

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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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.



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## The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

**Readings: Sunday: Year B.**

**Weekdays: Fourteenth Week of the Year, Year I**

### Services This Week

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Deceased priests of the Diocese
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – The People of the Parish
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	10:00	Holy Mass – Vieira family
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Harry Bell RIP (Deacon John Bell's father)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Lacey family (FM)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	No Mass Today	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas - Apostle	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass – Leslie Newell Moss RIP
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Bishop Michael Evans RIP
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – The People of the Parish

*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

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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## Parish 150 Club

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

£15	No 17	Mrs M Ogden	£10	No 80	Mrs P Williamson
£5	No 168	Karen Ingleton	£5	137	Mr P Green.

The June Bonus prize of £20 was won by Mr P Green also with number 268.

There is room in the Club for more members and it is never too late to join. If you are not a member please do sign up and help support your parish. Application forms are available in the narthex and on the parish web site.

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## Sea Sunday

Next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, is Sea Sunday when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted. 90% of the world's goods are transported by sea and for a very large number of people working in shipping, this represents a way of life. The life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely, and especially so in the past months during the Covid pandemic - they may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. It provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race. Its port chaplains and volunteer ship-visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare services and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The Apostleship of the Sea in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in 334 ports with 227 port chaplains in 59 countries. The Apostleship of the Sea relies wholly on voluntary contributions and to aid in this work, there will be a retiring collection taken at all masses next week.

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## **First Holy Communion 2022**

Parents who would like their children to celebrate their First Holy communion in 2022 are welcomed to book their places. Enrolment forms are available in the narthex, or can be found on the parish web site. An enrolment form must be completed for each child, signed, dated and returned to Fr Mathew no later than Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. There will be a kick-off meeting for the parents of all the children enrolled and this will take place at 4:00 pm in the Parish Room on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to begin the classes in November 2021.

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## **Opening the church for private prayer**

We are encouraged to keep the church open for private prayer. For now, the church will be open as much as possible, managed by Fr Mathew himself, until some more formal arrangements can be made. We do have a security camera in church which is helpful, but we will need more human support in future.

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## **World day for the Grandparents and the Elderly**

The Holy Father has designated 25<sup>th</sup> July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. There will be special prayers for them that Sunday.

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## **Living Stones Prayer group**

A joyful, friendly community which meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, Ipswich, to praise, worship and listen to the word of God together in a way that is open to the Holy Spirit and affiliated to the English Charis National Service Communion. These sessions are open and all are welcome.

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## **Congratulations**

A celebration Mass con-celebrated by Bishop Alan for a number of priests from across the Diocese who were celebrating ordination jubilees last year and this year, took place at Poringland on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to all of them and especially to Fr Dick Healey, former St Mary Magdalens parish priest, who celebrated 40 years of priesthood last year but the celebration was cancelled due to Covid, and our dean of the St Edmund's Deanery, Fr John Barnes of St Felix church, Felixstowe, who celebrates 25 years.

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## **Icon of St. Joseph**

The icon of St. Joseph is going around the diocese for special prayers for families. Our chance to welcome the icon is on Sunday is on the Sunday after Christmas - the Feast of the Holy Family. Here is a prayer from the Holy Father to St Joseph for all families to pray.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ grew to maturity.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen*

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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 Terence Barclay (2007), Frank McManus (1988), Christine Bloomfield (2002) and Francis Reddington (1988) whose anniversaries occur this week. A complete list of anniversaries of all 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: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### **Collect:**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**First Reading:** Eze. 2:2-5      *The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 122**

**Response to the psalm is:** *Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.*

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. ☩

till he show us his mercy. ☩

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

We are filled with contempt.

Indeed all too full is our soul

with the scorn of the rich,

with the proud man's disdain. ☩

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God

**Second Reading:** 2Cor 12:7-10      *I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6      *A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### **Prayer over the Offerings:**

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ Our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.