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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 7th November, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Thirty Second Week of the Year, Year I

Services This Week

Sunday 7 th – 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass
	2:00 pm	Holy Mass – Eastern Orthodox Rite
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
Monday 8 th	Feria 10:00 am Holy Mass – The community of St Mary Magdalen	
Tuesday 9 th	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica No Mass Today	
Wednesday 10 th	St Leo the Great 10:00 am Holy Mass – Pontifical Beda College, Rome	
Thursday 11 th	St Martin of Tours No Mass Today	
Friday 12 th	St Josaphat 7:00 pm Holy Mass – The Deceased Members of the parish	
Saturday 13 th	Feria 10:00 am Holy Mass – The community of St Mary Magdalen	
Sunday 14 th – 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – All the Deceased
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – Private Intention

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 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, Jesus warns us against being like so many of the scribes who wanted to be greeted as if they were on pedestals and better than the everyone else. There are many in our society, and in the Church, who believe that because of their position they are more important than others and therefore should be treated differently.

However, Jesus, in no uncertain terms, tells us that this is wrong. Many may think that they are highly important, but in Christ we are all equal, no matter who we are, what we do, or what role in society or in the Church we fill.

Fr Paul

Fr Paul writes: "I would like to write a quick note to say 'hello' and say that I am both delighted to be joining the community here at St. Mary Magdalen's as well as being excited about working alongside the whole community to build up the Kingdom of God.

I will be moving into the Presbytery as soon as I possibly can; however there is some work that needs to be done before that can happen. I will be in the Presbytery every day, though not for the whole day as I still need to finish my packing at St. Mary's.

Whilst the process of moving takes place, I will be having 'open door time' in the Guild Room next week at the following times. This is to allow anyone that would like to speak to me for any reason to come along; even just to pop in and say hello!

This week's 'open door' times are as follows:

Monday: 11 am until 12 noon.
Wednesday: 11 am until 12 noon.
Friday: 6 pm until 7 pm.
Saturday: 10:30 am until 12 noon.

Please do be patient as we get the house sorted and as I pack-up at St. Mary's. I will be here permanently as soon as possible.

I pray for you and the whole parish each day and ask that you please pray for me too. God bless.

Parish Forum

As one of the first things that I would like to introduce, is a Parish Forum. This, I would like to happen 3 or 4 times a year. Whilst it is quite short notice, I would like the first one to take place during the First Week of Advent.

How will it work?

The Parish Forum will be an open meeting, which any parishioner can attend and it will have an agenda. Items for the agenda can be submitted in advance; I will usually open this up for submission six weeks prior the meeting taking place. There will be a two week period for people to submit their items for the agenda and they will be notified if it has been tabled for the next meeting. Whoever submits an agenda item will be given a period of time during the meeting in which to present their item. This can then be discussed by those who are present.

Nothing will be discussed during the meeting that does not appear on the agenda in advance; and the agenda will be published two weeks before the meeting.

When will our first Forum Meeting happen?

We will have our first Parish Form Meeting on Thursday 2nd December. If you have an item you would like to present, please can you email me, or write to me, detailing your agenda item.

I know the time scale for the first meeting is tight, but it gives me an opportunity to meet people outside of Mass and for us to discuss things as a parish.

This is a great opportunity for our community to come together as we begin this new chapter of service of one another and the Kingdom of God."

First Holy Communion Programme 2022

This afternoon was planned to be the first preparation class of the 2022 First Holy Communion group. However, our lead catechist is currently unavailable due to the arrival of her first child, and with the departure of Fr Mathew and the arrival of Fr Paul, it has been decided to postpone the start of preparation classes until the new year to ensure that the children can be fully and thoroughly prepared for this wonderful occasion. In the mean time, please keep the children in your prayers.

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. Thank you to those who have already provided plants for use in the garden and hall grounds.

COP 26 Climate Talks

As the COP26 Climate Talks continue, we are asked to continue praying for the delegates meeting in Glasgow that they 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.

FIND

FIND has launched this year's Christmas Gift Appeal to bring much needed joy to, literally, hundreds of people (especially children) around Ipswich. In a change from previous years, this year there will not be a FIND giving tree. Instead, FIND is this year appealing for gift donations of store gift cards or vouchers, with a face value of £10 and upwards. Maureen Reynel, founder and chair of trustees, has suggested the following as suitable outlets for voucher gifts: Smyth Toys, Entertainer Toy Shop, Aldi, Co-OP, Sainsbury, Tesco Marks & Spencer, Argos, Primark.

Also seasonal gifts of tins, tubs, boxes of biscuits, sweets and chocolates will be very gratefully received. FIND needs these vouchers and gifts early - as presents need to be bought and distributed - so parishioners are being asked to bring them to Church on November 28th - the First Sunday of Advent.

Farewell to Fr Mathew

Last Saturday, there was a party in the new Garden Room to bid farewell to Fr Mathew. It was a great opportunity to meet and chat with fellow parishioners whilst enjoying a cup of tea and the marvellous spread of sandwiches and cakes laid on for us. Despite Fr Mathew's move happening with very little notice, parishioners held a collection for him which realised £700 which was presented to him by Mr Andrew Ford. Fr Mathew has now gone 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.

Fish and Quiz Night

The *Friends of St Albans* is holding its annual Fish and Quiz night on Friday 19th November in St Albans High School, Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ. The event commences at 7:00 pm with the quiz starting at 7:30. Teams of up to 6 persons can enter, or can be made up on the night if you have less than 6 in your group. The quizmaster for the evening will be Mr Baker. There will be a licensed cash bar and raffle. Advanced booking is essential. Tickets cost £8 per person, which includes supper of fish and chips, sausage and chips or veggie burger and chips, and can be purchased by calling school reception on 01473 726178. All proceeds to *Friends of St Albans*.

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 Cyril Youngman (1998), Ellen McCarthy (2011), Michelina Di Franco (2015), Michael Farrelly (1976), Lillian Shevlin (1985), Catherine English (2007), Irene "Reenie" O'Halloran (2015), Henrietta Haywood-Farmer (1975), Emily McCreery (1987), Peter "Paddy" Pratt (2004), Helen Kerr (2003) and Martin Cresswell (2013) 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: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th November, 2021.

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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: 1Kings 17:10-16 *The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 145:7-10

Response to the psalm is: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *℟*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,

The Lord, who protects the stranger. *℟*

The Lord upholds the widow and the orphan
But thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever
Zion's Go, from age to age. *℟*

Second Reading: Heb. 9:24-28

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 *This poor widow has put in more than all.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' *He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'*

Shorter form: read italicised text.

Prayer over the Offerings:

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he lead me.

Prayer after Communion:

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ Our Lord.