

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

30 July 2023

St Mary Magdalene's
Anglican Church



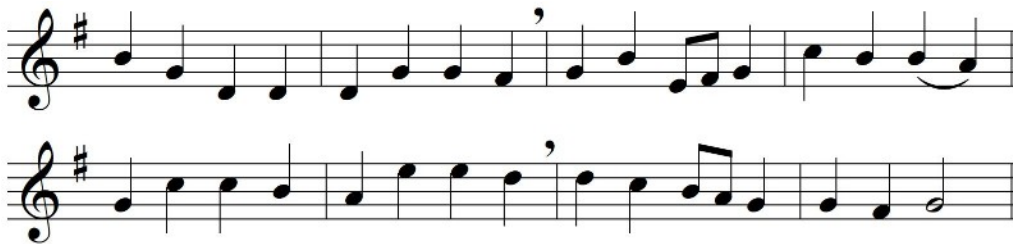
Founded 1886

Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

A ministry of prayer for healing and wholeness will be offered in the Holy Innocents Chapel during the Communion of the People. If you would like to make a note of prayer points or special intentions for prayer, please use the card which is available at the rear of the church.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn

CROSS OF JESUS



**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea,
and forgiveness in his justice
sealed for us on Calvary.**

- 2 There plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.**
- 3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**
- 4 But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal he will not own.**
- 5 If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the goodness of our Lord.**

Frederick William Faber 1814-63 alt.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps. 68.5, 36

The choir sings

O sing to God; make music to the name of the Lord.

Extol the one who rides on the clouds, who gives strength and power. Blest be God!

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, giver of life and health,
 whose Son Jesus Christ has called us
 to hunger and thirst for justice:
 refresh us with your grace,
 that we may not be weary in well-doing,
 for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
 Jesus Christ our Saviour;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 29.15-28

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and

we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 105



℞ The Lord re - mem - bers his co - ve - nant for ev - er.

Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim his name.

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! ℞

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. ℞

Remember the wonders he has done,
his marvels and his words of judgment,
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O descendants of the Jacob he chose. ℞

He remembers his covenant forever:
the promise he ordained for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. ℞

New Testament Reading

Romans 8.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress or persecution, or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11.25

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.44-58

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowd these parables:

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.” And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

All stand.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The priest may say

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

The prayers may conclude

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.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 30.2, 3

The choir sings

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemy rejoice over me.

O Lord, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

All stand to sing the chant, during which a Collection will be taken up.

Quietly and confidently

Noth-in in height or in depth which be - friends or be - falls_ us,

noth-ing can li-mit the love of our sa-viour, Je - sus. (Christ.)

Last time

John Bell b.1947

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice
for the praise and glory of God's name,
for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

God our sustainer,
accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

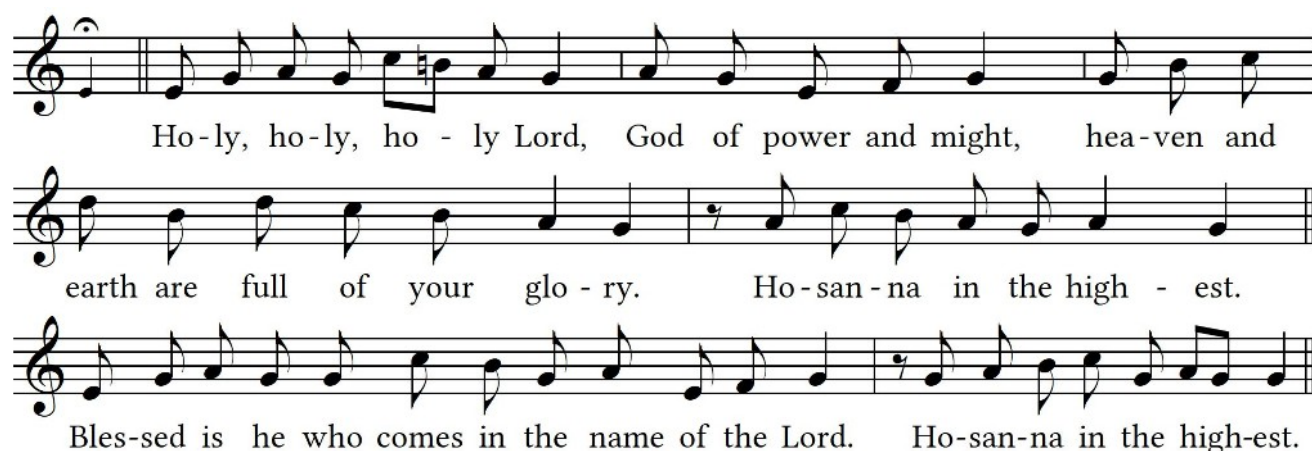
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, it is our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere
to give you thanks
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

He is the Word through whom you made the universe,
the Saviour you sent to redeem us.
He took flesh by the Holy Spirit
and was born of the Virgin Mary.

