



**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**  
**St Mary Magdalene**



**Hymns: 215 211 650 440**

**Sentence**

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to my brothers and tell them: I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God. (*John 20:17*)

**The Collect**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

*A reading from the Song of Songs, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1.*

Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer. 'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves.' I sought him, but found him not. The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city. 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?' Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 63*

**R: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. Thus have I gazed toward you in

the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. **R...**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. **R...**

### **Second Reading**

*A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 5, beginning at verse 14.*

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Hear the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.

**Alleluia!**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 20, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they

have laid him.’ Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*For the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Prayers of the People**

God of compassion, you had mercy on Mary Magdalene, revealing her Saviour to her in the garden. Extend that mercy to us as we offer our prayers.

We pray and give thanks for women throughout the world; for mother figures who support and strengthen families; for women in all orders of ministry, especially those who have fought for recognition of their calling to be priests and bishops. We pray for women who are still persecuted, abused and belittled in society, in the workplace, and even in their own home. Empower your daughters, Lord, and teach your sons to respect the rights and gifts of all women.

Lord, our teacher and our friend,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all disciples of Christ, in all places, and at all stages of faith; for those who are lost and longing for meaning in their lives; and those whose hearts have been broken by hardship and disappointment. We pray for the simple yet profound faith of children, who seek to sow love when the world tells them to hate. Give us this faith, and help us to nurture it in those we meet each day.

Lord, our teacher and our friend,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the disadvantaged in our community; the unemployed, the homeless, and those struggling with addiction and mental illness. We pray for those caring for the disabled and children with special needs; for broken relationships, blended families, and lives marred by physical and emotional abuse. You drew seven demons from Mary Magdalene; open our eyes to the demons of systemic corruption and negligence, so that we might end social inequity and needless suffering.

Lord, our teacher and our friend,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need of God's healing and mercy, for the sick and suffering in body, mind or spirit. For hospital patients, those undergoing treatment, the medical staff who endeavour to bring healing, and the chaplains who help them recover a sense of wholeness and humanity. We pray especially for those known to us: *Kathleen Taylor, Sharon and John Simpson, Anni Grimwade, Madeline Allen, Elaine Haddock, Belinda Shannon, Jim Chatz, Barry Watts, Ray Daly, Val Watts, Gwen Bushell, Debbie Chilcott, Beryl and Geoff Kirby, Fiona Mctier, Robert Whalley, Russel Taylor, David Valentine, Margaret Taylor, Peg and Ken Raeburn, Bishop John Parkes, Glenda McDonald, Edie Simpson, Bruce Seaman, Thomas De Sousa, Mary Cassar, Joan Grimwade, Vince Fazio, and Adeline Bickley.*

Lord, our teacher and our friend,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful departed, that they may find rest in the eternal Kingdom. For all nearing the end of their lives, that they would know your peace. As Mary Magdalene saw the risen Christ, show us how to recover meaning when we grieve the loss of loved ones. We remember those whose year's mind occurs at this time:

*Charles Russell, Byron Saunders, Keith Torrens, Ida O'Brian, Bill Hincks, Robert Barr, Fran Robbins, James Robertson, Jason Schafer, Leslie Walton, Joyce Brown, Alma Rowe, Francis Ryland.* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lord, our teacher and our friend,

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **Parish Mass**

Next week, Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> is the fifth Sunday of the month, and we will be having a combined Parish Eucharist at Kilmore at 10am.

### **St Mary's Winter Art Show**

St Mary's Anglican Church Kangaroo Flat has their Winter Art Show from Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>. Open 10am to 4pm, with a prize giving night on the Friday at 7.30. Entry to the exhibition is \$5, tickets to the prize giving are \$10. Fr. David has entered four artworks in this show, and all pictures are for sale.

### **Love in Action**

This remains a vibrant and highly necessary community initiative, based in Broadford, providing food and other supplies to families in need. Donations of canned and long-life goods, pasta, children's snacks, etc. can be placed in the plastic containers at the entrance to your church. Thank you for your help, and continue to pray for this vital initiative. If you would like more information, please speak to Barbara Radford.

### **Bible Study**

If you would be interested in the idea of a regular Bible study group, please see Fr. David to register your interest. At the moment we are looking at options to meet on a monthly basis. More information soon.

