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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.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,  
11:00 a.m.

### Rosters

### Church and Toilets Cleaning

*waiting for volunteers*

### Flower Arranging

*requesting volunteers to form groups of  
at least 2 people to arrange flowers for  
the sanctuary*

## SOCIAL MEDIA



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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** Rebecca Hanson, Ingrid Bifulco,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Armani Barakat,  
Raphaella Chidiac, Sisters

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann  
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,  
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,  
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese  
Khalil, Kay King, Jacob Lee, Josephine Magro, Ester Matos,  
Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy  
O'Connor, 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.*

## IN MEMORIAM

John Anjoul, Najibeh Malkoun Assaad, Victor Azzopardi,  
Carmen Bonello, Betty Borg, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick  
Cahill, Gwen Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Les Camilleri, Maria  
Rebecca Dinh, John Drake, Nazirah El-Hallal, Salim El-Hallal,  
Alan Frost, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, John Graham, Joe  
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Albert Ho, Salim Karaki, Paul  
Karam, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La Rosa, Frouzine  
Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun,  
Crising Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Sam Munro, Joseph  
Nammour, Jack Newell, Hazel Jean Newell, Tony Newell,  
Samuel Pickering, Peter Pidgeon, Flory Pinto, Sultaneh Salhab,  
Emanuel Tabone, Maria Ho Thi Ti, John Timbs, John Toye,  
Carmelo Vella, Bich Lien Vo, Phero Vu Van Vuong, George  
Wardan, Tony Wardan, Phyllis Webb, William Yott, Dib Zaiter.



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

## **Thank You St. Joseph's Table Appeal**

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Thank you to all those who so generously supported the parish's annual St. Joseph's Table Appeal with donations of food, drinks, toiletries, blankets and warm clothing, as well as money, and to those who helped to sort through these and to prepare hampers.

These hampers have now been distributed to those in the parish and in the broader community who are in need of support.

Your kindness and your generosity have helped many families who are suffering. Your support is not only a sign of your love for Our Lord but also for His people. We must always remember that whatever we do in the name of the Lord, even those things which may seem to us or to others as small, is magnified by the grace of God. May God bless all those who have helped with this appeal.

## **Flower Arrangement Groups for Holy Family Church**

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Parishioners are asked to volunteer to form groups of at least two people to arrange flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family Church. The groups will be rostered for Saturday mornings after the 9:15 a.m. Mass and will be responsible for buying and donating the flowers, arranging the flowers for the sanctuary and removing the flowers from the previous week.

Thank you to the eight people who have already volunteered for this work. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. This means there are four groups but it also means that flowers can only be arranged every two or three weeks.

**If there are to be flowers decorating the sanctuary every week, as people want, then we need many more people to volunteer.**

## **Annual Procession in Honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, 15 August**

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On Thursday, 15 August, as the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the parish will hold its annual candlelight procession in honour of this day.

Following Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. the procession will form and walk to Holy Family Church.

To help with the procession, we are asking for people to volunteer as safety marshalls whose role it will be to help people to cross the roads safely and to help guide the procession. If you would like to help with this then please speak with Fr. Andrew.

The parish bus will be available to take people from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and the procession and then to take people back to Holy Trinity Church after the procession. Thank you to Joe Chidiac for once again arranging this for us.

Please join us as we honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on this most holy day as we take our faith to the streets as a sign of our gratitude to Almighty God for all that He does for us and also as a witness to our holy Catholic faith.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation, meaning that all are obligated to attend Mass on that day (except for those legitimately unable to do so because of their age or their health). On that day there will be two Masses said for the solemnity. The first being at Holy Family Church at 9:15 a.m. and the second at Holy Trinity Church at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a vigil Mass the evening before (which fulfils the obligation to attend Mass) which will be said at Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.

