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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

## 18th Sunday of Year C, 31st 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

Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.

#### Gospel Acclamation

How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven .



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

The wealthy man in the Gospel today thought that he had all the control he would ever need. He saw his wealth as a way of controlling the world around him; in other words, as long as he had stored up plenty of grain and goods, he could sit back complacently and say, "I'm in great shape for the future. Now I can just relax, eat, drink, and be merry!"

Well, didn't our stockbrokers tell us we could say the same thing a few years ago, when we were getting good returns on our stock investments?

So we get a small shock when God uses language that humans have been warned not to use: "You fool! You're going to die tonight and someone else will get it all... but that's how it is when you store up wealth for yourself-but are not rich in what matters to God."

We don't need to apologize for having

money in the bank but what does it really mean to become rich in what matters to God?

Let's compare this Gospel with the Martha and Mary story we heard two weeks ago. There, Martha asked Jesus to "tell my sister Mary to help me prepare the meal." But Jesus surprised Martha by defending Mary, who was sitting at his feet, listening and learning. Martha had a rich opportunity to sit down with the Bread of Life and receive the words of life, but she was so distracted and fretful that she could not "see the forest for the trees."

Our culture also glorifies over-achieving, overwork, and busy-ness. Think back over your last week-how often were you in 'control mode', distracted and harried? Or so focused on your vision of achieving, you couldn't let go, and 'let God'. Jesus is reaching out to all of us, male and female, and reminding us to claim the 'better part' for ourselves. And the 'best part', if we choose it, is to live in the word of God, and become rich in the things that matter to God.

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

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, Rhonda Hagan and Eddie Smith (Australia), 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 1st August  
Memorial  
of St Alphonsus Liguori

Tuesday 2nd August  
18th Week of the Year

Wednesday 3rd August  
18th Week of the Year

Thursday 4th August  
Memorial of  
St John Mary Vianney

Friday 5th August  
18th Week of the Year

Saturday 6th August  
The Feast of the Transfiguration

## 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 24th—£560.76

## Bishop's Mensal Fund

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**In response to the request of many of our parishioners, we celebrate Sunday Mass today, at 10.30am, for the last time.**

**Starting from next Sunday, 7th August 2022, Mass will be back at the original time of 10am.**

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

## Priest's Musing

At his request each morning, three-year-old Ray's mother pinned a bath towel to the back shoulders of his size two T-shirt. Immediately in his young imaginative mind the towel became a brilliant magic blue and red cape. And he became Superman. Outfitted each day in his "cape," Ray's days were packed with adventure and daring escapades. He was Superman after all.

This fact was clearly pointed out last fall when his mother enrolled him in nursery class. During the course of the interview, the teacher asked Ray his name. "Superman," he answered politely and without pause. The teacher smiled, cast an appreciative glance at his mother, and asked again, "Your real name, please." Sensing he'd have to play straight with the teacher, Ray slid his eyes around the room, hunched closer to her, and patting a corner of the frayed towel at his shoulder, answered in a voice hushed with conspiracy, "Clark Kent."



On Saturday 6th August we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing.

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the Transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light."

This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the Transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil." The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as "the light of the world," and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light.

"In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!" It is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness.

**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