To accomplish your will
and gain for you a holy people,
he stretched out his arms on the cross,
that he might break the chains of death
and make known the resurrection.

And so with one voice
we join the angels and saints in proclaiming your glory:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Lord, you are holy indeed,
you are the fountain of all holiness.

Send down your Spirit upon these gifts to make them holy,
that they may become for us
the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death,
a death he freely accepted,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;
again he gave you thanks,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the Cup of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

With vigour

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection,
we offer you, Lord God,
this life-giving bread, this saving cup.
We thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We pray that all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world:
perfect us in love
together with Geoffrey our Primate and Bishop,
with all bishops, priests, and deacons,
and all who minister to your people.

Remember our brothers and sisters
who have gone to their rest
in the sure hope of rising again;
bring them and all who have died in your mercy
into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all:
make us worthy to share eternal life,
with Mary, the virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles and with all the saints,
who have found favour with you throughout the ages;
in union with them
may we praise you and give you glory
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through whom, with whom, in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honours is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

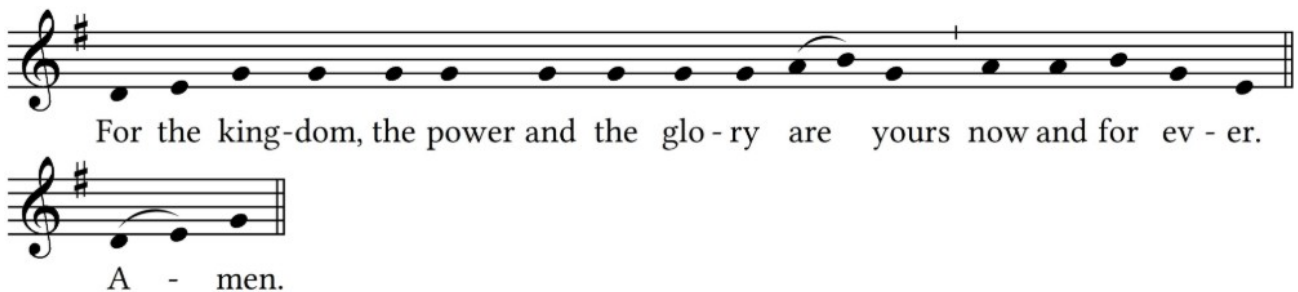
The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.
A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

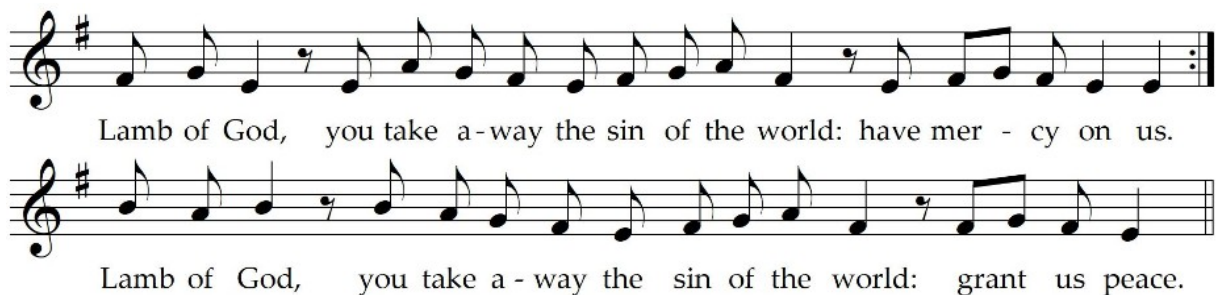
The priest breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

The priest says

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All receive Holy Communion, or a blessing, as they prefer. Please approach in single file, returning via the side aisles.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Healing ministry will be offered in the Holy Innocents chapel.

During Communion, the choir sings.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 13.40

The choir sings

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Let anyone with ears listen!

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of grace,
we have shared in the mystery
of the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have tasted the bread of life
live with you for ever.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand to sing the Postcommunion hymn.

ST DENIO



**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

- 2 **Unresting, unshaking, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 **To all life thou givest—to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.**
- 4 **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

W. Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

FR STEVEN WRITES ... A VERY SPECIAL VESTRY

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Special Vestry Meeting on 9 July. Thanks, once again, to our wonderful catering and cleaning-up team. If you were not able to be there, there is still a chance to join in.

At the Special Vestry, we began to develop our parish's theology, where theology is about our shared reflections on life and faith. It is important to do this for its intrinsic worth, but it will also help in the future with planning and priorities.

