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**Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30**  
**Evening Mass Thursdays 6pm**  
**Saturday 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY YEAR C 2025**



The Apostleship of the Sea are grateful for you for contributing to the collection for **Stella Maris**, the agency providing for seafarers' needs. We collected: £148.20. Well done!

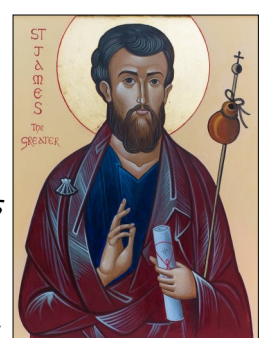
**Mass & Prolife Processional Vigil**  
 St Charles Borromeo 10am to 1pm  
**Saturday 26th July 2025**

*"The source of justice is not vengeance but charity."*  
 –St Bridget of Sweden–

<b>Mass Schedule</b>	
Sat 19th July	8:30pm Of the Catechumenate
Sun 20th July	9am Cyril Lim RIP
Sixteenth Sunday of the Year C	11am Pro Populo
Mon 21st July	NO MASS
Tue 22nd July	12:30 Philomena & Seamus Delaney RIP
St Mary Magdalene	
Wed 23rd July	12:30 Dolores RIP
St Bridget	
Thu 24th July	12:30 Deceased members of the Ritchie family
St Sharbel	6pm Geraldine Rae RIP
Fri 25th July	12:30 Deceased members of the Hampshire family
St James	

Dear All, next week we shall accompany the youth from our parish on pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome with Pope Leo XIV from 29th July to 7th August. Please pray for us.

As Fr Alan Fudge used to say: "A pilgrimage can change our life".  
*"Our medieval ancestors certainly knew this. That is why many criminals and delinquents walked the Way to Santiago. Punished by their judges with the sentence 'death or pilgrimage to Santiago,' most of them chose to make the pilgrimage. Many were changed. Their lives renewed. Do you need a pilgrimage? Perhaps the Feast of Saint James on Friday July 25th will help and inspire you." \*From Fr Alan's Archives.*



St James the Pilgrim, pray for us

# Drive out love with love



*Beloved,*

According to the Gospels and Western tradition, St Mary Magdalene was the 'sinner' healed of seven demons who anointed the feet of Christ in loving gratitude for her being greatly forgiven.

She was also the first to see the Risen Lord. And when she saw him, she desired to cling to him. This great desire united all the broken pieces of her life. As Bishop Erik Varden puts it: "*What determines a life is not the place from which it begins but the goal toward which it moves.*"\* Are you running to Christ?

Christian chastity is about a desire that integrates all others.

The medieval mystic Nicholas Cabasilas wrote: "*We received desire that we might run towards Christ.*"\* Even while she had to walk away from him, Mary Magdalene knew she was running towards him. "*The primary form of self-discipline, required of a Christian is trust.*"\* We are to trust that the one who calls us to perfection will grant us grace to be rid of all our imperfections if we do not despair or give up; if we keep aflame our desire for him. There is no need to be afraid.

"*St John Climacus speaks of the maturing he has observed in people caught up in what nowadays we would call sexual addiction: 'I have watched impure souls mad for physical love but turning what they know of such love into a reason for penance and transferring that same capacity for love to the Lord. I have watched them master fear so as to drive themselves unsparingly towards the love of God. That is why, when talking of that chaste harlot, the Lord does not say, "because she feared," but rather, "because she loved much," she was able to drive out love with love.*"\*

May St Mary Magdalene help us to drive out love with love.

(\*See <https://www.plough.com/en/articles/in-defense-of-chastity> by Erik Varden)