### **Children First Foundation**

This agency, based in East Kilmore, provides hospitality for children from overseas coming to Melbourne for vital surgery, and is always looking for volunteers. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr. David.

## Pastoral Visiting

If you know of someone who could use a visit from a priest, e.g. illness, loneliness, grief, spiritual counselling, preparation for baptism or confirmation, please let Fr. David know. Call 0439 288 070.

**Direct Debit /EFT Offerings** – Account details: BENDIGO BANK – Account Name ‘Anglican Parish of Kilmore;’ BSB 633-000; Account Number 158946921.  
Reference: Offertory. An EFTPOS machine is available at Kilmore.

### This Week in the Parish:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** 10am-12pm Op Shop Trading

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July:** 1.00pm: Caladenia RACF Service

2.30pm: Dianella RACF Service

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July:** 10am Mass, St Matthew’s Broadford

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July:** 10.30am: Blue Cross RACF Service

10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July:** 10am-12pm: Op Shop Trading

<b>Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost:</b> Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:44-58		
Christ Church, Kilmore	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
St Matthew’s, Broadford	---	---
St Stephen’s, Tallarook	---	---
Transfiguration, Pyalong	---	---

## Weekly Scripture Readings

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 56; 57	Ps 60; 61
	2 Samuel 3:20-39	Proverbs 4:20-5:14
	John 6:52-71	Romans 1:26-32
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 29	Ps 7
<i>James, Apostle and Martyr</i>	2 Kings 1:9-15	Jeremiah 26:1-16
	Luke 9:46-56	Mark 1:14-20
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 65; 70	Ps 66
<i>Anne, mother of BVM</i>	2 Samuel 5:6-25	Proverbs 6:6-19
	John 7:14-31	Romans 2:12-24
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 68:1-20	Ps 68:21-35
	2 Samuel 6	Proverbs 6:20-7:5
	John 7:32-53	Romans 2:25-3:8
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 71	Ps 119:65-88
	2 Samuel 7	Proverbs 7:6-27
	John 8:1-11	Romans 3:9-20
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Ps 69:1-16	Ps 69:17-38
	2 Samuel 8:15-9:13	Proverbs 8:1-21
	John 8:12-30	Romans 3:21-31

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**or you can type in Anglican Parish of Kilmore Facebook into the search bar and it should come up. It's also on the link Services Online on the website.**

### **Thoughts for the Week**

I know how hard it is to stick to a routine. Conversely, it is very easy to slip into procrastination or a chaotic state of mind. Nevertheless, it is a universal truth that our bodies, our minds, our souls; our very being craves structure. As more of the world is represented on a screen than in real, material life, the harder it is to concentrate, memorise and retain information, and indeed, to have an imagination. The best way to fertilise and strengthen our imagination, at any age mind you, not just in childhood, is to enforce structure in our living. Rules and boundaries for our bodies and minds give our spirit something to rebel against. New ideas come from boundaries that dare us to cross them. But we must first cultivate those boundaries. Every game has rules, that's what makes them fun, because when you operate within given parameters, it gets you thinking laterally about how best to overcome obstacles, meet objectives and generally succeed. Dare I say, the wheels have fallen off society because we have forgotten the importance of living within God-given boundaries. We might balk at religion, no one can tell me what to do, there is no God, etc, etc. (change the record already). BUT religious belief gives structure to our inner life, our spiritual life. This in turn gives boundaries to our living. And when we have boundaries to our living, it focuses our attention on the things that matter, and increases our ability to imagine how we can rise to meet the challenges presently around us. Beyond ourselves, that is; we are challenged to think how we can make the game called life fairer on others. If we nurture our minds on social media, as we increasingly do, we will lose fertility of imagination, we will lose the efficacy of storing and processing information, we will lose our ability to think critically and laterally, and as such, we won't be able to think past ourselves. The first boundary, the first edifice of structure we can give our lives is to limit our 'screen time', and spend that time in prayer, in contemplation, or just in silence, and see where our imagination leads us. It will undoubtedly lead you to where God needs you to be, mentally, if not with your whole being. Face it: if you can find the structure to get yourself or the kids up at 7am for sport on the weekend, you can find the structure in your life to pray.