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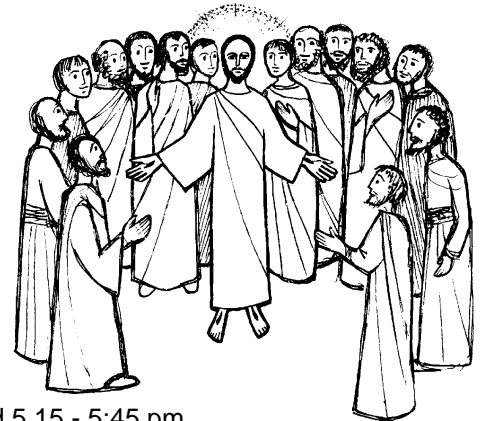
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Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday	13 th	8.00 pm	Isobel Youngs
Sunday	14 th	8.15 am	Father John Daley RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	15 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Tuesday	16 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday	17 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday	18 th	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday	19 th	9.30 am	Mary Haugh RIP
Saturday	20 th	6.00 pm	Michael Shiel RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	Intention of Ella Doll
		10.30 am	The Parish



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 John 2: 1-5, Luke 24:35-48

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 4:8-12, 1 John 3:1-2, John 10:11-18

COLLECTIONS: Church: £426 Dona: £85 Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Education of Future Priests (Gift Aid)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peter Honiball, Richard Wells, David Lancaster, Jim Simpson, Camilla Jane, Sophie Abbott, Michelle Dielt, Helen Gillespie, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Sarah Johnstone, Tony Kearney, Ella Doll, Paul Curd, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Joan Wand, Samuel Bezants, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: William McGlynn, Patricia Jones, Mary La Roche, John Clarke, Margaret McCarthy, Vincent Devereux, John Russell, Joseph Liston, Max Welton, Joan Briggs, Jim Corcoran. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. PRAYER PARTNERS are sought for our First Holy Communion children. Please sign against the symbol for the child of your choice on the poster on the wall at the side of the Church. We pray for these children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9th June.

4. A CONCERT will be held this Sunday 14th April, in the Barn, after the 10.30 Mass to raise funds for three of our young people who will be travelling to Lourdes - Emily as a Red Shirt, William as a Young Helper, and James as an Adult Helper. The concert last year was amazing!

5. ST GEORGE'S NIGHT 'DO' will take place next Saturday 20th April at 7.00 pm in the Barn for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. There will be a 'Delicious Supper' and Raffle. Raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets will be on sale this weekend price £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children or from Teresa 01903 529260

6. THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER is an exciting new course for Arundel and Brighton Diocese in support of the Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan. The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is held over seven sessions, each with a speaker (including Bishop Richard Moth and Father Graham Ricketts) and small group discussions and started last Wednesday and will run to the 23rd May. See poster in church porches The Promise Of the Father promises to be an exciting, enriching and God willing, a life-changing experience for everyone. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential, so please book now using the link below to avoid disappointment. You can find more information on the course and book your place here: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father>

7. ROSARY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE HOLY LAND will be prayed on the second Saturday of every month at 5.00pm. The next one is this Saturday, April 13th Please put the future dates in your diary and make a special effort to come and pray for justice and peace.

8. CHILDREN'S LITURGY TRAINING will take place on 18th May at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

9. GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO WEST GRINSTEAD will take place on Wednesday 26 June. A day of sharing and prayer with other Grandparents led by Bishop Richard to include Mass, Benediction, Rosary, tours of the secret chapel and lots of chat. Please bring a packed lunch and a travel mug if possible. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. As always please car share if possible as parking is limited. Places can be booked through this link [Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead \(26-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

10. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It now costs £19.15 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

11. TURNING TIDES: Everyday items are always needed: Coffee, Sugar, Long-life Milk, Carton juice - large and small, Ketchup, Brown sauce, Marmalade, Jam, Cooking Oil, Hot Chocolate, Tinned Ham, Corned Beef, Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals. Many thanks to all who are able to help.

FATHER LIAM SAYS FATHER LIAM SAYS: There are a number of special women called Mary mentioned in the Gospels. Obviously, Mary the Mother of Jesus holds pride of place – 'our tainted nature's solitary boast.' Another important Mary is the sister of Martha and Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany near Jerusalem. To distinguish her from others bearing that name she is sometimes called Mary of Bethany.

In Palestine people did not have surnames. They were differentiated from others of the same forename by reference to the name of their father or brother. So in the gospel Simon is called son of John and Andrew is called brother of Simon Peter.

Jesus was not an uncommon name so Our Lord was referred to as Jesus, the son of Joseph the Carpenter. The apostles James and John are differentiated from others of those names by being called the sons of Zebedee. Matthew in his gospel tells us that one of the women near the cross of Jesus is 'Mary, the mother of James and Joseph.' Mark refers to her as 'Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset.' Among the women whom John names as being near the cross of Jesus are 'Mary, the wife of Clopas and Mary of Magdela' – named after the village from which she came. She is named in all four gospels as discovering the empty tomb on her own or with other women disciples. John's gospel also shows the Risen Lord sending Mary of Magdala to announce the good news of the Resurrection. 'Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and find the brothers and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and to your God'. So Mary of Magdala went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her.' (20:17,18) Because of this the early Church called her 'the apostle to the apostles.'

There is no mention in any of the gospels of Mary Magdalene ever having been a fallen woman. Her reputation has been besmirched for well over a thousand years. If by the mercy of God I will ever achieve the great privilege of being admitted to the glory of heaven, I will be able to meet Mary Magdalene glad that I have spoken up for her while on earth.

How did it come about that so many people for so long a time had such a false picture of Mary of Magdala? It would seem that Pope Gregory the Great – the saint who sent St. Augustine and his band of monks to England – had something to do with it. Around the year 590 AD, Europe was being devastated by the plague of Justinian which arrived in 540 AD, followed by waves of bubonic death that lasted for hundreds of years. A population of around fifty-five million people in the later Roman Empire is thought to have been halved. Pope Gregory emphasised penitential forms of worship as a way of warding off diseases and in some of his homilies he identified Mary of Magdala as the unnamed woman of ill-repute who bathed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair and whose many sins Jesus declared forgiven (Luke 7:37-50) The Gospel's reference to Mary 'from whom seven demons had gone out (Luke 8:2) became wrongly interpreted as implying that she was a great sinner rather than being healed of a severe illness. So Mary of Magdala became the supreme example of the weeping repentant sinner doing penance which has given us the titles for the Magdalene Homes and Magdalene Laundries.

The Roman Missal in use from the Council of Trent until 1969 described Mary Magdalene in the prayers of the Mass on her feast day as 'penitent' and the gospel for her feast was that of the sinful woman. The Creed was said, as on the feast day of the twelve Apostles. In 1969 her name was cleared and the label penitent was removed. The gospel on her feast (July 22nd) is now that of her commissioning by the Risen Lord to 'go and find the brothers and tell them the good news of the Resurrection.

The gospels show us a Mary of Magdala who was one of the many followers of Jesus who provided for his ministry 'out of their own resources.' (Luke 8:1-3) She was a faithful and courageous and loving witness to his life, crucifixion, burial and Resurrection. She was given the task to find the brothers and tell them the news that Jesus had Risen. The brothers still are in need of being found and being told the good news.