

'For with God nothing shall be impossible'

Luke 1:37

impossible

WHAT'S GOING ON @ ST MARYS

Work out how you're going to spend your summer holidays. As well as Sunday Mass, there is Mass every day! Just think how holy you could be by the end of August!

A SAINT TO KNOW

St Mary Magdalene's Feast is on 22nd July. She tells the Apostles that Jesus is risen and is therefore called the Apostles to the Apostles. We can't do everything in life so sometimes our mission is simply to support someone else, like Mary did.

DID YOU KNOW?

Scholars have recorded Jesus performing 37 miracles. But in truth it's hard to quantify. There are four types of miracles: **Miracles of Nature, Miracles over Supply, Miracles of Healing & Miracles over Demon Powers.**

NOTHING'S TOO BIG FOR GOD

A miracle is defined as 'an unusual and mysterious event that is thought to have been caused by a God because it does not follow the usual laws of nature'

There are so many accounts of extraordinary events in the Bible. From the parting of the Red Seas, to water turning into wine and the greatest miracle of them all Jesus rising from the dead. But what does a miracle look like today?

You don't have to look very far because everyday we hear of impossible and incredible miraculous events, like people recovering fully from critical illnesses to doctors amazement, to being rescued from dangerous situations and a desperate person feeling they have nothing being given a lifeline will seem like a miracle to them.

God tells us there is nothing beyond his power and nothing is too big for Him:

'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.' Philippians 4:6 says.

'Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth' Mark 9:23

'But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26





LOVED BECAUSE SHE LOVED

by *Father Morris*

If you see a woman with long flowing hair in a classic portrayal of a Biblical scene it's Mary Magdalene. All that hair was seen as a bit provocative and so it shows she used to be thought of as a prostitute. Pope Francis wants to try and ditch that bit of the Church's tradition as it's not really in the Bible: she's not actually the "fallen woman" who washes the Lord's feet in Luke 7 or John 12.

We do know that Mary Magdalene came from Magdala (the clue's in the name!) and that she was healed by our Lord of seven devils, the details of which we don't know (Luke 8:2). She received much from Him so when she goes to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning and it looks like He's not there, she's devastated (John 20:11-18). She can't imagine life without Him.

We take God for granted. We just assume He'll always be there for us and it leads us not to show our love for Him enough. Let's follow her example in seizing the initiative in loving God and not just expecting Him to love us.

HOW TO PRAY FOR A MIRACLE

What can we do when we're waiting on a miracle?

- 1) Remember how much God loves you, he doesn't want to punish you. He only has "plans to prosper you and not to harm you"
- 2) Remember all the ways God has been faithful to you in the past.
- 3) Invite others to pray with you, God tells us 'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them'
- 4) Surrender to God's will
- 5) Worship & Praise God

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KNOW YOUR SCRIPTURE

The Bible gives us countless examples of when the impossible has happened.

Christians through Faith and Hope have called on God and without having a clue how or when it would happen have placed their trust in a God that can do All things.

Here are miracles for us to read up and remind ourselves what a mighty God we serve.

The Marriage at Cana

Jesus turns water into wine, showing us that miracles aren't always about being saved from challenging situations but can be about an abundance of joy, overflowing of blessings and a reason to celebrate. John 2:1-11

Jesus stilled the storm

When Jesus sets out with his friends on a boat and a huge storm threatens to overturn the boat he quietens the waves. Jesus hears us when we call out to him. Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus fed at least five thousand people

Jesus was able to take a few loaves and fishes and feed thousands of people. This miracle shows us that out of a little, God can make so much. Matthew 14:15-21

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead

His best friend has died and Jesus is told by his sisters. It was another 2 days before he was able to get to Lazarus but when he does he performs a miracle and raises him from the dead John 11:1-46

St Peter heals the paralytic

The Apostles continue Jesus' ministry of performing miracles. This is the first miracle we hear any details about. It's outside the Temple in Jerusalem. The man initially asks Peter and John for money. They tell him they don't have any, but they give what they can and heal him.