

# St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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## ***The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021***

***Readings: Sunday: Year B.***

***Weekdays: Twenty Ninth Week of the Year, Year I***

### ***Services This Week***

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
	10:00 am	Holy Mass - Monica Ford RIP
	(Streamed)	
	2:00 pm	Holy Mass - Syro Malankara rite
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Luke, Evangelist <b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass - The Vieira Family
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Feria <b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
	2:00 pm	Holy Mass - Syro-Malabar rite
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass - Ella Stromblod
	10:00 am	Holy Mass - Rex Ogdon RIP
	(Streamed)	
	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 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. Although no longer mandatory, we are committed to following Government guidance 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 guidance is still that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

## Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel reading, we continue the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago, Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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## First Holy Communion Programme 2022

The kick-off meeting for the parents of the children enrolled in the 2022 First Holy Communion programme will take place at 4:00 pm this afternoon in the parish hall. This meeting will introduce the catechists leading the programme and map out the agenda for the children's training sessions through to the end of the course which will culminate in them making their First Holy Communion on the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) next year.

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## Novena to St John Paul II for the defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill

The national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the second reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill falls, which started last week continues until next Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We have been asked to say the following special novena prayer each day: *Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

This prayer should then be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.

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## World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. There will be a retiring collection taken to support the works of Missio next week after each Mass or you can donate direct by visiting the Missio web site - [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) – or calling 020 7821 9755.

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## Stella Maris

We have received a letter of thanks from Stella Maris, the mission to sea farers, acknowledging the donation from the parish of £200.34 collected at the recent retiring collection on Sea Sunday.

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## September Offertory

The September offertory came to a total of £1,900, comprising £790 cash collection and £1,110 standing order payments. Thank you.

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## Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission

There will be a special Mass for those affected by infertility celebrated at the church of Our Lady & St Ethelreda, Newmarket on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This will be followed by a talk from Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. It is respectfully asked that children do not attend this special Mass.

More information about this event, and the Marriage and Family Life Commission generally, can be found on the Diocesan web site, or follow the link on the parish web site.

## **Day of Renewal**

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions, the Diocesan Service Team for Catholic Charismatic Renewal is re-starting its Days of Renewal. The first such event for 18 months will be held at the Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road, Bowthorpe, Norwich, NR5 9AA on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The theme for the day is *From Darkness into His Wonderful Light* and the day consisting of prayer and praise, Holy Mass, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry will be led by Fr Luke Goymour. Tea and coffee will be provided but attendees should bring their own packed lunch. In order to keep everybody as safe as possible, people are asked to take a lateral flow test before attending. For further information please contact Philip Walters on 07910 157584.

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## **Catholic East Anglia**

The October edition of Catholic East Anglia, the Diocesan newspaper, is still available in the narthex – please take a copy if you have not already done so. You can also read it online on the parish web site.

The October edition includes reports on the start of the Synodal Church process, a profession by Swaffham's Sr Anna and tributes to Roger Pearson and Siobhan O'Keeffe. There is also a report on a 100<sup>th</sup> eco parish, the visit of the Polish Consul to St John's Cathedral and the steps forwards of two students towards the Permanent Diaconate. The construction of a new Catholic primary school in Peterborough has started and young pilgrims have been walking England's Way to Walsingham.

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## **150 Club**

The October prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass.

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## **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

As the Covid restrictions are now lifted, the LIFE pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will once again take place, this year on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Pilgrims will be travelling from several places, some by coach, some by other means, but organisers are aware that for many, such a venture would be a risk, and there are many still cautious of the possibility of infection. For all those, and for those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (Watch Livestream - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady) will carry the main events of the day and allow those who wish to join in the prayers and devotions. The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on the LIFE website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

Bishop Mark has chosen as the theme for the day, 'The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel of Life on Post-Pandemic Britain'. It would be wonderful if you can join in prayer with those in Walsingham on that day, that the Light of Christ will overcome the darkness in the minds of politicians and all people so that they can see the truth of the sanctity of human life.

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## **St Pancras Primary School**

St Pancras Primary School will be holding two open mornings on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November and an open evening on 24<sup>th</sup> November for those parents who would be interested in viewing the school & applying for a Reception Class place for academic year 2022/2023. Places must be booked so please contact the school to make an appointment - telephone number 01473 742074.

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## **The Sick of the Parish**

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly McGarry, 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 Jean Wade-Smith (1990), Josef Stendera (1999), James Wright (1986), Helen Westbrook (1994), Evelyn Sweeny (1985), Christine Firmin (1975), Malcolm Long (1992), Kathleen Galloway (2006) and Frank McManus (2003) 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: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### **Collect:**

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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:** Isa. 53:10-11 *If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 32:4-5, 18-20,22

**Response to the psalm is:** *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. *℟*

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in is love,

to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. *℟*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. *℟*

**Second Reading:** Heb. 4:14-16 *Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45 *The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so *Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'* *Shorter form read italicised text only*

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

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.. Through Christ Our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefitting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ Our Lord.