

# 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.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**Sunday Readings: Year C Weekday Readings: 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

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

### Services This Week

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Easter

8:00 am Holy Mass – for Sean  
10:00 am\* Holy Mass – Conlon family (foundation Mass)  
**Hymns for 10:00 Mass**  
Entrance: - Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (15)  
Offertory: - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (456)  
Communion: - Soul of my Saviour (498)  
Recession: - The Lord of the Dance (see words overleaf)  
6:00 pm Holy Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
St Charles Lwanga & companions  
9:30 am Holy Mass

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Easter Feria  
9:30 am Holy Mass – Janes family

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
June  
St Boniface – **Mass in school**  
9:30 am Holy Mass- Pratt family (foundation Mass)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
June  
Easter Feria  
9:30am Holy Mass – People of the Parish  
7:30 pm Holy Mass – Stoneman family (foundation Mass)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Easter Feria  
9:30 am Holy Mass – Sheridan and Morris families (foundation Mass)

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
Easter Feria  
9:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation  
9:30 am Holy Mass

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Pentecost  
Sunday  
8:00 am Holy Mass – J V D Smith - RIP  
10:00 am\* Holy Mass – Moss family (foundation Mass)  
6:00 pm Holy Mass – People of the parish

\* Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 – please do come and join us!

There will be a retiring collection today in aid of the Catholic Communications Network

## Recessional Hymn – Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Chorus:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be.....*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be.....*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance, and I still go on:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be.....*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be.....*

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## Today's Gospel

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' Farewell Discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. The whole of this chapter is a prayer of Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested.

Several important themes appear in this prayer of Jesus. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus ask that the unity he experiences with the Father be extended to all who believe in him. He prays that we be one with each other, with him, and with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity: through Christ, we are united with one another and with God our Father.

Belief is a major theme in the Gospel of John. It begins in the prologue and continues in the response to Jesus' signs. Belief is the reason Jesus performs signs and the reason signs have been recorded in the Gospel. Here Jesus prays not only for those who believe in him but for all who will come to believe in him, and he prays that the love of the Father in him may also be in all who believe so that Jesus might be in them as well.

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## World Communications Day

Today 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.

Please continue to support Catholic communication network through contributing generously to the retiring collection today.

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## Baptism

Please pray for Liliana Mysiak, who will be baptized on 7<sup>th</sup> June, and for her parents and godparents.

## **Pentecost Sunday**

Next Sunday we celebrate the great event of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. This solemnity falls on the seventh Sunday (50<sup>th</sup> day) after Easter, the day the Apostles celebrated the ancient Jewish feast of Shabuoth (Acts 2:1-4). It marks the birth of the church and reminds us that we all have the unifying Spirit poured out upon us and that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him. We are reminded of our Conformation today where we committed ourselves to be witnesses of Jesus Christ and heralds of his Good News. Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Swizelle Lobo from our parish who was confirmed at St. Pancras on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

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## **Marriage & Family Mass Celebration**

This year, the Marriage & Family Mass celebration will take place in St John's Cathedral, Norwich next Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> etc – who will also receive an anniversary certificate.

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## **Offertory Collections**

The offertory collection on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May was £438.46. 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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## **Sybil Turnbull RIP**

The requiem Mass of Sybil Turnbull will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the bereaved family. May she Rest in Peace.

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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](mailto: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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## **Our Own Dear Departed**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Edward Boyle, John Smith, Mary Mallo, Sarah Malone, David Murphy, Patrick Keilly, Peter Kavanagh, Samuel Chaisty, Arthur Abbott, Nancy Hunt and Alice McCormick 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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## **St Mary Magdalens 150 Club**

The delayed April prize draw of the parish 150 Club, together with the May prize draw, were both made last Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Congratulations to the following winners:

<b>April</b>	£15	No 73	Mr A Anderson-Hurst	£10	No 111	Mrs R Anderson-Hurst
	£5	No 101	Mrs V Davison	£5	No 72	Mr D J Nash
<b>May</b>	£15	No 36	Mrs T Rose	£10	No 101	Mrs V Davison
	£5	No 135	Mrs J Scrivener	£5	No 160	Dr E C Long

Due to holiday arrangements, the June draw will be held one week earlier than scheduled, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

There are a large number of vacant subscriptions and we desperately need new members to take some of these. If you are not a member, please do sign up today. Membership forms can be found in the narthex or can be down loaded from the parish web site: simply complete one and deposit it in the collection plate at Mass or pop it through the presbytery letter box.

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## Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C: 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2019

### Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: *seek his face*; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

### Collect:

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### First Reading:

Acts 7:55-60

*I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.*

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. "I can see heaven thrown open" he said "and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." At this all members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and said aloud, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"; and with these words he fell asleep.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps96: 1-2, 6-7, 9

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

### Second Reading:

Apoc.22:12-14, 16-17, 20

*Come, Lord Jesus.*

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: "Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, *Come*. Let everyone who listens answer, *Come*. Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon." Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

### Gospel:

John 17:20-26

*May they be completely one.*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you love me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, so that I may be in them."

### Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon:

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

### Prayer after Communion:

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.