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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

## 24th Sunday of Year C - 11th September 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.



Return of the Prodigal Son by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo c.1670

**Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate The 24th Sunday in Ordinary time.**

Why rejoice in a sinner? Because God's love is constantly bubbling up, filling us, overflowing, constant, and absolutely unconditional. Ask any mother or father who has loved, and loved, and loved a son or daughter who is living a destructive life- Yes, there WILL be rejoicing, not punishment, when they return! But this kind of love can be a stumbling block to anyone whose pride says, "When you sin, you're bad, and not deserving of love."

Well, Jesus came FOR the lost and sinful! Jesus is God in the flesh, and that is how God loves. You might as well believe it and move on! In fact, those stories are not about the lost sheep, coin, or son, but about the desire of God the Seeker and Finder to celebrate and rejoice over us when we're found. But what about repentance? Doesn't

Jesus also say, "Repent and turn away from sin"? A sinner who is welcomed back is being given the freedom of love. At last the "found" person sees their true self, and feels grateful for being forgiven. Remember what Jesus said when a sinful woman cried at his feet, "Her many sins have been forgiven, SO she has shown great love."

Our love for God and others comes AFTER we realize how much we have been forgiven, and how much God has rejoiced over us. But the opposite is also clear: if we do not THINK we have any sins to be forgiven, we cannot love. We should all have the honesty of St. Paul, who admits, "I was arrogant, a blasphemer, and a persecutor... but I have been mercifully treated... God's grace has been abundant." When we face the facts of our sin and start back home to God, our God runs to meet us with arms outstretched. Then the real party begins!

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

**God bless you all!**

**Fr Bogdan SDS**

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will leave this place  
and go to my Father.

#### Gospel Acclamation

My the Father  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see  
what hope his call holds for us.

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of the souls of  
Very Rev. Gerard Canon Keegan,  
Very Rev. Charles Canon Adamson,  
Rev. Fr Campbell,  
Lawrence and Ivy Ciantar  
and for all those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls, O Lord.**



### 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: 4th September — £679.40.

**The Second Collection today is for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.**

## 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 12th September  
Memorial of the Most  
Holy Name of Mary

Tuesday 13th September  
Memorial of the St John  
Chrysostom, bishop and  
doctor of the Church

Wednesday 14th September  
The Feast of the Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross

Thursday 15th September  
Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Friday 16th September  
The Feast of St Ninian, bishop

Saturday 17th September  
24th Week of the Year

### Priest's Musing

At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life."

"I remember that turning point in my faith when I was a young boy. I had just earned my first pound and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a pound bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole pound to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, "I dare you to do it again."

## First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Parents wishing to present their child for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation please contact Fr Bogdan. Classes will take place at St Mary Magdalene's on Wednesday evening at 5pm.

## Bishop Stephen Robson's Visit to Our Parish

His Excellency Bishop Stephen Robson was invited to St Mary Parish Family by Fr Bogdan to join us at 10am and 12pm Masses on 2nd October 2022 to preach and to give us His blessings on this new journey we have began together. Please welcome Him with great joy and all are welcome!



We see signs of summer's passing  
in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings,  
autumn glow.

We sense  
its passing in rain that dampens,  
winds that chill,  
Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,  
sunrise and sunset,  
we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown,  
harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled,  
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,  
we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

*Author Unknown*

**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*