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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week		
Monday	No Service	Saint Mary Magdalene
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary; Saint James
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass; Saints Joachim & Anne
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary;
	9.30 AM	Mass,
	5.30 PM	Mass;
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses.	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanks Giving Offering	\$1621.85
Presbytery Offering	\$ 804.15
Thank you for your commitment and support	

Next Week's Reading	
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	
First Reading	2 Kings 4: 42—44
Second Reading	Ephesians 4: 1– 6
Gospel	John 6:1-15
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BAPTISMS <i>(Baptism requires a months' notice)</i>	
Upcoming baptism:	
Laundry in July	
Church Cleaning —	27 July—Matilde; 10 August—Rina & Clyde

Week's Roster				
	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Chatarina Pereira	Joseph Bolano	Peter Leptai
	Reader	Volunteer	Joseph Nayna	Volunteer
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Yves D'Argent	Roman Siriwardene
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Chatarina Pereira	Janine Phillips	Lolita Brimes
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake	Bernadine Naidu

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Jacques Re'my (in hospital), Pereira family members, Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James.

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B **21 JULY 2024**

First Reading Jer 23:1-6
The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22. R. v. 2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 2: 13-18
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6: 30-34
They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without

a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm

- A shepherd I'll be to you No 1; Page 5

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- Because the Lord is my shepherd No 66; Page 66

COMMUNION SONG

- Shepherd me, O God No 33; Page 36

FINAL SONG

- One body No 146; Page 325

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am

- The Lord is my shepherd No 26; Page 29

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- In His time Text attached

COMMUNION SONG

- You are my hiding place Text attached

COMMUNION REFLECTION

- Quiet Music

FINAL SONG

- Strong and constant No 110; Page 108

IN HIS TIME

1. In His time, in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord, please show me everyday
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time.

2. In Your time (in Your time)
In Your time (in Your time, Lord)
You make all things beautiful
In Your time

Lord, my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time.

YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

1. You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You.

2. I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord.

(Repeat)
I will trust in You.

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm

- Shepherd me, O God No 33; Page 36

PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG

- The Lord is my shepherd No 26; Page 29

COMMUNION SONG

- The Cry of the Poor No 83; Page 84

FINAL SONG

- Strong and constant No 110; Page 108

PIETY STALL

Anyone who would like to enrich God's teaching is welcome to purchase the Holy Bible available in our stall.



Please come to see our religious gifts!

PARISH CHURCH DINNER & DANCE

We are delighted to announce that our Parish Church Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday, **21st September 2024!**

Please save the date to celebrate this epic event together. Your participation is crucial in making this a memorable occasion and supporting our wonderful community!



ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH CHURCH DINNER & DANCE
111 BAKERS ROAD NOBLE PARK NORTH
SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2024
STARTS AT 7PM

Band : NEXT GENERATION
Banquet Dinner: SILVER PLATTER CATERING
BYO DRINKS

Tickets:
Suresh Fernando 0404024757 Joseph Nayna 0470525498
Adrian Cooke 0422649985 Alice Peters 0413999898
Clyde Pereira 0407543561 Lyndon Samuel 0411846855
Agnelo Miranda 0470130041 Greg Ferreira 0411626727

ADULTS : \$50 CHILDREN UNDER 15yrs : \$25

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday 11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday 8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new QR Code for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections.**

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during **Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September** to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit: www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

(Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)




Join us during the Season of Creation.
12-14 September 2024

- keynote presentations
- workshops
- discussions
- spiritual experiences

Online and in-person options.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



St. Mary Magdalene is not simply a character from the bible or just saint from the early Church.

St. Mary Magdalene is the chosen example of God's boundless love and mercy.

What Christ did for Mary Magdalene in the past, is what He wants to do for us today. The radical offer of forgiveness extended to St. Mary Magdalene then, is what He wants to offer to us now. St. Therese of Lisieux understood this truth and, inspired by St. Mary Magdalene's example, wrote:

"Even if I had all the crimes possible on my conscience, I am sure I should lose none of my confidence. Heartbroken with repentance, I would simply throw myself into my Savior's arms, for I know how much he loves the prodigal son. I have heard what he said to Mary Magdalene... I know that, in the twinkling of an eye, all those thousands of sins would be consumed as a drop of water cast into a blazing fire." (Story of a Soul, p.154)

Before her conversion, St. Mary Magdalene was so entirely consumed by sin, that seven devils were cast out of her. Nevertheless, through her encounter with Christ, she was flooded with grace and in an instant she was transformed. How clearly she saw the wickedness of sin! How clearly she saw the goodness of God! Entering into the house of Simon the Pharisee, St. Mary Magdalene thought nothing of the scorn and reproaches she would receive. Moved by love and sorrow for her sins, St. Mary Magdalene thought only of being reconciled to God. *Note: Over time, it has been believed that St. Mary Magdalene had been a prostitute prior to knowing Jesus, since she is once described in St. Luke's gospel as a woman of "poor reputation." There is no information available to verify, though, and so the Church denies this association.

After her conversion, St. Mary Magdalene became a disciple of the Lord, always remaining close to him. She was praised for choosing the "better part" and sitting at the Lord's feet, listening to Him. Even during Christ's passion, St. Mary Magdalene remained with Him. Although the apostles had abandoned him, she stood at the foot of the cross and wept for her sins. She was unwilling to leave Him in even after His death. Early Sunday morning, St. Mary Magdalene was the first at the tomb and the first one Christ appeared after His Resurrection. After the Ascension, nothing is certain of her life. There is a Greek tradition that St. Mary Magdalene went to Ephesus with the Blessed Virgin Mary and was buried there. Yet, there is a competing tradition that St. Mary Magdalene lived the last thirty years of her life in a cave at La Sainte-Baume, France, doing penance for her sins. Just as Christ received a repentant Mary Magdalene with unimaginable love and kindness, Christ wants to receive us with that same love and kindness, as long as we are willing to turn to Him and turn away from sin.

Catholic Saint Medals