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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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

## 26th Sunday of Year C - 25th 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 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time.**

Today, Jesus is saying there is something dangerous about increasing wealth. As people become more prosperous, they seem to buy more “toys”, build bigger houses, move away from their old neighborhoods, and create many more barriers between themselves and the poor.

This is not simply a matter of having more money and things-it is the subtle and sneaky way that more money raises our desires higher and higher, so that our old lifestyle no longer satisfies us. But as G.K. Chesterton once said, “There are two ways to get enough: One is to accumulate more and more – the other is to desire less.”

The answer lies in our Christian duty of solidarity. In Jesus, we have a solid bond of unity, or oneness with all people. But

unless we live that way, we have not been saved-saved from isolation. When we refuse even to make eye contact with someone begging on the street, we risk living in isolation as the rich man did from Lazarus. The amount of wealth doesn't matter – it is how we respond to that unity in Jesus. We can pretend we never see other people in need.

Or we can struggle with how to respond, no matter how difficult that struggle might be. We all have a pedigree, whether rich or poor. Our health, our power and possessions, or the lack of them, come entirely from other sources – our genes, the parents who gave us life, our teachers, friends.

Jesus is telling us, open our eyes and take this to heart: all we have is a gift and all our gifts are for giving back.

Go in peace to love and serve our God!

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

### For today's Mass

#### Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

The sheep that belong to me  
listen to my voice  
says the Lord,

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of Christopher McAninch 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 26th September  
26th Week of the Year

Tuesday 27th September  
Memorial of  
St Vincent De Paul, priest

Wednesday 28th September  
26th Week of the Year

Thursday 29th September  
The Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Friday 30th September  
The Memorial of St Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

Saturday 1st October  
The Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus

## Bishop Stephen Robson's Visit to Our Parish

His Lordship, Bishop Stephen Robson was invited to St Mary Magdalene's 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 begun 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 — £680.66.

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

## Priest's Musing

A king was hunting in the forest with his men-at-arms and servants when he came across several trees with bull's eyes painted in red on them. And in the middle of each bull's eye was a perfectly shot arrow. "Who is this incredibly fine archer?" cried the king. "I must find him!"

After continuing through the forest for a few miles he came across a small boy carrying a bow and arrow. Eventually the boy admitted that it was he who shot the arrows plumb in the centre of all the targets. "You didn't just walk up to the targets and hammer the arrows into the middle did you?" asked the king worriedly. "No, my lord. I shot them from a hundred paces.

I swear it by all that I hold holy." "That is truly astonishing," said the king. "I hereby admit you into my service." The boy thanked him profusely. "But I must ask one favour in return," the king continued. "You must tell me how you came to be such an outstanding shot." "Well," said the boy, "first I fire the arrow at the tree...and then I paint the target around it."

## 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.

## Abortion Statement from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

In the light of recent public debate on the subject of abortion, Scotland's Catholic Bishops offer this perspective to the people of Scotland: "Whether we believe in anything spiritual or not, the life that each one of us lives is the only one we have, and to take life from the unborn, no matter how insignificant in size, cannot be right.

The rights of a woman and the compassion and support due to her, and the circumstances of her pregnancy, are naturally of great concern to us, but an unborn life, once taken, can never be restored. This is what makes abortion such a profoundly important matter for all human beings. "No matter what position we take, this belief in the profound importance of the issue is shared by us all.

It is incumbent on us therefore to accept that deeply held and divergent opinions are at stake and that the conflict which arises from this should be handled with respect and civility. "Those who do not believe human life begins at the moment of conception, invite the question: 'when does it begin?' while those who believe that it does, ask the question: 'what right have we to take a unique and unrepeatable human life?' "If we are to be the caring and compassionate society we aspire to be, upholding the sanctity and dignity of all human life must be the foundational principal upon which that aspiration rests."

**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