

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Easter: 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

**Readings: Sunday: Year B. Weekdays: Third Week of Easter**

### Services This Week

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Easter	8:00 am 10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Martin Curry RIP (Foundation Mass)  Holy Mass – Richard Fox RIP
<b>No Evening Mass Today</b>		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St George, Patron Saint of England	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Feria	<b>No Mass Today</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:00 am 10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – George & Gladys Collins Holy Mass – Ernie Lacey RIP (Foundation Mass)
<b>No evening Mass today</b>		

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

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**

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift - forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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## **Fr Christopher Dobson**

Fr Mathew is now away in India, due to return on 10<sup>th</sup> May. Today we again welcome Fr Chris Dobson to St Mary Magdalens. Fr Chris is a retired priest of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton who now lives locally near Woodbridge, and he has very kindly agreed to provide cover for our Sunday Masses whilst Fr Mathew is away, for which we are very grateful. Fr Chris will celebrate mass at 8:00 and 10:00 each Sunday whilst Fr Mathew is away. The 10:00 mass will continue to be streamed live as usual. Unfortunately there will be no Sunday evening or any weekday masses.

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## **Jamie Campbell RIP**

Last Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, Fr Chris celebrated the requiem Mass for Jamie Campbell, who sadly passed away at the young age of only 25 years. Please pray for the repose of Jamie's soul, and remember his family in your prayers.

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## **Ignite Youth Festival**

The Diocesan Youth Team, Ignite, will be holding its annual Catholic Youth Festival as a virtual event again this year. The festival will be held over the first weekend in May, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, with sessions between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm each day. The festival will consist of music, workshops, inspiring talks and prayer and is open to all young people from the age of 13 years. Further information can be found on the Ignite Festival website [www.ignitefestival.co.uk](http://www.ignitefestival.co.uk).

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## **Our Parish Family**

Last Sunday, Mikolaj Danilczyk was baptised at the 10:00 Mass. Today at the streamed 10:00 Mass we will be baptising Alfie and Willow Perkins. We welcome them all into our parish family and ask that you remember them, their parent and godparents in your prayers.

On 26<sup>th</sup> April, Fr Chris will be officiating at the funeral of Linda Christine Kirk. Please remember Linda too in your prayers and pray for the repose of her soul.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, we will have another baptism when Wilson Lebaga will join the Catholic church and our parish community.

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## **Parish 150 Club**

It is that time of year when subscriptions for the new season are due in, and concerns arise over the level of membership of the Club. This year, more than ever, we need to ensure the 150 Club

continues to flourish and contribute towards the financial demands on the parish which have not significantly diminished despite the huge reduction in income during the lockdowns over the past year. Grateful thanks to all those who have already paid their subscriptions by faster payment direct to the Club account, and especially to those who have increased their membership. If you have not yet paid your subscriptions, please could you do so as soon as possible? At the moment, paid up subscriptions for the new year are 107 less than at the end of the last year, and that was in itself lower than the year before! If you are not a member of this Club, then please would you consider joining? It is a parish venture, and it would be nice to think that every parishioner would support it. Membership costs £12 per year for a single number, which will then be entered in each of the 12 monthly prize draws. Membership forms are available in the narthex, or, if you don't want to deal with handling paper or are not currently attending church, you can email your membership request to 150club@marymagdalens.org

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### Mass Intentions

If you have any Mass intentions you would like to request while Fr Mathew is away, please submit them using one of the special envelopes in the narthex or use the contact form on the parish web site and select *Parish Priest*. While Fr Mathew is away, he is saying the mandatory Mass for the people of the parish in India. As there are only two Masses each week during his absence, it may be necessary to offer masses for multiple intentions, as we did last Sunday when the 10:00 Mass was offered for the intention of Daniello De Dona and also for the late Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip.

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### Parish Development Project



Further good progress has been made this week with the completion of the floor and final coats of paint. There are some photographs on the web site taken this week to show progress. The money received in response to the appeal for funds to complete the new parish room project continues to rise and has now reached £11,165, but we are still over £3,500 short of our target, and with the additional cost now of the necessary electrical works we need financial support more than ever! Thank you to all those who have already donated – we are extremely grateful. If you have not already donated, then it is not too late. You can make a cash donation by leaving money in an envelope, suitably marked “Parish Room” and leave it in the collection box at the back of the church, or pop it through the presbytery letter box. You can make a direct payment to the parish bank account using the details at the top of the front page of this newsletter – please use the payment reference “Parish Room”. Or you can make a donation via your credit card using the Donate button on the home page of the parish web site. If you do donate, and you are a tax payer, then please do Gift Aid any donation as this will increase its value by 25% as we will be able to reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money donated.

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### The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, 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, Carol Sims and Annick Smith.

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### Parish Anniversaries

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Rita Lavery, Pietro Laba, David Silcock, Renata Carnall, Rosemary Lowry-Cory, Beryl Ingham, Cora Watson, Charles Aldis, Giovanni Iannelli, Nigel Shee, Amelia Wright, Elsie Lacey, Bernard Oliver and Monsignor Canon Edward McBride 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.*

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**Mass Readings: Third Sunday of Easter: 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name, O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Collect:** May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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.** 3:1315,17-19 *You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 4:2-4,7-9

**Response to the psalm is:** *Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me,  
have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours  
to those whom he loves;  
The Lord hears me whenever I call him.

"What can bring us happiness?" many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep at once,  
For you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Second Reading:** 1John 2:1-5 *He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48 *So you see it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**Prayer Over the Offerings:** Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant church, and, as you have given her cause for such gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ Our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:**

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries, may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ Our Lord.