## **Important Holy Mass Intentions Reminder**

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A reminder that if you would like a particular Mass offered for an intention, please speak with Fr. Andrew at least 4 weeks in advance. There are many intentions requested and it is not always possible to fulfill a request for a particular Mass unless there is sufficient time allowed. Please do not write your request for a specific day and time on an envelope and leave it in a collections box, but speak directly with Fr. Andrew.

## **The Catholic Foundation "Good Samaritan Appeal" for Catholic Care**

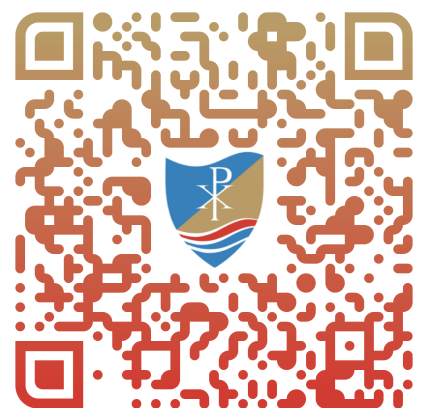
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The Catholic Foundation is holding its annual "Good Samaritan Appeal". This year's appeal is in support of Catholic Care's "Project Elizabeth" which provides support to women facing difficulties during pregnancy and motherhood.

You can donate by making a contribution to this appeal by using the envelopes on the pews and placing these in either of the collections.

To make a donation online, visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au) or scan the QR code below.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this appeal for your kindness and support which is greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times for many people.





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CANDLELIGHT  
PROCESSION  
*in Honour of the*  
ASSUMPTION  
*of the*  
BLESSED  
VIRGIN  
MARY

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Thursday, 15 August

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Holy Mass at 6:00 *p.m.*  
at Holy Trinity Church  
followed by procession  
to Holy Family Church

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Join us on the evening of Thursday, 15 August as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a candlelight procession from Holy Trinity Church to Holy Family Church.

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The parish bus will be available to carry parishioners from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church for Mass and from Holy Family Church to Holy Trinity Church following the procession.

*We are inviting parishioners to assist with this procession by forming groups of four people to help carry the platform on which will stand the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*If you would like to be a part of this,  
please speak with Fr. Andrew.*



**Together  
we can keep  
the faith alive**



## **Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians**

In fact, we are the only international Catholic charity dedicated to this mission.



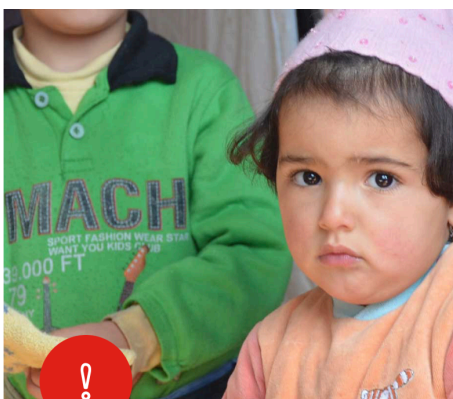
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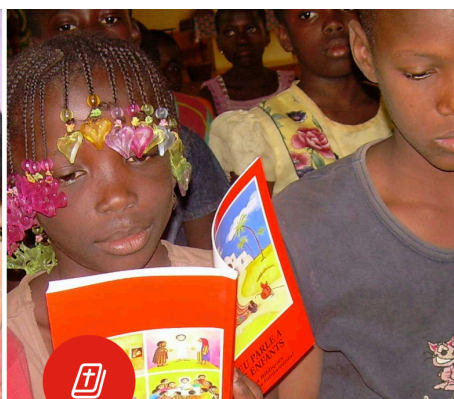
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## ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.



# 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

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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 Prophet Jeremiah** (23:1-6)

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered—it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds—it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost—it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

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**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps. 22. R. v. 2*)

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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 leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

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**Second Reading**

**The Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians** (2:13-18)

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

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**Gospel Acclamation** (*Jn. 10:27*)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**The Gospel of Mark** (6:30-34)

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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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.