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

Pentecost Sunday: 9th June 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 10th Week of the Year

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

Services This Week

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| Sunday 9 th June Pentecost Sunday | 8:00 am | Holy Mass – Fryatt family |
| | 10:00 am* | Holy Mass – Fr A S Bull (foundation Mass) |
| | | Hymns for 10:00 Mass |
| | | Entrance: - Breath on me breath of God (70) |
| | | Offertory: - Take my Hands (509) |
| | | Communion: - Lay Your Hands Gently On Me (295) |
| | | Recession: - Come Down, O Love Divine (96) |
| | 6:00 pm | Holy Mass – People of the Parish |
| Monday 10 th June | | Mary, Mother of the Church |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Janes family |
| Tuesday 11 th June | | St Barnabus |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Glendenning foundation Mass |
| Wednesday 12 th June | | Feria - Mass in school |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Horne foundation Mass |
| Thursday 13 th June | | Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest |
| | | No Mass today |
| Friday 14 th June | | Feria |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Kavanagh family foundation Mass |
| Saturday 15 th June | | Feria |
| | 9:00 am | Rosary & Reconciliation |
| | 9:30 am | Holy Mass – Dr L N Moss foundation Mass |
| Sunday 16 th June Trinity Sunday | 8:00 am | Holy Mass – Win & Ted Razzell RIP |
| | 10:00 am* | Holy Mass – Adolf von Fragstein RIP |
| | 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 Mass – please do come and join us!

Today's Gospel

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. At Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem, the event which marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other, it is enough to know that, after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace, then commissions them to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Pentecost Sunday

Today we celebrate the great event of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. This solemnity falls on the seventh Sunday (50th 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.

Welcome

We welcome into our community Liliana Mysiak, who was baptised on Friday. Please remember her, her parents and godparents in your prayers.

Day for Life

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated next Sunday, 16th June.

On the *Day for Life* website, you can find information and resources on subjects which cover the journey of life. You can also read documents and publications released by the Catholic Church and her bishops on the key issues.

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

Next Sunday, there will be a retiring collection taken in all parishes of England and Wales, the proceeds of which will assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 2nd June was £326.18. The retiring collection for the Catholic Communication Network came to £103.45. 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.

Sybil Turnbull RIP

The requiem Mass of Sybil Turnbull, the mother of Magdalen Jermy, will be held on Monday 17th June at 11.00am. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the bereaved family. May she rest in peace.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Aglow Pilgrimages are organising a 7 night pilgrimage to the holy Land, departing 10th November 2019. The cost is from £1195 per person, which includes return flights from London, 7 nights accommodation in a four star hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, full religious programme, local guide, private couch and the services of a spiritual director. The trip can be booked online by visiting the web site aglowpilgrimages.com or more information can be obtained by calling Jonathan on 0800 6894792.

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.

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.

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.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Edward Cullan, Agnes Stacey, Adolf Von Fragstein, Caroline Shannon, Maria Janssen and Robert McAspurn 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.

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/emm/>.

Children's Liturgy Group

Our Children's Liturgy Group has been, and continues to be very popular. Each week, at the 10:00 Mass, the children go into the Guild Room for their own simple service of prayer, readings and activities following the same theme as the Sunday Mass. As with all things, there is an amount of time required from the session leaders to prepare for these services, and in order that this should not become onerous, it would be wonderful if a few more would volunteer to assist in this ministry and spread the workload. All session leaders will need to be DBS checked but the parish will arrange that. If you would like to get involved in this, helping to educate our young about our faith, please speak to Fr Mathew or, to get an idea of what is involved, why not sit in on one of the sessions to see if this is for you?

Readings for Pentecost Sunday – Year C: 9th June, 2019

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Collect: O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2:1-11 *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. "Surely", they said "all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth..

Second Reading: Rom. 8:8-17 *Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a Son of God. The Spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-23 *The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. 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."

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.