

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

468 Norwich Road, Ipswich, IP1 6JS

☎ 01473 741975

📞 07939 920844

🌐 [www.marymagdalens.org](http://www.marymagdalens.org)

📧 @marymagdalens

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia

🌐 [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk)

📺 youtube.com/c/StMaryMagdalens

**Parish Priest:** Fr Mathew George

✉ [parishpriest@marymagdalens.org](mailto:parishpriest@marymagdalens.org)

**Parish school:** St Pancras Catholic Primary School, Stratford Road, Ipswich, IP1 6EF

**Head of School:** Mrs Lucille Martin

☎ 01473 742074

**Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals:** Fr Bineesh OCD ☎ 01473 684963

*Please contact Fr Bineesh or let Fr Mathew know if you, or any member of your family, are going into hospital. Please be aware that for reasons of patient confidentiality, the current practice in the NHS is **NOT** to inform the chaplains of any Catholics that are admitted to hospital. So unless you or your relatives inform the chaplains of your hospital stay, you will not be visited by a priest or any other member of the chaplaincy team.*



Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering.

**Bank:** Barclays **Account Name:** St Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Parish **Account number:** 70777323 **Sort code:** 20-44-51

Credit card offerings can be made via the parish web site home page.

## ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021*** ***Sunday Readings: Year B. Weekday Readings: Year 1, Week 5*** ***Services This Week***

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Fifth Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time  | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>(Streamed)<br>6:00 pm | Holy Mass – The people of the parish<br>Holy Mass – Adolf von Fragstein RIP<br>Holy Mass – Elsie Robinson Foundation Mass |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>February                            | Feria<br>10:00 am                            | Holy Mass – Janes family  |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Feria<br>10:00 am                            | Holy Mass – Vieira family   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>                                    | St Scholastica<br>10:00 am                   | Holy Mass – Kavanagh family Foundation<br>Mass  |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Feria<br>10:00 am                            | Holy Mass   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>                                       | Feria<br>10:00 am                            | Holy Mass – Holy Souls  |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Feria<br>10:00 am                            | Holy Mass   |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Sixth Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>(Streamed)<br>6:00 pm | Holy Mass – Kavanagh family Foundation<br>Mass<br>Holy Mass – Monica Ford RIP<br>Holy Mass – The people of the parish     |

*The 10:00 Mass on Sundays is streamed live. You can find the link to watch this on the Mass Times page of the parish web site.*

### **We are back again – the New Normal**

Under the current restrictions there will be no Children's Liturgy group, no coffee after church and no hymns sung at 10:00 Mass. The bidding prayers will not be said, the homily will be kept short, the collection and offertory procession will be omitted, the sign of peace will not be exchanged and special arrangements for Holy Communion will apply.

### **We are committed to following the Government guidelines on social distancing.**

Please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance separation from each other whilst entering, leaving and inside church and remember that government regulations require that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

## Today's Gospel

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples - they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

---

## New Bishop

It is anticipated that Bishop Alan will be retiring as the Bishop of East Anglia this year. In the narthex, there are some cards showing a prayer for the election of a bishop. If you visit church, please take one and pray for a new bishop. The prayer card is reproduced on the web site for those not attending church in person, and the prayer is shown below:

*O God, eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and, to us, show watchful care. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.*

*S. Felix, pray for us*

*All holy Martyrs & Saints of East Anglia, pray for us.*

---

## 150 Club

The January prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday. Congratulations to the following winners:

|     |        |               |     |        |              |
|-----|--------|---------------|-----|--------|--------------|
| £15 | No 109 | Miss S Fosker | £10 | No 237 | Mrs D Turner |
| £5  | No 40  | Mrs C Long    | £5  | No 227 | Mr E Sikora  |

---

## Lenten Station Mass 2021

The Lenten Station Masses will go ahead this year but will take on a different hue! The Bishop will celebrate our deanery station Mass at St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm. The parish clergy, the Dean and the people of that parish will be invited to attend – up to the safe capacity. The Mass will be live streamed and we are all encouraged to take part at home. It will as usual be preceded at 5.00 pm by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an hour for prayer.