In technical terms, we are developing an ecclesiology. Ecclesiology is a theology about what it means to be a church. It comes from the word *ekklesia*, which means *assembly*, and it is derived from ancient Greek democratic gatherings in the public square. The apostle Paul uses the term as a way of describing the church, where *church* means an open assembly rather than a building (see, for example, Paul's Letter to the Galatians).

Our theology encompasses our experience and our questions, as well as Scripture, tradition, and reason. In the spirit of Rahner's notion that God works from the inside out, we began on Sunday by sharing our values and our passions. Specifically, I was asking about our core values. Here are the key ideas/themes from Sunday:

- Acceptance, an open space, a multi-space, welcoming, learning, sacramentality, inclusion, questioning, clarity, service, volunteering, reflection, advocacy, challenging, witnessing, mystery, divine other, liturgy, music, arts, past-present, capacity to make public statements.

Copies of the Minutes of the Meeting (which have been approved by Parish Council on the Vestry's behalf) are available at the back of the church. From these I have distilled the ideas/themes brought up at the meeting in a format (below) we can work build on. I am also inviting you to reflect on this, passing on to me your questions, comments, and suggestions as this is a living document. I have added some theological commentary:

- St Mary Magdalene's is a welcoming and inclusive Anglican faith community. We follow Jesus, the human one, who worked and died for others in the name of love. His humanity, compassion, and courage shape our faith and practice.
- As a faith community, we are part of a (holy) open space. This is a space for learning, sharing, growing, caring, grieving, and celebrating. We are committed to a life of care, generous service in the church and the wider community. This care is grounded in a commitment to love, social justice, challenging injustice, and advocacy in the public square.
- We are grounded in the life of divine mystery, the divine other, which is disclosed to us in the life of Jesus, and his friends from Galilee. We know and celebrate this mystery in daily life, in friendship and in solitude, in our liturgies, our music, and the arts. All this represents, what we call our sacramental view of life, which is honoured in our sharing of bread and wine.

Please let me know what you think.

NEXT SUNDAY - VISITING PREACHER

Next Sunday our Visiting Preacher will be the Revd Alison Dutton. Alison is a Deacon in the Diocese of the Murray, ministering in the Parish of Western Fleurieu. Elsewhere in the Diocese, she has been developing a ministry in quiet days and retreats. Alison is also a practising lawyer, with a strong interest in human rights, working mainly in matters relating to termination of employment, redundancies, discrimination harassment and bullying claims. We look forward to welcoming her.

JULY SERMON SERIES: “The human one: On hope and the practice of love”

What is our ground for hope? It is the practice of love. By love, I am talking about something powerful yet gentle, inclusive, and generous. This love builds community and works for justice in the world. During July, Fr Steven will preach on this theme. The titles of his five reflections are:

- 2 July Welcoming the marginal
- 9 July Queering the church
- 16 July Subverting ageism
- 23 July Mary Magdalene, feminist
- 30 July Irrepressible hope

We first set the context in “Welcoming the Marginal”. Jesus, the human one, with his friends from Galilee, represented a resistance movement inspired by love. Secondly, in “Queering the Church” we considered the need to welcome the stranger, and embrace the outsider, who may well have a prophetic perspective we need to hear. The third week, “Subverting Ageism”, likewise considered entrenched and implicit systems of discrimination, and the importance of adequate movements of resistance to oppose them. Last week, as we celebrated Mary Magdalene, we considered her radical discipleship. Today we conclude the series – with hope.

“THE CONVERSATION” DISCUSSION GROUP

The Conversation is a discussion group running during July and early August, where the group’s questions and aspirations set the agenda. It is based on adult-learning principles, with theological and biblical input from Fr Steven.

In the first week, we canvassed a range of issues, focusing on the complexity of human experience, the nature of suffering, and our shared humanity. From this, we came up with discussion points for the each week. The topic for the final week is:

August 3

An exploration of mystery. The importance of “Aha!” experiences. What is holiness then? Understanding the limits of monotheism? New concepts: *an-arche* and *aleph*. Understanding the Trinity as symbol and story. What about love, forgiveness, and new beginnings?

Thursday mornings at 10 in the Mission Hall. All welcome.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; 12.10 pm Mass (traditional rite)

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with children's ministry and choir

Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 7.30 am, and on Wednesday at 10 am.

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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The Magdalene Centre

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via <https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/>.

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

Directory

Parish Priest: The Revd Dr Steven Ogden

Fr Steven's appointment is part-time. His days on duty are Tuesday to Thursday and Sunday.

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Next Sunday, 6 August, at 10 am - The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 32.22-31 • Psalm 17.1-7, 16 • Romans 9/1-16 • Matthew 14.14-21

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Nance, Neil, Elaine, Edward, Neil, Hugh, Bart O'Donovan (priest) and Prue O'Donovan (Priest).

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died recently, especially James King and Christina Theseira, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*