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All Saints Day: 31st October, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Thirty First Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

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
Monday 1 st November	Feria No Mass Today	
Tuesday 2 nd	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	
	10:00 am	Holy Mass
	7:00 pm	Holy Mass
Wednesday 3 rd	Feria No Mass Today	
Thursday 4 th	St Charles Borromeo No Mass Today	
Friday 5 th	Feria	
	No Mass Today	
Saturday 6 th	Feria	
	No Mass Today	
Sunday 7 th – 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass
	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

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected.....the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

The Solemnity of All Saints

This year the 1st November falls on a Monday, so the observation of the Solemnity of All Saints is kept today, 31st October. The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, previously known as All Souls Day, will be celebrated on Tuesday 2nd November. There will be Mass in the morning at 10:00 am and again in the evening at 7:00 pm. You are all warmly encouraged to come to Mass on Tuesday 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.

Weekday Masses This Week

Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week other than on Tuesday.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

Next Sunday, 7th November, the first session of the 2022 First Holy Communion preparation will take place in the parish hall starting at 4:30 pm. This year we have a large group of children: Amelia, Anthony, Armandas, Aukse, Aureja, Caitlin, Caitlin Y., Ciara, Cormac, Danielius, Edvinas, Ella Mae, Evia, Fabrizio, Gustav, Isabel, Izabella, James, Jarune, Jasmine, Jonah, Julian, Kian, Lily, Marius, Noah, Oscar Andrew, Samanta, Stephanie and Vanesa. Please keep these children in your prayers as they start on their journey towards receiving the Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Please also remember their parents and their catechists.

Calling All Gardeners

As we start on the autumn tidy up of our gardens, if anyone is splitting perennial plants or wishes to donate any perennial plants, bulbs, hardy herbs, small shrubs or grasses for the church garden they would be gratefully accepted. Our gardeners led by Chrissie and Paul Riches are trying to re establish and replant some of the borders at the moment. Any plant donations can be left by the new fence next to the new parish room or by the rose on the guild room wall, or if anybody has any plants that need to be collected, please contact Chrissie or Paul who will be happy to collect. Telephone 07758407798 or 07758407791.

150 Club

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

£15	No 40	Mrs C Long	£10	No 179	Mr & Mrs R Cork
£5	No 95	Mrs M Ogden	£5	185	Mrs V Davison

Those who pay their subscription in two 6-monthly instalments are reminded that the second payment for the year is due in October. Thank you to those who have already paid this.

COP 26 Climate Talks

Today we are asked to pray especially for the leaders meeting in Glasgow, including Pope Francis who plans to attend in person, work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet. To assist with this, the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD, have produced a prayer resource, available in the narthex and on the parish web site.

Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission

Next Saturday there will be a special Mass for those affected by infertility celebrated at the church of Our Lady & St Ethelreda, Newmarket. 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.

FIND

The need for support from FIND for the poor and homeless in Ipswich is increasing, and with two of our parishioners active in volunteering with this charity, who last week visited 4 very grateful recipients of varying ages, 2 of whom were living in a room in a shared house and 1 in a homeless hostel, we have first-hand knowledge of the evident need for such help in our town, and with winter coming, the situation is only going to get worse. Whilst grateful for any and all donations received, currently the most needed items are any tinned meat and casseroles, tinned cold meats, Fray Bentos pies, sugar, coffee, teabags, hot chocolate, tinned soups, tinned fruits, and tinned vegetables. Thank you for all the generous contributions received so far.

Farewell to Fr Mathew

Fr Mathew will be leaving St Mary Magdalen parish tomorrow after his four and a half years with us. He is going to a parish in Coventry to continue his recovery, where he will help out the parish priest, but will not have any formal responsibilities. We wish him well and send him on with our love and prayers for a full and permanent return to full health. Fr Paul Spellman, currently assistant priest at St Mary's, Woodbridge Road, will be taking over at St Mary Magdalens and we welcome him to St Mary Magdalens and look forward to his ministry with us.

There has not been much time to arrange for a presentation to Fr Mathew, but we are holding a collection for him. There is a special box to receive your donations 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 Terrence Ferris (1975), Frederick Peck (1972), Stanley Manthorpe (1979), Francis McMahon (2003), Julienne May (2020), Louisa Scott (1962), Doris Parker (1981), Robin Haywood-Farmer (1993), Patrick Walmsley-Cotham (1996), Jessie Maksymiw (2006), Teresa Schofield (2016), Mabel Youngman (1978), Evelyn Murray (1981), Mary Ward (1991), Winifred Flory (1997), Jean Hynes (2011), Alfred Oxley (2020), John Cuffe (1989), Corrado Giudicianni (2011), Walenty Bialobrzycki (1959), Minnie Spooner (1969), Margaret Woods (1993) and Mary Dwyer (1996) 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: All Saints Day: 31st October, 2021.

Entrance Antiphon:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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: Apoc. 7:2-4,9-14 *I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 23:1-6

Response to the psalm is: *Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *℟*

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. *℟*

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
Who seek the face of the God of Jacob *℟*

Second Reading: 1John 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt. 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings:

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so may we experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer after Communion:

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your Grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from the pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ Our Lord.