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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

## 19th Sunday of Year C, 7th July 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.

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

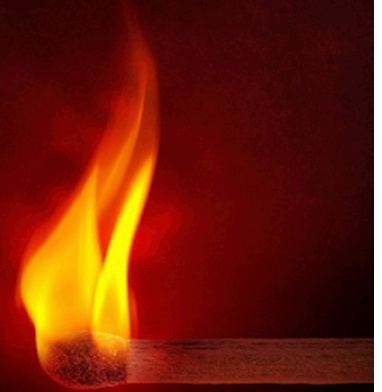
Happy the people  
the Lord has chosen as his own.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, Father  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing  
the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.

**Where your  
treasure is,  
there your  
heart will be.**

**Luke 12:34**



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

“Star Trek” was an amazingly popular TV series, with all its spin-offs and movies. Often they'd send the crew back in time, and Captain Picard or Counsellor Troi would end with a wise statement about how we must know our history in order to prepare for our future.

Our Christian future emerged out of the strong faith of our Hebrew ancestors, starting with Abraham and Sarah. We should pay attention to them if we want to know how to go into the future.

Because Abraham and Sarah listened when God spoke and did what God asked them to do. Instead of maps and a GPS, they fixed their eyes on the future God promised them. Even when God's promises seemed impossible, Sarah and Abraham kept their faith.

Our Hebrew ancestors died before they saw the promised future in full, but as St

Paul says, they “saw (the future) and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth.”

Wait a minute. We are the strangers and aliens? I hope that's not a scary thought, because it means that this is not our real home. St Paul says we need to “desire a better homeland, a heavenly one,” as our ancestors did. We are not owners on this earth—we are merely renters.

God calls us to get up each day and “boldly go where no one has gone before” – on a mission into the unknown future with Jesus. “Do not be afraid, but stay awake, remember your duty, and be ready the hour the Master returns.”

That could be the hour of critical decision-making, the hour of death, or the hour of the Lord's return—just fix your eyes on God's promises, and believe in God's faithfulness.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

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

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of the soul  
Marvic Santucci  
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 8th August  
Memorial of St Dominic

Tuesday 9th August  
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,  
Virgin and Martyr,  
Co-Patron of Europe

Wednesday 10th August  
St Lawrence  
Deacon and Martyr

Thursday 11th August  
Memorial of  
St Clare  
Virgin

Friday 12th August  
19th Week of the Year

Saturday 13th August  
19th 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 31st—£469.80

## Bishop's Mensal Fund

The Special Collection for the Bishop's Mensal Fund raised £183.31.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**From today we celebrate  
Sunday Mass at 10am.**

**We are back at the original  
time of 10am.**

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

## Priest's Musing

A minister was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age. The group had surrounded a dog. Concerned if the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighbourhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog." Of course, the minister was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten-minute sermon against lying. He preached, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie. When I was your age, I never told a lie." There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the minister was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

## Big Thanks!

On behalf of the Parish Community and myself I would like to thank all the Ladies who spent all last week coming in daily to give our church and the sacristy a deep clean, and also the group who have transformed our garden around the church and the presbytery – a big Thank You!!!

May God bless you all and your Families.

Fr Bogdan

## NOTHING BETTER

Nothing . . . is sweeter  
than love; nothing higher,  
nothing stronger, nothing  
larger, nothing fuller,  
nothing better,  
in heaven or on earth.

*Thomas à Kempis*

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, PERTH

*invites you to*

## A Musical Evening with Michael Ellacott

**7pm, Friday 19th August**

**Admission £5**  
*payable at church door  
on the night.*

Refreshments and raffle  
all in aid of the church  
renovation funds.

**ALL ARE 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*