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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

17th Sunday of Year C, 24th July 2022

MASS SCHEDULES and CHANGES

Monday

No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday

9am

Friday

7pm (Polish)

Sunday

10.30am (English)

1pm (Polish)

and

from Sunday 7th August

10am

12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

9:30am (after Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

The Word was made flesh
and lived among us,
to all who did accept him,
he gave power to become
children of God.



**Dear Parishioners and Friends
of our parish, we are so happy
that you could join us today to
celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.**

Jesus reminds us that when we pray, the door will open because we already have an intimate love relationship with God; that of a child to its beloved mother or father. There's one problem. Many times, we don't feel like the children of the Divine One; maybe we feel disconnected, numb, or too small, hurt, guilty, or unworthy even to ask God for something in prayer.

But as they say in Marriage Encounter, "Feelings are neither right nor wrong—they just 'are.'" When it comes to prayer, it is so much like mother's milk, the life-line which keeps our love flowing. We need to lay aside any feelings like fear or guilt, and simply listen to Jesus. St Paul today says that even when we were dead in our sins, Jesus nailed all of our faults and failings to the cross. So, listen when Jesus says, "Whoever you are, not only is it OK to pray, I'm telling you, will you listen to me? Knock, and the door

will be opened. Seek, and you will find; ask, and you will receive..."

Persistence is the key. If it is a real love relationship, then it's going to be a process. It will have its hot and cold spots, sometimes it will feel like hell, but God is in it with us, and we are both in it for the long haul. The great joy of prayer is that we never have to be afraid to ask, seek, doubt, or try.

Even when we don't feel anything happening, genuine prayer can rise up from the painful and dark places in our lives. This is the very time we should be coming to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, when we feel like we're not passing the course on love—because that is when we need the prayer of others around us most. We need to believe that our community will "supply faith" and strength, when our voice alone is too weak to cry out for bread at midnight. Have a great week—stay well and be happy.

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

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the soul
of Catriona Welsh and
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.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 25th
Feast of St James

Tuesday 26th
Memorial of
Sts. Joachim and St Anne

Wednesday 27th
17th Week of the Year

Thursday 28th
17th Week of the Year

Friday 29th
Memorial of
Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Saturday 30th
17th Week of the Year

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!

Collections

Sunday's Collection July 3rd—£162.11
Sunday's Collection July 10th – £195.00
Sunday's Collection July 17th – £372.30

Bishop's Mensal Fund

There will be a Special Collection on Sunday 31st July for the Bishop's Mensal Fund.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**In response to the request of
many of our parishioners
we will celebrate Sunday
Mass as it was in the past
at 10am starting from
7th August 2022.**

**Please, share this message
with those you know
that attend our services.**

Priest's Musing

As Joan was getting to know her boyfriend Kyle's family, she was very impressed by how much his parents loved each other. "They're so thoughtful," Joan said. "Why, your mom told me that your dad brings a fresh cup of coffee to her in bed every morning." Eventually, Joan and Kyle were engaged, and then married. On the way from the wedding to the reception, Joan again remarked on Kyle's loving parents, and even the coffee in bed ritual. "Tell me," she said, "does it run in the family?" It sure does," replied Kyle, "and, I take after my mom."

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's parish we are committed to inviting and supporting every parishioners 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. Coming to St Mary Magdalene, the Polish Community are also moving with me, and that movement should enrich 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

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