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19th July, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Wed 22nd July St Mary Magdalene Sat 25th July St James

(Feast) (Feast)

FIRST READING:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

PS 85:5-6,9-10,15-16, R.v.5

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord you are good and forgiving

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. MT 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Amanda & Stephano Guidone, Joe, Steve Delgado-Reves, Sergio Milani

Mass Intentions: Sat 5pm (Vigil) †Jaenan Jong

Sun 8am † Leo Pinto

Resumption of Public Masses

Under eased COVID-19 restrictions from July 1, church attendance numbers are now unlimited, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. Attendance at funerals are now unlimited, providing the four square metre rule is followed while weddings may still allow a maximum of 20 guests, unless a church can accommodate more guests while ensuring the four square metre rule is followed. All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.

Tax Receipts

FYR 2019/2020 tax receipts are now available for collection for your donation to the following charitable organizations:

- 1) Charitable Works Fund (CWF);
- 2) Priests' Retirement Foundation;
- 3) Caritas–Project Compassion.

Please note that since 30th December, 2016, there is NO tax deductibility for Planned Giving envelopes. If you wish to receive 100% tax deduction, please donate to the above charitable organizations.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2020/2021 are now ready for collection.

Catholic Weekly

With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available in parishes this weekend for \$2.00

In this week's edition

Appalling cases of abuse and neglect uncovered in NSW's first ageing and disability Commission Highlights from the Annual Archdiocesan Marriage Mass Singing priest Fr Rob Galea's thriving music ministry

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial integrity office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

Please observe silence in God's house. Please turn your mobile off or put it on silent.



Excerpt from July Letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher regarding relaxed restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic:

"All entering the church must be recorded. Current spatial distancing directions and hygiene directions must be observed; attendees are to sit only in marked places, to queue at a distance from others, and to take care when coughing or sneezing.

Congregational singing is suspended. Great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue. Those who are unwell or at high risk must not attend (they might ask that Holy Communion be brought to them at home); those over 70 should exercise particular caution..."

St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene is a woman in all four gospels of the New Testament. She became a faithful follower of Jesus after he delivered her from seven demons. She witnessed the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, and was the first person to see and talk with him after he rose from the dead. She was the first to preach the "Good News" of that miracle. She told the apostles that she had seen him alive. Mary Magdalene's birthplace was Magdala- a booming fish town on the shores of the sea of Galilee (Jesus preached and performed many miracles at the Sea of Galilee per the Bible, New Testament). Her name Magdalene came from her birth town, meaning tower. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles." She is remembered on 22nd July.

St James

Saint James was the son of Zebedee (bar-Zebedee) and Salome (Cf. Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:40; 16:1) and brother of St John. Zebedee was a fisherman of the Lake of Galilee, who lived in or near Bethsaida (John 1:44). The family were people of means: they could afford hired servants (Mark 1:20), and had connections with the high priest (John 18:16). James, John, Peter and Andrew were partners in Zebedee's fishing business before being called by Christ to follow Him. (Luke 5:10). Saint James the Greater was one of the first apostles called by Jesus. At the time, James and his younger brother, John, were in a boat repairing their fishing nets (Matthew 4: 18 - 22). James and John were, with Peter, the most trusted of Jesus' disciples. These three Apostles alone were admitted to be present at the miracle of the raising of Jairus's daughter (Mark 5:37; Luke 8:51), at the Transfiguration (Mark 9:1; Matthew 17:1; Luke 9:28), and called to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane on the night before His death (Matthew 26:37; Mark 14:33). After the Lord's resurrection, James preached the Gospel in Spain and in other lands, before returning to Jerusalem to die. He was beheaded with a sword in Jerusalem about the feast of Easter (Acts 12:1-2), sometime between 41 and 44AD by order of Herod Agrippa I (40-44AD), grandson of Herod the Great. The Scallop Shell is a symbol of St James because the lines represent the different routes travelled by pilgrims from around the World, which all lead to one point, the tomb of Saint James in Santiago de Compostela. The Scallop Shell can be found on the milestone markers, guiding pilgrims in the right direction

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am

Weekday: Monday: 7:30am Holy Communion Service

Tuesday: 7:30amWednesday: 6:00pmThursday: 7:30amFriday: 9:15am

On Public Holiday Monday, Tuesday or Thursday: 9:15am

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30am (Southern Cross Hostel)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:15pm – 5:45pm **Saturday:** 4:15pm – 4:45pm



Contact The Presbytery

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 5:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 19th July

Vigil:(A) Hartanto, A Yap(R) A Tjokrosetio, G Guerrera(C)(M) Thomas W8am:(A) G Diab, Andy H(R) F De Andrade, G Guerrera(C)(M) Thomas W10am:(A) N Jenner(R) K Wong, B Wong(C)(M) Myrna S

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

This weekend - 26th July

Vigil:(A) Hartanto, A Yap(R) G Guerrera, J Spora(C)(M) Thomas W8am:(A) G Diab, Andy H (R) J Pinto, J Pinto(C)(M) Thomas W10am:(A) N Jenner(R) S Williams, S Doyle(C)(M) K Chandra

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) S Wijaya

As there is no more Masses on Sunday 5pm, I will be alternating Readers from Sunday 5pm and Sunday 10am. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!