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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

## 28th Sunday of Year C - 9th October 2022

### MASS SCHEDULES

**Monday**  
No public Mass

**Tuesday – Saturday**  
9am

**Friday**  
7pm (Polish)

**Sunday**  
10am (English)  
12noon (Polish)

### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday**  
9:30am (after Mass)  
or call to make an appointment.



**Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time.**

By his healing of the lepers, Jesus is shouting, "This is who God is!" - God is "healing, liberating, saving on all levels of reality." (R. Viladesau) God not only healed the lepers physically. Their full and complete life in community was given back to them. So it is perhaps not so surprising that Jesus seemed a bit shocked when only one leper returned to give his humble thanks, throwing himself at Jesus' feet. "Didn't I heal ten lepers-how is it that this outsider, this Samaritan is the only one who comes back to give thanks for having his life given back to him?"

Brother David Steindl-Rast believes that gratefulness can move all of humanity forward. Gratefulness is "our full appreciation of something altogether unearned, utterly gratuitous: life, existence, ultimate belong-

ing." Literally, to be grateful as a way of being brings us a "great full-ness" of life, blessing, and goodness. Gratitude is a habit recommended by every spiritual tradition.

Recent science has also confirmed what we've known for centuries-that counting your blessings really does change your perspective. It's not just that we should feel grateful; feeling grateful changes us. Gratitude is a recognition that, when my feet hit the floor in the morning, my heart lifts up to God, because without God's grace, I would not have this moment of life--never mind trying to get through another day! With this attitude, we can even be grateful for the unpleasant or upsetting things that happen, because we see it with God's eyes instead of our own.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

**God bless you all!**  
**Fr Bogdan SDS**

### For today's Mass

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and there are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of Cecilia Small  
and for all those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

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

## Important Memorials

Memorials can be dedicated in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion—birthdays, anniversaries, living and dead etc... or for your own special intention by ordering a Holy Mass. Offering a stipend for a Mass intention is a way of contributing to the upkeep of your priest. It is a donation. Thank you for all your orders!

### Priest's Musing

A husband was engrossed in a magazine while his wife was reading the newspaper. Suddenly, she burst out laughing. "Get this" she said. "Some guy put an ad in here offering to swap his wife for season tickets to the stadium."

"Hmmmmm," her husband mumbled, still engrossed in his magazine. Wanting to test him, she asked, "Would you swap me for season tickets?" "Absolutely not!" "Tell me why not." Heck, the season's more than half over!" he said.

## Sunday Collections Thank You!!!

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Last Sunday's Collection:  
2nd October - £762.22.

**Next Sunday Second Collection  
is for the Parish Expenses.**

## SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 10th October  
28th Week of the Year

Tuesday 11th October  
28th Week of the Year

Wednesday 12th October  
28th Week of the Year

Thursday 13th October  
28th Week of the Year

Friday 14th October  
28th Week of the Year

Saturday 15th October  
**Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin and the Doctor of the Church**

## The Month of the Rosary

What is the connection between this autumn month with what is probably the most important and popular devotional form in the world? October is the month of the holy rosary. The liturgical calendar itself reminds us about all of the holidays and celebrations we can associate with a particular form of devotion during the whole year. Not just that, the calendar of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite identifies a devotion for each month, related to particular holidays and commemorations celebrated during that month. Therefore, January is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus; February is dedicated to the Holy Family; March is dedicated to Saint Joseph; April to the Eucharist; May to the Virgin Mary; June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; July to the Most Precious Blood; August to God Father Almighty and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; September to the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; October to the Holy Rosary; November to the souls in the Purgatory and to the dead; December to the Advent, Christmas and the Immaculate Conception. It would be interesting to deepen the reasons that led to the affirmation of such devotions in the given months throughout the centuries. However, it is not always easy. Devotions have developed throughout time, throughout centuries of Church, and they vary from country to country. Some of them also gained a folklore aspect in time, such as the popular feasts dedicated to Saints, to Jesus and Mary, often merging with previous traditions, in a mix of religious fervour and local

festivity. For sure, devotions are so strictly tied to the human side of the Church that they are an essential element, especially in their popular and communitarian dimension.

## SVdP appeal for the new members

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a world wide organisation of Catholic lay people. Its members express their Christian faith in a practical way by providing help, material, spiritual and emotional, to all those in need, on a person-to-person basis. The Society has been providing this charitable work in the city of Perth and surrounding areas for over 160 years and, although much has changed since, the need for the Society is still very relevant today. Membership is open to all Catholics over the age 16, men and women alike.

The Society operates via Conferences established within parishes. St Mary Magdalene's Conference is twinned with St John the Baptist Conference and meets fortnightly on Monday evenings in St John's Church Hall. We are engaged in a variety of charitable works – assisting the homeless, home and hospital visits to the sick and so on. For instance we recently set up, in co-operation with the local foodbank, a scheme to help vulnerable families with their energy costs. If you are interested in joining the Society and helping in its work, please speak to your Parish Priest, who will put you in touch with a local member of the Society.

## October's Queen

When the grass was springing,  
When the fields were gay,  
When the winds were singing  
All the happy day,  
Then we gathered 'round thee,  
Mother dear, and crown'd thee  
With the brightest blossoms  
Of the meads of May.  
Now that the winds are grieving  
Over the summer dead,  
All the woodlands reaving  
Of their riches red,  
Once again we're kneeling,  
To thy heart appealing,  
Twining other garlands  
For thy holy head.  
Rosy crowns we wrought thee  
In thy month of flow'rs,  
Rosy crowns we brought thee  
From the Maytime bow'rs.  
But when roses fail us,  
Rosaries avail us;  
'Tis with these we crown thee  
In October hours. – Denis A. McCarthy

**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