the Resurrection: the Church.

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## World Communications Day

Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, is World Communications Day, the theme of which as defined by Pope Francis is '*We are members one of another*' (Eph 4,25). *From network community to human communities*. The theme underlines the importance of giving back to communication a broad perspective, based on the person, and emphasizes the value of interaction always understood as dialogue and as an opportunity to meet with others. This calls for a reflection on the current state and nature of relationships on the Internet, starting from the idea of community as a network between people in their wholeness. Some of the prevailing trends of the so-called social networks ask us a fundamental question: to what extent can we speak of a real community in the face of the logic that characterizes some communities on social media? The metaphor of the web as a

community of solidarity implies the construction of an “us”, based on listening to the other, on dialogue and consequently on the responsible use of language.

In his first Message for World Communications Day in 2014, the Holy Father called for the Internet to be “an environment rich in humanity, a network not of wires but of people”. The choice of the theme for the 2019 message confirms Pope Francis’ attention to the new communications environment and for social networks, especially, where he is present in the first person with his @Pontifex account on Twitter and @Franciscus on Instagram.

To support its work in this field, there will be a retiring collection after each Mass next Sunday for the Catholic Communications Network.

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### **Offertory Collections**

The offertory collection on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May was £608.40. The retiring collection in aid of the Diocesan Priest’s Training Fund amounted to £91.05. Thank you.

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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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### **Parish Vacancy I**

Unfortunately, due to ill health, our parish treasurer has been forced to retire and we are still seeking to appoint a new parish treasurer. If you have some finance / accounting experience and are happy to give generously some of your time for the parish, please contact Chris Croker, Chairman of the finance committee, Declan Moore or speak to Fr Mathew. Alternately, you can email finance@marymagdalens.org or use the contact form on the parish web site to send a message to Finance.

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### **Parish Vacancy II**

After 6 years, Chris Codd is stepping down as the parish secretary for Missio, the Catholic church’s official charity for overseas mission, and we are looking for a volunteer to take over this position, coordinating the fund raising within the parish via the *red box* collection scheme. If you can help in this, Chris will happily provide more information – please speak to Chris or Fr Mathew.

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### **Date for your Diaries**

The Knights of St Columba wish to give advance notice of the annual Deanery Quiz which this year will be held in St Mary’s church hall on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. There will be more information nearer the time, but the early announcement will allow you to book the date!

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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 Christopher Ward, Bridget Quigley, James Fitzgerald, Margaret McArdle, Ron Goodwin, Edith Ragoonaden, Michael Obolenley, Mary Rolf, Alfred Morgan, Cecil Armes and Patrick Shanahan 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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### **Celebrate East Anglia**

The annual Celebrate conference for the East Anglia region will this year be held next weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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### **St Mary Magdalens 150 Club**

The delayed first draw of the new year will be held today after 10:00 Mass, together with the May prize draw. It’s not too late to join if you are not already a member – a subscription costs just £1 per month and of course you can have as many subscriptions as you like! We currently have 75 subscriptions available so if you are not a member please do sign up now.

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## Readings for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C: 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Collect:** Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 15:1-2,22-29 *It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, "Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved." This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and the elders. Then the apostles and the elders decided to chose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: *The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these and you will do what is right. Farewell.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Second Reading:** Apoc. 21:10-14,22-23 *He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him." Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29 *The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you. My own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: *I am going away, and shall return.* If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe."

**Prayer over the Offerings:** May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your own graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ Our Lord.