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# St Mary Magdalene's Church

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Parish Motto - 'The best is yet to come'

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 8th January 2023

#### 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 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

Our feast of the Epiphany is the joyful proclamation that the kingdom of God is a kingdom where all people are meant to live in harmony with one another, and with the creation. There is to be no division among the so-called chosen people and the rest of the world. All are God's children. All "are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel." (Second reading from today). As God's people, we need to create and encourage experiences of harmony. People love to sing together.

In a way, all of life is to sing a cosmic song. Isolation and loneliness come from disharmony. When we're out of touch with God, with one another, with creation itself, then we feel distressed, pulled apart. This is dissonance. When things don't sound right together, we instinctively know and feel it in our bones. We need to pay more atten-

tion to this feeling of disharmony. It is a call from God to start getting things back into place. All hurtful divisions have been created by ourselves and should be discarded. We need to get rid of them all.

We all belong to the same earth and to the same God. We all belong together. We have a deep and radical need to constantly increase our connection with all that is. The need to relate in a respectful and loving manner is at the very basis of what it means to be human.

We are not isolated individuals, but radically connected human beings. Isolation and division are basic sins. It was Mozart who said: If only the whole world could feel the power of harmony. A good spiritual exercise would be to reflect on how we felt during experiences of being at one with other people and with creation. Trust those feelings as faithful guides that tell us how God wants all of life to be experienced.

**Peace and Harmony,**

**Fr Bogdan SDS**

#### For today's Mass

##### **Responsorial Psalm**

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

##### **Gospel Acclamation**

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of Kate Campbell  
and for all those  
whose anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

## 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!

New Years' (Sunday's) Collection:  
1st January — £831.00.

## Our Second Collection today is for the work of Justice & Peace.

### Priest's Musing

A cowboy from Colorado skipped church one Sunday to go bear hunting in the mountains. As he turned the corner along the path, he and a bear collided. The cowboy stumbled backwards, slipped off the trail, and began tumbling down the mountain with the bear in hot pursuit. Finally the cowboy crashed into a boulder, sending his rifle in one direction and breaking both legs.

As the bear closed in, the cowboy cried out in desperation, "Lord, I'm sorry for what I have done. Please forgive me and save me! Lord, please make that bear a Christian." Suddenly, the clouds parted and a beam of light shown down on the bear. The bear skidded to a halt at the cowboy's feet, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together, and said, "God, bless this food which I am about to receive."

## New Administrator of the Diocese of Dunkeld

On 2nd January 2023, in accordance with the canons of the Code of Canon Law 1983) relating to the provision of a diocesan Administrator, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Dunkeld gathered at the Diocesan Curial Offices for the process of the Election of a Diocesan Administrator. The Very Rev Canon Kevin James Golden MPS, currently Parish priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Victories and Administrator of the Cathedral in Dundee, was elected. Canon Kevin is also a Trustee of the Diocese and has held the post of Vicar General for the past four years. Canon Kevin Golden was born in Dundee to devout Catholic Parents on 13th May 1966. After Catholic primary School, Kevin prepared for entry into senior seminary through admission to St Mary's College Blairs, Aberdeen, the National Junior Seminary from 1978-1984. He then entered the Senior Seminary of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh 1984-1990, and he was ordained priest in Dundee on 23rd November 1990 by Bishop Vincent Logan. Subsequently Bishop Stephen Robson appointed him to be Vicar General and, later, he became a member of the Chapter of Canons in St Andrew's Cathedral in 2021. Please, keep our new administrator in your prayers.

## Rainbow Leader Wanted

The Rainbow Unit at St John's Perth is looking for a new leader. Do you like working with young girls aged 4 – 7 years and are able to offer a couple of hours of your time each week (term time)? Rainbows are the youngest members of the Girl Guide movement. Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things, having fun, exploring the world beyond themselves in a safe and nurturing environment.

Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games. You can become an inspiring role model to girls and young women – and have a lot of fun in the process. As a leader, you will be part of a team of volunteers who plan and deliver a programme of awesome activities.

## SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 9th January  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

Tuesday 10th January  
**1st Week of the Year**

Wednesday 11th January  
**1st Week of the Year**

Thursday 12th January  
**1st Week of the Year**

Friday 13th January  
**1st Week of the Year**

Saturday 14th January  
**1st Week of the Year**

If you'd like to volunteer to become a leader, you'll be supported to complete the Leadership qualification. You'll have training on everything from planning your programme to child safety. For further information please contact Anne Mitchell on 01738 628039.

## Justice & Peace

*"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation."*

(Justice in the World, p. 6)

## 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. Thank you for all your orders!

**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