



ST. MARY MAGDALENE is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are sceptical this is the same person. Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. **St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22.** She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=83

ADVERTISEMENTS

Francesca Thompson has vacancies for cleaning and ironing (carried out in your own home). Please contact Francesca to enquire about rates of charge and her availability on 01562 770072 or 07974 092720.

Do you need Lawn Mowing/Garden clearing work to be done? If so please contact Tom Goodyear to enquire about rates of charge and availability on: 07824 696929

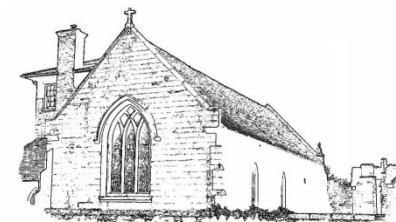
EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house

GIFT AID: Miss Amalia Costanzo 01562 751657

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Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR A Readings)

Sunday 16 July 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ernest Godwin R.I.P. For the People of The Parish
Monday 17 July 8.30 am -	Memorial of St Kenelm, Prince of Mercia Michael Lewis R.I.P.
Tuesday 18 July 8.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Wednesday 19 July 8.30 am - 9.00 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Nancy Lewis R.I.P. #Discussion Group in The Stable
Thursday 20 July 11.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Private Intention
Friday 21 July 11.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Saturday 22 July 10.00 am - (At Harvington Hall in the Georgian Chapel)	Feast of St Mary Magdalene Roger Adey R.I.P.
Sunday 23 July 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Caroline Clist R.I.P. The Catenians, <i>We will be welcoming members of the Kidderminster & District Catenian Circle brothers and their families to our 10.30 Mass this morning.</i>

Anniversaries in July: Rev Arthur Vaughan (1792), Sir George Throckmorton (1826), Jospehllsley (1874), Helen Chare (1899), Katherine Drinkwater (1939), Winifred Mewburn Crook (1980), Clive Grant (1980), Veronica Webster (1992), Eric Thomson (1995), Dorothy Tweddell (2000), Margery Thomas (2001) Elizabeth Medicott (2011).

Prayers for Sick:

Hilda Willets, Trudy Woodall, Anthony Mitchell, Philip Edwards, Julia Comber, Patsy Mullins, Anne Hiron, Michael Butler, Kathleen Clarke, Maureen Ribbins, Louise Barden, Wendy Packwood, David Richards, Anthony Francis-Floris

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 16 July Karen Wright, Helen Raphael
Joan McKay, Annik Harvey

Sunday 23 July Stephen Fox, Brian Delmas
Steve McWalter, John Charuk

Readers:

Sunday 16 July Heather Race
Anne Taylor
Sunday 23 July Biddy Goodyear
Marie Rochford

Church Cleaners this week: Mrs V Townsend & Mrs J Handley

Money Counters this week: Mr & Mrs G Kelly

Thank you to all those who volunteer their services on a regular basis. The whole Parish benefits from your generosity. The July to December rotas for some of these tasks are available from the table in the porch today.

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 9 July

Gift Aid	£ 253.00
Envelopes	£ 251.50
Loose	£ 245.85

Second Collection for *The Apostleship of The Sea*: £324.61

#DISCUSSION GROUP

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available for download from:
<http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version).
either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion.



THE SUMMER RAFFLE will be drawn today after the 10.30am

Mass.

We received the following message from the organisers of the Kidderminster

FOOD BANK COLLECTION last week:

'Thank you for your continued support to the families in need in our community in the Wyre Forest. Not only 60.26 kgs in food, but also £175 so that we can buy those little extra items which make such a difference.'



Plans are getting underway for the **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO HARVINGTON** which will take place on **Sunday 3 September**. Please put this date in your diary in order to attend the Pilgrimage Mass during the afternoon. We are the hosts of this important event and it is the privilege of our parish community to offer our visitors hospitality and a generous welcome to Harvington. Closer to the date you will be able to sign up to volunteer in various ways so that we may once again provide pilgrims with a meaningful and happy experience.

THE HARVINGTON CRAFT GUILD invite you to join them in the stable on Tuesday 18 July at 7 o'clock for another of their regular craft sessions. On this occasion please bring sewing kit in order to make Christmas Decorations (only 23 weeks away in case you're wondering!!)



Congratulations to the **100 CLUB** prize winners for the month of June:
Stephen Brown, Pat Van Zyl, Tony Brookes



EVERYONE IS INVITED ...

After Mass each Sunday Morning coffee, tea and biscuits are served in the stable. It is an opportunity to meet one another and socialise.

Please do pop in!