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## ST. MARY MAGDALENE *Apostolorum Apostola*

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene every July 22. It was St. Thomas Aquinas who reserved the special title, *Apostolorum apostla* ("Apostle of the Apostles") to St. Mary Magdalene, saying, "Just as a woman had announced the words of death to the first man, so also a woman was the first to announce to the Apostles the words of life" (*Super Ioannem, ed. Cai, § 2519*).

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the most prominent women in the New Testament. Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born. Scripture introduces

her as a woman "who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out" (Lk 8:2). She was a disciple of Christ, who accompanied and ministered to Him (Lk. 8:2-3) and she was one of the women present at Christ's crucifixion. St. Mary Magdalene is also known to be one of the first witnesses of the Resurrection. The Gospels all describe her as going to the tomb on Easter morning.

Pope Benedict XVI said of St. Mary Magdalene, "The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a

fundamental truth... A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death".

Let us pray, especially at this time, that the witness of St. Mary Magdalene will encourage us to persevere, holding on to our faith in the providence of God, and let us beseech the intercession of her who stood by in the suffering of Our Lord.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

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### Rosters

### Readers

**8:30 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.**

## DONATIONS

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**BSB:** 067-950

**Account:** 00007247

**Name:** Granville Catholic Parish

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration

#### of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

### Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,

11:30 a.m.

### Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 4: G. Pinto,

M. Asiedu, M. Moses, G. Dankwah,

S. Martin, M. Magpayo, C. Elegado,

J. Puni, J. Osei-Yamoah, A. Osei-

Yamoah, L. Tordilla, J. Fili, J. John,

A. Abosh, O. Ifeanyi, J. Raj, S. Joseph

### Readers

**Vigil** Racquel La Rosa, Rosette Chidiac,

Rebecca Hanson

**10:00 a.m.** Reanne Chidiac,

Ingrid Bifulco, Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton, John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, Vincenzo Colosimo, Marcus El-Khoury, Lucy Farrugia, Carmel Galea, Evangeline Grabato, John Graham, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto, Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,  
by the grace of your Holy Spirit  
cure the weaknesses of your servants,  
and mercifully restore them to full health.  
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Susan Abdallah, Teresa Akkary, Wajiha Alwan, Ercilia Apap, Vincent Apap, Lorenza Attwill, Victor Azzopardi, Basil Benjamin, Betty Borg, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Charles Bugeja, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vince Cahill, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Simon Haddad, Tony Haynes, Kelvin Huitt, Joe Joseph, May Joseph, Clair Karaki, Daoud Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Magdalena Mendoza, Haydee Nursoo, Laura Pestano, Peter Pidgeon, Rolando Piniero, Peter Robertson, Charlie Saliba, Joseph Saliba, Julian Saliba, Anna Saunig, Mary Sultana, Tony Sultana, Emmanuel Tabone, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Thank You to James Helou and Fire Fighting Solutions

We owe our thanks to James Helou and Fire Fighting Solutions for his generous work for the parish in servicing and replacing our fire extinguishers. James very generously donated his time and donated, also, new fire extinguishers for both our churches, the presbytery, the parish office, and MacKillop Hall.



We are very grateful to James for his kindness and generosity and for his care and support of the parish.

May almighty God bless him and his family for their service to the parish and to the Church.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

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The new sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year (from July) are now available by the doors of the churches for collection.

Thank you to all those who are a part of this programme for your generosity and your constant care and support of the parish. Your regular donations to the second collection through these envelopes or by direct debit are a tremendous support in helping the parish to meet its costs and to help us to continue to build on our good works.

If you would like to support the parish and to be a part of the planned giving programme, please speak with Fr. Andrew as we would be very grateful to you for your care and support.



Our annual volunteer drive has now come to a close. Thank you to those dedicated parishioners who have offered themselves in service to the parish.

We will soon be in contact with those who have completed a volunteer drive form with further details on the rosters.

Thank you to all those who volunteer and seek to serve the parish. Your commitment to the life of the parish helps us to undertake and to achieve many of our good works.

