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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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**PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'**

## 16th Sunday of Year C, 17th July 2022

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday

No public Mass

#### Tuesday – Saturday

9am

#### Friday

7pm (Polish)

#### Sunday

10:30am (English)

1pm (Polish)

### CONFESSIONS

#### Saturday

9:30am (after Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

The just will live  
in the presence of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Open our hearts,  
O Lord,  
to accept the words  
of your Son

### Message from Fr Bogdan

**Dear Parishioners  
and Friends of St Mary Magdalene,**

I am very happy to have been appointed your new Parish Administrator after the death of Mgr Charles Hendry. Let's continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul, asking the Good Lord to reward him for the great work he accomplished in this parish community entrusted to him. I am looking forward to getting to know you more and to praying and working with you. I am sure that, with God's help, our faith and love, patience and understanding, these will be things that help us to come closer together and to grow as a community of faith.

At St Mary Magdalene Parish, we are committed to inviting and supporting every parishioner to become a disciple of Christ, building God's Kingdom through our prayer and service.

Working together we will seek to build a strong parish community where all feel welcome and inspired by the Gospel message to live God's mission with faith, hope and love. As I come to St Mary Magdalene, the Polish Community are also moving with me, and that movement should enriched our parish culturally, spiritually and financially. If there is anything I can do to help you in your journey with God, please do not hesitate to contact me. We will seek to offer as many opportunities for parishioners to come together in faith as possible.

I pray that you may feel comfortable and find warmth, encouragement and spiritual growth in our parish and I look forward to getting to know you personally in the weeks and months ahead. May God bless you and your family.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,**

**Fr Bogdan Palka SDS**

### St Mary Magdalene's Patron of our Parish Community

On Friday 22nd July we will be celebrated Patronal Festival of St Mary from Magdala. The figure of St Mary Magdalene, whose feast we have the joy of celebrating this week, is one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament. Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born.

She is described as a woman who had suffered from demonic possession and from whom Jesus had expelled seven demons (see Mk 16:9; Lk 8:2). She is also prominently mentioned as one of the women

who accompanied Jesus in His ministry (cf. Lk 8:2). She was a witness of the Crucifixion (cf. Mt 27:56; Jn 19:25), of Jesus' burial (cf. Mt 27:61; Mk 15:47), and of the empty tomb (cf. Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-8; Lk 24:10). After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to her alone at the tomb (cf. Mk 16:9; Jn 20:1-18).

In the Western tradition, Mary Magdalene eventually became identified with the sinful woman of Luke 7:37-50 as well as Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (see Lk 10:38-42; Jn 11). The first reading from the book of the Song of Songs, not only enshrines the love between man and woman but is, above all, the symbolic expression of God's love for his people. Nevertheless, in the context of today's celebration, it can be said to be an allegori-

cal illustration of Mary Magdalene's ardent seeking of Christ, the one whom her heart loves. With her ardent love for Jesus, remains faithful even after the Calvary tragedy. She 'stubbornly' seeks him out, and even the empty tomb does not discourage her as we see in today's gospel reading.

This woman is a symbol of all the souls that seek Christ, knowing that she has

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of the souls  
of all those whose  
anniversaries occur about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

## SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 18th  
St James

Tuesday 19th  
Memorial of  
St Joachim and St Anne

Wednesday 20th  
*16th week of the year*

Thursday 21st  
*16th week of the year*

Friday 22nd  
Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Saturday 23rd  
*16th week of the year*

nothing to offer but tears of love. Thus, the Risen and Glorious Lord allows himself to be found by anyone who seeks Him. But we will only recognize Him when He calls us by name (as He did to Mary Magdalene) and makes us realize that He knows us more deeply than we think.

The meeting will fill us with joy and make us live a new life transfigured by the Lord. Therefore, Mary Magdalene is portrayed, in the episodes after the Resurrection, as the first of the apostles in the sense that she was the first to announce the Resurrection of Christ, having been "sent" by Christ to do so.

Therefore, we are called, like Mary, to witness to the world, by virtue of our baptismal vocation, with words and deeds, that Christ has truly risen and that He is alive and at work today. For us, Mary Magdalene is a model of ardent, faithful, reverent love, a love that does not know and does not want to be far from the One who loves her and gave up his life for all sinners. May we, like St Mary Magdalene, embrace our condition as 'apostles,' that is, sent to announce the Good News to the whole world: that Christ is alive, and it is only through Him that we have access to the Father and a safe way to eternal life.

Above all, like Mary Magdalene, may our hearts continually long, thirst, and pine for God like a dry, weary land without water until we rest in God.

### Priest's Musing

A young businessman had just started his own firm. He rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office.

Wishing to appear busy, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working. He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?" The man said, "Sure. I've come to install the phone!"

## Holy Mass on the Feast of St Mary Magdalene



in  
**St Mary Magdalene's  
Church**

**Friday  
22nd July**

**7pm  
(vigil on Thursday)**

**9am  
7pm (Polish)**

**ALL WELCOME**

**ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass