



## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

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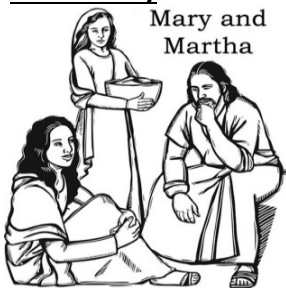
### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year C. 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

*The Gospels make explicit God’s Word to us, through the teachings of Jesus Christ.  
We are disciples of Jesus.*

#### **Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42**

*The Lord and his disciples were travelling along and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said. Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!” The Lord answered, “Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her.*

#### **In Summary**



Today’s gospel of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary, follows last week’s gospel of the Good Samaritan. Last week’s gospel of the good Samaritan is an example of how a disciple must be a “good neighbour” and act with generosity and compassion. In today’s gospel, Mary is an example of how a disciple should find time for God/our Faith.

So, today’s reading is about the importance of having/making time for God. Jesus is not rebuking Martha because of her acts of service. The point of His criticism is that she has allowed herself to be distracted by unimportant things, instead of concentrating on what really matters: the word of God!

#### **In Conclusion**

Many people today are busy and stressed. It is common today for us to reply to a greeting, with an explanation of how busy we are. Worry, anxiety and stress are

common symptoms of our modern life-style and our “busy-ness.” We purport to be so busy and so stressed, that to find time to be still and to “listen at the feet of Jesus,” is beyond what we are able to “fit in” our busy schedule. However, **Jesus wants us to always find time to pray and to be attentive to the voice of God?**

*Are you like Mary or Martha?*

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene**

#### **But who is Mary Magdalene??**



St Mary Magdalene, was one of Jesus’ followers, who accompanied Jesus and the disciples from Galilee to Jerusalem, and was present at His crucifixion. She was the first of Jesus’ disciples to witness His resurrection (*Mary Magdalene and two other women disciples discovered Jesus’ empty tomb and Mark’s Gospel states that it was to Mary that the risen Christ first appeared – she is the first witness to the Resurrection*). Mary Magdalene (Magdala), is one of the great saints of the Bible and is an example of God’s mercy and grace (*the Gospels record that Mary was originally a great sinner, until Jesus cast seven demons out of her*). This reinforces that **no sinner is beyond the saving grace of God.**

After the death of Christ, Christian legend states that Mary remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where Mary spent the remaining years of her life, living in solitude, in a cave.

**"Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."** Mary Magdalene "had a past," and then she met Jesus, her saviour, and was saved.

**Note:** Mary was a very common name at that time and Mary Magdalene has been identified (and confused) with several Marys in the Gospels: Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus; Mary, the sinner who washed Jesus’ feet; Mary, the woman who cared for Jesus and His disciples on their journey. Then there are the idle and barren “scholars,” who concoct various stories of Mary’s past and her position among the disciples. **What we know of Mary Magdalene is written in the Gospels – she was a sinner who was saved by the grace of God and that she was a devout disciple of Jesus.**

#### **What is the Mass??**

When we gather for Mass, there is much more happening than meets the eye. Each weekend we come to church, and it is so easy for our weekly devotion to become a

routine or an empty ritual. To recognise the depth of what we are doing, we need to be faithfully attentive. At the Mass, we are an assembly of God's beloved people, in the very presence of God, to whom God speaks to us through the liturgy of the Word and nourishes us spiritually, through the sacred Eucharist.

### **Our Parish Worship Schedule**

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to "live the Gospel." **We are a community of Jesus' disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers.** We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

<b>Mass Times</b>	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri	8.00 am (the Rosary after)
	Saturday	6.00 pm
<b>Mass Times</b>	Sunday	9.30 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday night	5.15 – 5.45 pm
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Liaise with Fr Greg	
<b>Baptisms, marriages and funerals</b>	Liaise with Fr Greg	

### **Our Prayers of the Faithful**

In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

#### **Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering**

Maria Marshall, Claire Webster, Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Iliffe, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Yianni Donato, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

#### **Prayers for our Recently Departed**

John Cova.

***"God blesses those people who grieve. They will find comfort."*** (Matthew 5:4).

#### **Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed**

Teresa Brown (14 Jul), Mercedes Singh (15 Jul), Decimo Marcuccio (16 Jul), Mary Hughes (17 Jul), Marion O'Rourke (18 Jul), John Poulouse (18 Jul), Clare Boswell (18 Jul), John Bradley (19 Jul) and all our departed relatives and friends.

***Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (John 11: 25-26).***

***Note:*** Parishioners may email Cliff at: [cliffordgerard@bigpond.com](mailto:cliffordgerard@bigpond.com), for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our "Prayers of the Faithful." Thank-you.

***Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.***

### **We Welcome "God's Little Children" to Our Mass**



*People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* Mk 10: 13-14.

Activity sheets and colour pencils, are available at the rear of the church, to occupy the children during Mass. Parents may even pin their child's work on the noticeboard (when space is available) for others to appreciate their efforts.

### **06<sup>th</sup>/07<sup>th</sup> August Our Next Parish St Vincent de Paul Donations**

For parishioners who may wish to contribute to this worthy program, any non-perishable food in tins, packets or boxes will do (but no glass please). In addition to a food hamper, a \$30 Woolworths voucher is usually provided to enable the purchase of essentials like; fresh fruit and vegetables, baby food and more. **Cash donations may be deposited in our SVDP/poor donation box at the entrance of the church,** to enable the purchase of cash vouchers. **Food donations may be left at the rear of the church, or, in our parish centre.**



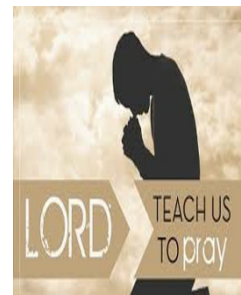
*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

*The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me." They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'* (Matthew 25: 40-45).

Parishioners who may need a "helping hand," may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041)** at Wilson Parish, or **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential.**

### **Next Week is the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The gospel reading is Luke 11:1-13. Here Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer - it consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples and the parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers. **The prayer is the most famous Christian prayer of all – the Our Father, also called the Lord's Prayer.**



***Next week's gospel complements today's gospel, in which Jesus wants us to find "time" for the Lord.***

