

THE CHURCH of ST. MARY MAGDALENE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6 March 2011

CALENDAR 6 – 13 March 2011

7 Monday	6.00 pm Mass	Perpetua, M., 202
8 Tuesday	7.15 am Mass 4.30 – 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass <i>(Followed by Pancake Supper)</i>	Edward King, Bp & Ed., 1910
9 Wednesday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am Mass 4.30 – 5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Penitential Rite & Solemn Mass	Ash Wednesday
10 Thursday	7.15 am Mass 10.00 am La Messa	Robert Machray, Abp, 1904
11 Friday	6.00 pm Mass 8.00 pm Stations of the Cross	Gregory of Nyssa, Bp. & T., 395
12 Saturday	10.00 am Mass	Feria
13 Sunday	8.00 Mass 9.30 Sung Mass 11.00 Solemn Mass <i>(Daylight Savings Time begins)</i>	Lent I

Lent I Readings

Genesis 2. 15-17. 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4. 1-11

Confessions are heard by appointment.

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.

EVENTS:

- **THIS Tuesday, 8 March:** Said mass at 7.15 am (as usual) and said mass at 6.00 pm, followed by our pancake supper.
- **Ash Wednesday (March 9th):** Said masses at 7.15 am and 10.00 am. Penitential Rite and Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm.
- **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 25th, 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. **I will be available in the church this Tuesday (8 March) and Wednesday (9 March) from 4.30 to 5.30 to hear**

confessions. 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:

- **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.
- **Library and Tract Rack:** Our thanks go to **Viola Lang** and **Ted Parkins**, who have agreed to **take responsibility for our parish library** (located downstairs), and to Richard Woolrich, who has agreed to take responsibility for the track rack (located in the south-west corner of the church). As these resources are renewed, both will be valuable for our spiritual growth and exploration.
- 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:

- **O’Neill Centre Nursing Home:** Our ministry at the O’Neill Centre Nursing Home continues on the **second Tuesday of every month at 2.30 pm.** Please consider joining this ministry of sacrament and presence. **Our next date is THIS Tuesday, 8 March.** For more information, please speak with Fr. David or Fr. William.