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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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## 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C, 17th July 2016

# True discipleship

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighbourliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbour requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.



St Mary Magdalene

*Come along  
and celebrate our  
patronal feastday*

Friday 22nd July

MASS

8am and 7pm

## Our first Patronal FEASTDAY

# St Mary Magdalene - Friday 22nd July

*Pope Francis has decided to raise the celebration of St Mary Magdalene's memorial to a feast day.*

*Archbishop Arthur Roche, the Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship, said in his announcement of the change that it emphasised "the dignity of women, the New Evangelisation, and the greatness of the mystery of Divine Mercy".*

*The status of a feast is higher than a memorial, but below a solemnity (such as Corpus Christi or Ss Peter and Paul). The celebrations of the apostles are feast days, as are commemorations of some other major saints such as St Lawrence.*

*Archbishop Roche noted that St Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the Resurrection, leading St Thomas Aquinas to call her the "Apostle of the Apostles" (Apostolo-*

*rum Apostola). The bishop said: "St Mary Magdalene is an example of true and authentic evangelisation; she is an evangelist who announces the joyful central message of Easter."*

*The bishop added that the Pope's decision was also related to the Year of Mercy. "The Holy Father Francis took this decision precisely in the context of the Jubilee of Mercy to signify the importance of this woman who showed a great love for Christ and was much loved by Christ," said Archbishop Roche.*

*In Catholic tradition, Mary Magdalene is identified with the "woman of the city" who, in the Gospels, comes into the house of Simon the Pharisee and washes the feet of Christ with her tears. Christ tells Simon: "I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."*

## 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.

## AROUND PERTH

### Sunday Mass in

**St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie**

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday)

7am - Wednesday

### Sunday Mass in

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham**

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

### Sunday Mass in

**St Mary's, Kinnoull**

10am

### Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Autis Häkli and Chrissie Walker and the souls of all the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

## FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK

### Wednesday 20th

St Apollinaris

Bishop, Martyr

### Thursday 21st

St Laurence of Brindisi

Priest, Doctor

### Friday 22nd

St Mary Magdalene

### Saturday 23rd

St Bridget of Sweden

Religious

## Collection

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £225.40 - and the Apostleship of the Sea - £50.

## Holiday bulletins

Thanks to last week's bulletin 'scribe'.

## Prayer for the Year of Mercy



*Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Justice and Peace

*The Church is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of love; and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love. She is the people of God immersed in the world.*

**Evangelii Nuntiandi 15.3**

## Race Night

Our Lady of Lourdes parish are holding a Race Night in St John's Church Hall on Friday 29th July- starting at 7pm - in aid of the Church Hall building Fund.

Tickets are £5 (inc. buffet and a glass of wine) - wine will also be available on the night - also BYOB.

For tickets - please see Joan Sweeney.

## Permanent Diaconate Ordination for Krzy

Krzysztof Jablonski will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon on Thursday 4th August, by Bishop Stephen Robson in St Andrew's Cathedral Dundee at 7pm.

A coach from the parish will be organised by St John's and if you would like to join us please add your name to the list at the back of St John's.



## Catholic Papers

Catholic newspapers the Scottish Catholic Observer, Catholic Herald, Catholic Times etc are available in the church porch - please take copies and share them with the wider community.

**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 Mgr Hendry after Mass