---

## Special Mass for All Who have Died During the Pandemic

All churches in England and Wales will offer a special Mass for the dead of the pandemic throughout Europe on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. The purpose of this initiative is to express fraternal communion across our continent. Please come to the Mass on that day if you can and if you feel safe to do so. We will also try to livestream it.

---

## ZOOM Adoration and Benediction

Fr Mathew is having a virtual (ZOOM) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every Monday from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. We get people from all over the world mainly Indians but there are a good few English, Irish, Africans, nuns and seminarians. It is organised by a group of lay people from UK called the Vianney Mission whose ministry is to pray for priests. Usually Fr Mathew

is the only person in the church with the Blessed Sacrament with others joining from their homes around the world. You are welcome to come to church or join in from your homes. The link for the meeting is available on our website and through our parish social media platforms.

---

### **Year of the Family and Life – starting on the Feast of St Joseph, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

In his Angelus Message for 27<sup>th</sup> December (Feast of the Holy Family) the Holy Father stated ‘Today’s feast reminds us of the example of evangelizing with the family, proposing to us once again the ideal of conjugal and family love, as underlined in the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, promulgated five years ago this coming 19<sup>th</sup> March. And there will be a year of reflection on *Amoris Laetitia* and it will be an opportunity to focus more closely on the contents of the document [19 March 2021-June 2022]. These reflections will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey. As of now, I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted throughout the Year and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life. Let us entrust this journey with the families of the whole world to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to Saint Joseph, attentive spouse and father.’

---

### **Our Dear Departed**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently passed away: Adrianna Tucciarone, Monica Ford, Derrick Gilbert and Anna Ryan. The requiem mass of Monica Ford will take place here on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2 pm. Due to Covid restrictions the numbers are very limited and sadly the service will therefore be restricted to family. The funeral will be streamed live for the benefit of her many friends who will be unable to attend in person – details will be published nearer the time. The requiem will be followed by internment in Westerfield Parish Church. Family flowers only but donations in Monica’s memory will be welcome to St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich. No details are yet available in regard to Derrick’s funeral but again these will be published in due course. Please keep their friends and families in your thoughts and prayers.

---

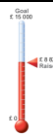
### **On-Line Giving**

During these times when our ability to attend church in person is impacted by Coronavirus restrictions, please consider donating on-line to our offertory collection. You can do this by making a one-off payment, or setting up a regular payment by Standing Order from your bank account. Account details to allow a payment to be made can be found at the top of this newsletter and full information on setting up a standing order can be found on the parish web site. If you would like to make an offering by donating from your credit card, a new facility has been added to the parish web site to enable you to this. Please visit the parish web site and click the Donate button on the home page.

---

### **Parish Development Project**

The money received in response to the appeal for funds to complete the new parish room project has now reached £8827. Thank you to all those who have already donated. If you are able to make a donation, it would be gratefully received and if you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid any donation as this will increase its value by 25%.



### **Vacancy for Headteacher**

A Headteacher is required for September 2021 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Swaffham. Details of the post, application details and documents can be found on the Diocesan web site at or by following the link on the Parish web site news item.

---

### **The Sick of the Parish**

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, Margaret Arbon, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Josephine Kalagira, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson and Carol Sims.

---

### **Parish Anniversaries**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Charles Vieira, Eileen Knight, John Metcalfe, Hilda Chaisty, Caterina Fella, Elizabeth “Elsie” Robinson, George Youngman, Harold Mottram, Antonio Melerio, Delia Reilly, Sheila White, Michael McGlead, Michael Parmenter, Percy Beavis, Mary Conlon, Edward Miles, Ellen Farrell, Catherine Bates, Lucille Spence, William Lower, Margaret “Peggy” Cleary and Arthur Bonner whose anniversaries occur this week. A complete list of the dear departed of the parish can be found on the web site.

*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.*

**Mass Readings: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God..

**Collect:**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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:** Job 7:1-4,6-7

*Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.*

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps.146:1-6

**Response to the psalm is:** *Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.*

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due.

he fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

**Second Reading:** 1Cor. 9:16-19,22-23

*I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

*He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

**Prayer Over the Offerings**

O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ Our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Prayer after Communion:**

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.