

social justice initiatives. It is also a Diocesan priority as part of Archbishop Johnson's vision to build "communities of hope and compassion".



## THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

LENT I

13 March 2011

### CALENDAR 14 - 20 March 2011

14 Monday	6.00 pm Mass	Feria
15 Tuesday	7.15 am Mass	Feria
16 Wednesday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am Mass	Ember Day
17 Thursday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am La Messa	<b>Patrick, Bp., 461</b>
18 Friday	6.00 pm Mass 8.00 pm Stations of the Cross	<b>Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp. and T., 386</b>
19 Saturday	10.00 am Mass	<b>S. Joseph</b>
20 Sunday	<b>8.00 am Mass</b> <b>9.30 am Sung Mass</b> <b>11.00 am Solemn Mass</b> <b>4.30 pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction</b>	<b>Lent II</b>

#### Lent II Readings

Genesis 12. 1-4a; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-17

Confessions are heard by appointment

Submissions for Sunday Announcements should be sent to the church office by email ([office@stmarymagdalene.ca](mailto:office@stmarymagdalene.ca)). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday morning.

#### Welcome to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

We invite you to stay following the 9.30 and 11.00 masses for refreshments in Hiscocks Hall, which is located in the basement. It can be reached by the door next to the baptismal font. There is a wheelchair accessible lift and washroom in the office area on the main floor, which can be reached by the door in the north-east corner. Please speak to a sidesperson for assistance.

- **New Leaflet format:** This morning we are launching a **new design for our Sunday morning leaflet**, one which is intended to make it easier for visitors and newcomers to follow and participate in the liturgy. *Fr. David*
- **The rector is away until the evening of 16 March.** **Fr. Whittall is on call** for pastoral emergencies during this time.

#### EVENTS:

- **Wednesday Mornings in Lent:** The Wednesday morning study group is reading and discussion *Uncommon Gratitude*, by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams. (See notice under **Spiritual Growth & Exploration for Adults** for more information.)
- **Wednesday Evenings in Lent:** *Every Day Faith: Deepening our Spiritual Practice*. (See insert for more information.)
- **Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross at 8.00 pm** (with the exception of Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, when we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation).
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Although we do not have a regularly scheduled time for confessions, the season of Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider availing ourselves of this sacrament. If you would like to have a conversation about this sacrament, or guidance on how to make a confession, please do be in touch with me. *Fr. David*
- **Solemn Evensong & Benediction: Sunday 20 March at 4.30 pm.**

- **Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lady Day):** Procession and Solemn Mass on **Friday, 25 March at 6.00 pm.**
- **FaithWorks Luncheon:** The annual SMM FaithWorks Fundraising Luncheon, sponsored by Veronica Allen, will be held on **Sunday, 3 April at 12.30 pm** in Hiscocks Hall. Tickets are \$25.00 (children 5 and under are free), and are **now available** after Sunday masses or from the SMM office.

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

- **Please save the date: Saturday, 26 March at 4.00 pm at St. Thomas' Church** a fundraising concert is being held to benefit **Christ Church Cathedral** in New Zealand, damaged by the recent earthquake there. The Gallery Choir of St Mary Magdalene will be singing. More details will follow.
- **Hospitality Team:** The Hospitality team needs more people to 'set up' and 'clean up' refreshments for the **11.00 am mass on Sundays.** The present volunteers are tired. We encourage everyone to do their part, even if it is just once every few months. **There is a roster on the door to the kitchen.** Please sign up there when you down downstairs after mass. Come with a friend or spouse to make the work more enjoyable, or partner up with a new acquaintance to get to know someone new. **We really need everyone's help.**

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE:

- **Sunday School:** At the 9.30 mass, children age 2 to 6 meet in the Sunday school room for about 30 minutes for a program of story-telling, arts and crafts.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH for ADULTS:

- **Centre for Christian Spirituality: *Western Monastic Spirituality: Practical Applications*** led by Paula Monahan. **Saturday, 26 March, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Hiscocks Hall,** with refreshments to follow. Many Christians have responded to the call to live a life of prayer and companionship with God by joining monastic communities some combination of cenobitic (in-common) and eremitic (solitary) life. The Carmelite tradition is centre in "desert prayer". Paula will describe and answer questions about the life of a contemplative enclosed nun and share her understanding of prayer and the spiritual gifts and obstacles encounter in this way of life. She will also give us a brief practical taste of Carmelite prayer. Paula Monahan entered a Carmel in England at the age of 22 and spent the next 23 years there as nun, novice mistress, and prioress. She is currently doing a PhD in Theology at Regis College, U of T. She is no longer a nun but still considers herself a Carmelite.

- ***I am the Bread of Life – Meditations for Lent 2011:*** Parkdale Ministry Development Council is pleased to announce the publication of this booklet, which offers **simplified versions of morning prayer and night prayer**, and also includes reflections written by members of the seven parishes of Parkdale Deanery (including SMM). Printed copies have been distributed to all seven parishes. You can also read or download the entire booklet on the Parkdale Deanery website: **www.parkdaledeanery.wordpress.com.** The offices for daily prayer are on the site now and the daily reflection will appear each day of Lent. We thank all those who have contributed and encourage you to use these resources during Lent and to share them with your friends.
- The **Wednesday morning study group** has begun a new book study, ***Uncommon Gratitude*, by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams.** Everyone is welcome to join us. The study begins at approximately 11.00 am (after the 10.00 am mass) and concludes at noon.

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- **Out of the Cold:** Our next **Out of the Cold** dinner will be **next Friday, March 18** at St. Thomas's Church on Huron Street. We will be serving hot meals, buffet style, and **need both volunteers and donations of food.** Our model is the parish potluck dish with an emphasis on protein and rich carbs (think scalloped potatoes). We can heat up dishes on site. When possible, precooked dishes are a big help. We will also need fresh fruit (especially mandarins and bananas) so we can send people home with something else to eat. **Donations of reading matter** (including current newspapers), **small toiletries** and **winter clothing** would be much appreciated. Dinner starts promptly at **6.00 pm**, and volunteers are needed to serve meals, meet and greet people, clean up etc. Please direct any questions to Brian Clarke at [b.clarke@utoronto.ca](mailto:b.clarke@utoronto.ca).
- **2011 Trump AIDS Poker Walk** - On Saturday, April 30th, parishes in the Diocese of Toronto are invited to participate alongside Rotary clubs and a number of HIV/AIDS-related charities in the 2011 Trump AIDS Poker Walk being organized by Rotary District 7070. 75% funds of raised through the 5km walk can be directed by each parish to an HIV/AIDS-related charity of their choice. Funds can also be used to support a HIV/AIDS-related project which is being undertaken by a parish. **Mary Lou Harrison has volunteered to lead a team of walkers from St. Mary Magdalene's and would love company!** Please speak to her for more information or contact her via email at [dmlh@sympatico.ca](mailto:dmlh@sympatico.ca). Suggestions for projects/initiatives to benefit from the team's fundraising efforts are also needed asap. More information about the walk is available at [www.trumpaids.ca](http://www.trumpaids.ca). The issue of HIV/AIDS was identified recently as a priority area of focus for parish outreach and