May almighty God bless you and your families for your kindness and generosity and for your support of the Church and of the parish.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday Evenings at Holy Family Church 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

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As we begin this Year of the Blessed Sacrament, give some of your time in adoration of Our Lord each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church as we pray before Our Lord, truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Sacrifice some of your time in adoration of Our Lord who sacrificed His life for your salvation and so that you may have eternal life and pray for His most abundant graces.

Pray, also, in reparation for the many grievous sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament by those who receive Holy Communion unworthily and those who blaspheme against the truth of the Blessed Sacrament by their sacrilege and irreverence.

## Online Donations in Support of the Parish

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Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website ([holycrossgranville.org.au](http://holycrossgranville.org.au)) using our BPoint facility.

For those who are part of the parish's planned giving programme, your contributions can be made through the website. Just select "Planned Giving" in the dropdown box and include your envelope number.



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Donations can also be made for the Sacraments (such as for Baptism, first Holy Communion and Confirmation), as well as general donations in support of the works of the parish.

As well as this, if you happen to see something that you would like to buy in one of our piety shops, you can easily make payment online using our website. Just select "Piety Store Purchase" in the dropdown box to make payment by debit card or credit card.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.

May almighty God bless you and your families for your kindness and generosity and for your support of the Church and of the parish.

# Eucharistic Miracle of

## ST. MARY OF EGYPT

*This Eucharistic miracle is related in the life of St. Mary of Egypt who lived in the desert for 47 years.*

*The account of her life was written by the Bishop of Jerusalem in the 6th century.*

*St. Mary is said to have walked on the Jordan River to reach the opposite bank and receive Communion from the Monk Zosimus.*



We are told that when St. Mary was twelve years of age she left her parents and went to Alexandria. There she led a very dissolute life for sixteen years. One day she came upon a ship about to set sail with different groups of passengers. She inquired who they might be and where they were going. She was told they were pilgrims sailing toward Jerusalem for the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. She decided to join them. When on the feast day she tried to enter the church, she was seized by a mysterious force. Fearfully she raised her eyes to an image of the Blessed Virgin and was overcome with a deep sorrow for the sinful life she had led until that

day. Only then was she able to make her way into the church and worship the True Cross.

She did not remain in Jerusalem. "If you go across the Jordan you will find peace" was the message of Our Lady. The following day after her confession and Communion she made her way across the Jordan to the desert of Arabia.

There she lived for 47 years in solitude encountering neither men nor beasts. Her skin shrivelled, her hair was long and white, but the promise of the Virgin proved true, she found her peace of soul.

One day she met with the Monk Zosimus and asked him to bring her Communion each year.

One year Zosimus arrived with the Eucharist, but Mary did not show. In great sorrow Zosimus prayed: "Lord, my God, King and Creator of all, do not deprive me of my desire, but grant that I may see this holy woman." While he gave into these thoughts, Mary appeared on the opposite shore and Zosimus was consoled. Then he saw her make the sign of the Cross over the water and walk out on it as though it were dry land.

When a year had passed Zosimus returned but was unable to find the mummified remains of the saintly penitent. A lion had dug her grave and buried the body.

St. Mary of Egypt, pray for us.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church  
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.



### FIRST FRIDAYS

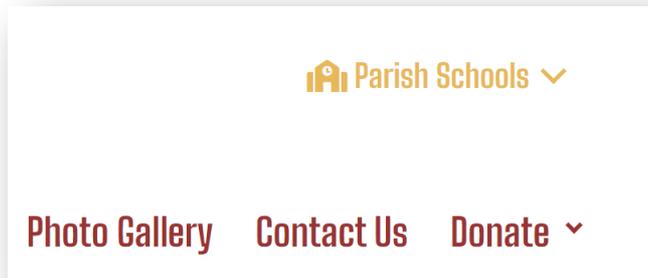
Holy Trinity Church  
7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

YEAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

# Donate Online

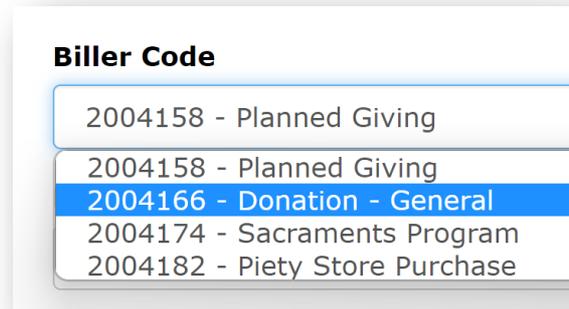
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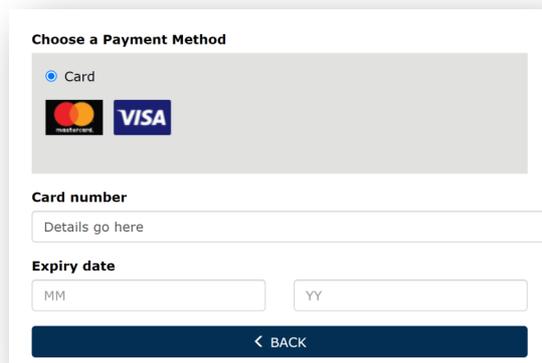
Visit the parish website and select the **DONATE** button from the menu.

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Select the most relevant **Biller Code** and complete your personal details in the form.

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Select your **Payment Method** and type in your credit card details.

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Once you have confirmed your credit card details, **Submit** your payment. A confirmation message will appear with your receipt.



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# Saints & STUFF

## St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. During Our Lord's ministry, it is believed that St. Mary Magdalene followed Him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Him and His Disciples.

St. Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of of contemplative life, converts, glove makers, hairdressers, penitent sinners, people ridiculed for their piety, perfumeries, pharmacists, tanners, and women. Her feast is celebrated on July 22.



## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Common Good*

**1906** By common good is to be understood "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily." The common good concerns the life of all. It calls for prudence from each, and even more from those who exercise the office of authority. It consists of three essential elements:

**1907** ...[R]espect for the person as such... the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person... such as "the right to act according to a sound norm of conscience and to safeguard... privacy, and rightful freedom also in matters of religion."

**1908** ...[T]he social well-being and development of the group itself... accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on.

**1909** ...[P]eace, that is, the stability and security of a just order. It presupposes that authority should ensure by morally acceptable means the security of society and its members. It is the basis of the right to legitimate personal and collective defense.

## The Criminal Whose Prayer Moved Mary's Statue To Hold Him Tight, Saving Him From Execution

A young man, who lived his life as a highway robber, was caught and sentenced to death. The devil, seeing him so upset, appeared to him and said he would free him if he would renounce Christ and the Sacraments. This he did. The devil then said to him that the last thing he must do is to renounce Mary and her protection. But this, he said he would never do, instead saying the prayer his mother taught him: "Blessed Virgin, help me in the hour of my death."

On his way to the gallows, passing by a statue of Mary, he prayed to her with his usual prayer: "Blessed Virgin, help me in the hour of my death", and the statue, in the presence of everyone, bowed its head and saluted him. Deeply moved, he begged to be allowed to kiss the feet of the statue. The executioners refused but afterwards gave in because of the clamour of the people. The young man stooped to kiss her feet, and Mary extended her arm from that statue, took him by the hand and held him so strongly that no man could move him. At this the crowd demanded that he be pardoned, and with this, he was set free and went on to lead life devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Source: "The Glories of Mary" by St. Alphonsus Liguori (taken from CatholicSay.com)

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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### The Readings

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#### Introit (Ps. 53:6, 8)

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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#### First Reading

##### The Book of Genesis (18:1-10)

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

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#### Responsorial Psalm

(Ps. 14:2-5. R. v. 1)

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

#### Second Reading

##### The Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (1:24-28)

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

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#### Gospel Acclamation (Lk. 8:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word  
with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance.  
Alleluia!

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#### Gospel of Luke (10:38-42)

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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#### Communio (Ps. 110:4-5)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,  
has made a memorial of his wonders;  
he gives food to those who fear him.

“ *Once you understand the Eucharist,  
you can never leave the Church.  
Not because the Church won't let you  
but because your heart won't let you.* ”