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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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 24th October, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Thirtieth Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

Sunday 24 th – 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass - Ella Stromblod
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass - Rex Ogdon RIP
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
Monday 25 th	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass - The Janes Family
Tuesday 26 th	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass - The Vieira Family
Wednesday 27 th	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
Thursday 28 th	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles 10:00 am	Holy Mass
Friday 29 th	Feria No Mass Today	
Saturday 30 th	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
Sunday 31 st – All Saints Day	8:00 am	Holy Mass - Robert & Mary Cranston RIP
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass - Jean Orme 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 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

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus' sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus' faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith - "Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus' words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. You can hear about Sister Veronica's work on the Missio web site, or follow the link from the parish web site. Please pray for the mission of the church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our church. Special envelopes can be found in the narthex. If you are a UK tax payer, please can you Gift Aid any donation you make as this will increase the value of that gift by 25% at no cost to you. Alternatively you can donate by calling 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visiting the Missio web site - missio.org.uk.

The Solemnity of All Saints

This year the 1st November falls on a Monday, so the observation of the Solemnity of All Saints will be kept on Sunday next, 31st October. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, previously known as All Souls Day, will be celebrated on Tuesday 2nd November. You are all warmly encouraged to come to Mass on Tuesday 2nd November to pray especially for your departed dear ones. The parish community as a whole will pray for the departed souls from our parish throughout the month of November. If you have anyone you would like to be remembered specially, then please write his or her name on a piece of paper and place it in the box on the altar. The box will remain on the altar for the whole month of November. There are also special envelopes in the Narthex to request a Mass to be offered for the dead.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

Thank you to all the parents who attended the kick-off meeting for the 2022 First Holy Communion programme last Sunday. The catechists to instruct the children will be led by Valentina Borja assisted by Wilma Lobo, Collett Long and Rity Sunil. It was decided that the instruction classes for the children will be held on Sunday afternoons starting at 4:30 pm, followed by attendance at the 6:00 pm Mass. The first instruction class for the new group will be held in the parish hall on Sunday 7th November. Any correspondence to the team in regard to the First Holy Communion Programme can be sent to firstholychommunion@marymagdalens.org.

150 Club

The October prize draw of the parish 150 Club will be made today in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass. Everybody is welcome to come in and witness the draw.

The 150 Club generates a significant contribution to the parish income and its continued success is dependent upon keeping up the membership level. If you are not a member of the 150 Club, please do consider joining – it's never too late and there is always room for you!

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 6th 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.

St Pancras Primary School

St Pancras Primary School will be holding two open mornings on the 10th and 17th November and an open evening on 24th 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.

The Sunday Obligation

As laid out by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales in its paper *Sunday – It's Our Day* (July 2021), the precept of the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass will be re-introduced on the First Sunday of Advent this year, 28th November. It has been decided to discontinue the streaming of the 10:00 Sunday Mass from that date to encourage more people to attend church in person. The last streamed Mass from St Mary Magdalen church will be on the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Sunday 21st November.

Farewell to Fr Mathew

As announced last Sunday, Fr Mathew will soon be leaving St Mary Magdalens for pastures new – we do not yet know where he will be going or who might be replacing him but this will be announced as soon as possible. It is likely his last Sunday with us will be 31st October, which gives us very little time to organise a farewell as this is all at such short notice. There will be an afternoon tea next Saturday, 30th October, in the new parish room from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. All parishioners are invited: if you would like to come please put your name on the sheet in the narthex, saying how many persons will be coming, and include your mobile number and email address for contact purposes. This will allow us to gauge the numbers to cater for. If you are not attending Mass in person, but would like to come, please email contact@marymagdalens.org and give your name, your mobile number and the number of persons attending.

There is also not much time to arrange for a presentation to Fr Mathew, so we will be holding a collection for him. There is a special box at the back of church marked Fr Mathew's farewell gift. You can also donate direct to the parish bank account using the details at the top of the front page of this newsletter. Please use "Fr Mathew Gift" as the payment reference. If you are a tax payer, your donation can be Gift Aided increasing its value by 25%. To do this, please use one of your Special Collection envelopes if you are an envelope user, or use a "one off" Gift Aid envelope from the narthex if you are not. If you make a donation direct to the bank account, please advise if this can be Gift Aided by email to finance@marymagdalens.org to let the parish accountant know.

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 Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims and Annick Smith.

Parish Anniversaries

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Lillian Park (2008), George Roberts (1974), Doris Butterworth (1981), Alec Rumford (1990), William Swann (1967), Patrick Donnelly (1972), Douglas Robinson (2007) and George Laurencin (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.

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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: Jer. 31:7-9

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 125

Response to the psalm is: *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips were these songs. *℟*

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels
the Lord has worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *℟*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *℟*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. *℟*

Second Reading: Heb. 5:1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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 10:46-52 *Master, let me see again.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Prayer over the Offerings:

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion:

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ Our Lord.