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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

25th Sunday of Year C - 18th 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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the 25th Sunday in Ordinary time.

Whether it's the lifetime pursuit of money and success, a better house, the quest for power in sports or business, the thrill of being a sexual conqueror of others- whatever we focus our energies on, if it's a substitute for honouring the true God, it is going to fail us. Whatever obsesses us in life, if it isn't God's love, is ultimately going to drain us and abandon us.

When it's time to go to our eternal dwelling, God will be our only possible refuge. "Our salvation is deeply intertwined with how we engage the goods of this world." (J. Donahue) This means we have to do a lot of creative thinking: How can the outward signs of our life really reflect the Christ life? For example, do we ask our partner to pray before we draw up a budget to use our money thoughtfully?

Do we use everything we have as a good and helpful "means" to the sacred "ends" of bringing in God's reign of peace for all?

We spend so much time, money, and anguish, taken over with fears and concerns for health, children, income, school, and work.

We need our church community to remind us to see the bigger picture: Jesus will come again to wipe away all tears. But that is then, and this is now. To live in God's "now" means to be just as clever and resourceful as the steward when we encounter hunger, poverty, dishonesty, prejudice. In every moment and everywhere from the check-out line to the church pew we should face reality: either we use up our passion and energies serving the gods that fail, or we unite with Jesus' Passion and energies to serve the God who never fails us.

"We must reject all the gods that fail... and seek true wealth in becoming truly human, in valuing the love of others, striving for life in harmony with each other and with the earth that gives us God's gift of life." (R. Viladesau)

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

God bless you all!
Fr Bogdan SDS

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord,
who raises the poor

Gospel Acclamation

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of 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 19th September
25th Week of the Year

Tuesday 20th September
Memorial of the St Andrew
Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong
Ha-Sang and Companions

Wednesday 21st September
The Feast of St Matthew
Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday 22nd September
25th Week of the Year

Friday 23rd September
The Memorial of St Pius
of Petrelcina, priest

Saturday 24th September
25th Week of the Year

Bishop Stephen Robson's Visit to Our Parish

His Lordship, 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!

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: 11th September — £634.12. Second Collection - for the Sick and Retired Priest Fund - £211.75.

The Second Collection next Sunday will be for the Catholic Education Services.

Priest's Musing

A young man was walking through a supermarket to pick up a few things when he noticed an old lady following him around. Thinking nothing of it, he ignored her and continued on. Finally he went to the checkout line, but she got in front of him.

"Pardon me," she said, "I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look just like my son, who died recently." "I'm very sorry," replied the young man, "is there anything I can do for you?" "Yes," she said, "As I'm leaving, can you say 'Good bye, Mother?'"

It would make me feel so much better." "Sure," answered the young man. As the old woman was leaving, he called out, "Goodbye, Mother!" As he stepped up to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was over £200. "How can that be?" He asked, "I only purchased a few things!" "Your mother said that you would pay for her," said the clerk.

First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

St John's R.C. Academy is the designated, denominational school for St Mary Magdalene's parish and offers the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation in the Primary school years. If your child does not attend St John's R.C. Academy then please contact Fr Bogdan to discuss alternative arrangements for the reception of these sacraments. Classes will take place at St Mary Magdalene's on Wednesday evening at 5pm.

Funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family as we mourn the loss of our longest-serving British monarch. May she rest in peace.

Let us pray:

*O God,
whose nature is always to forgive
and to show mercy,
we humbly implore you
for your servant Elizabeth
whom you have called to journey to you,
and, since she hoped and believed in you,
grant that she may be led
to our true homeland
to delight in its everlasting joys.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ you Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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