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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

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, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:45 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,

11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Readers

4:30 p.m. readers needed

8:30 a.m. readers needed

5:00 p.m. readers needed

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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.

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.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 4: A. Quinlan,

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. Jasmine Miranda,

Raphaella Chidiac, Mary Georges

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, 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

Rev. Fr. Carl Ashton, Therese Akkary, Semaan Alwan, Nieves Arribas, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi, So Si Beng, Betty Borg, Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul Bradbery, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Joe Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Giovanna Mondello, Joseph Nammour, Haydee Nursoo, Peter Pidgeon, Peter Robertson, Sultaneh Salhab, Raffaele Scaturchio, Emanuel Tabone, Peter Tuu Van Tran, Joseph Vella, Peter Duc Van Vu, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



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

Safeguarding Training Face-to-Face

The Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Safeguarding have organised face-to-face training sessions for parish volunteers to complete their mandatory safeguarding modules.

The next available session is on Saturday, 22 July from 12:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills. By attending this session, you will be able to complete all three compulsory modules.

If you would like to register to attend this session please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org.

For those who would prefer to complete the training online and in their own time, please visit safeguarding.org.au/safeguarding-training.

New Planned Giving Sets of Envelopes Available at the Doors of the Church

The new sets of planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available by the doors of the churches.

Thank you to those kind parishioners who are a part of the parish's planned giving programme and who contribute every week to the support of the parish, either by using the envelopes or by direct debit. Your generosity enables the parish to meet its costs and to plan for works including repairs and maintenance, utility costs, and insurance as well as for other costs such as supplies for the Masses, catechist books, our processions and other liturgical and devotional events.

If you would like to be a part of the planned giving programme and receive a set of envelopes, or to arrange a direct debit, please speak with the parish office.

Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Those Suffering Cancer Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Holy Family Church

This Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church we will pray the holy Rosary and have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for those who are suffering cancer and for their families.

There are many people in the parish who have been diagnosed with cancer and who suffer this terrible disease. In support of them and to seek divine intercession, we will offer our prayers by the Rosary and before the Blessed Sacrament.

Please join us and show your support for those suffering and to offer your prayers beseeching the intercession of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Cleaning of Holy Family Church Saturday at 11:15 a.m.

Fr. Andrew will be cleaning Holy Family Church this Saturday at 11:15 a.m. He is asking for parishioners to join him to help clean the church that morning.

It is hoped that, in this way, more people will come forward to volunteer to clean Holy Family Church on a regular basis. As we have been asking, and as announced through the annual volunteer drive, we are looking for at least 40 people to form groups of around ten people to clean the church once a month. So far, we have 6 people who have volunteered to clean the church regularly and so we are looking for at least 34 more people.

And a reminder that we are still calling on people to volunteer to read at Mass and for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Holy Family Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Sunday Evening at Holy Family Church

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which was introduced as a part of the Holy Cross Parish Year of the Blessed Sacrament, continues each Sunday evening at Holy Family Church, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Join us as we pray before the real presence of Our Lord—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—seeking the abundant graces that flow from the Blessed Sacrament and in reparation for the many sins committed against the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion.

Liturgical Formation Classes

The Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Worship will be holding liturgical ministry formation classes in September. These classes are for those currently involved as a liturgical minister or for those interested in serving as a liturgical minister, such as a reader at Mass or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

If you are interested in attending these classes or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit their website to download an enrolment form at officeforworship.org.au.

The classes will be held on Monday evenings at the Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

Holy Family Church Cleaners' and Readers' Rosters Available

The rosters for cleaners and readers at Holy Family Church are available for collection in the sacristy.

HOLY ROSARY *and*
ADORATION *of the* BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN PRAYER *for* THOSE SUFFERING CANCER



THIS THURSDAY *at 6:00 p.m.*
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Join us as we pray for those of our parish
who are suffering cancer
so that they may be consoled and strengthened

*"You shall worship the Lord your God...
and I will take sickness away from among you."*

Exodus 23:25



A synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

The Diocese of Parramatta synod will be held from 12-15 October, A.D. 2023.

The synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across the diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the people of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

To make a submission to the synod, visit

parracatholic.org/synod2023

Submissions close 31 July.



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\$25

Can provide **friendship and support** through a weekly yarning circle.



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Can provide a **fresh vegetable box** for a struggling family.



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Can teach people **computer and technology skills**.



\$100

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Can provide **counselling** for people experiencing emotional and financial hardship.



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Can provide **44 caseworker hours of practical and emotional support** for people in need.

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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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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 16:15)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

The Prophet Isaiah (55:10-11)

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8)

R. The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. R.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. R.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

Second Reading

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:18-23)

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (13:1-9)

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 83:4-5)

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.



"Behold, I am doing a new thing"

Isaiah 43:19

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