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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, C.

RC Diocese of Argyll and the Isles

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Mass Times for the Week:

Tuesday 10.00a.m.

Wednesday: 10.00a.m.

Thursday: 10.00a.m.

Friday: 10.00a.m. St. Mary Magdalene.

Saturday: 6.00p.m. Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.00am and 11.00am.

Confessions: Saturday before Vigil Mass and on request.

Eucharistic Adoration: After Mass on Wednesday morning.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings:

Genesis 18: 1-10 Sarah is rewarded for her hospitality with the promise that she will soon have a child, a great blessing.

Colossians 1: 24-28 There is nothing lacking in Christ, contrary to what the Colossians thought. The church, Christ's body, may be incomplete however, but this can be made up

Luke 10: 38-42 Jesus is welcomed at the home of Martha and Mary. He calls his hostess from busyness to simplicity.

Another famous story this weekend, this time about **Martha and Mary**. Poor Martha gains a lot of sympathy because she is left to do all the work, but as far as we know there were only three people in her house when Jesus entered. What work does she really need to do? Perhaps Martha is really trying to justify why she won't join her sister and listen to the master as he speaks the most important words of all time!

A very warm welcome into the church to two sisters, **Mia and Freya McGuinness**, who were baptised today (Saturday). Mia and Freya have spent months preparing for their baptism and have shown so much enthusiasm in their learning. May God continue to bless them on their pilgrimage of faith and may we encourage them and show them good example.

There will be **Tea/Coffee** in the Church hall after 11a.m. Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Pause for Thought: During the week we celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. What do we really know about her?"Apostle of the Apostles" is the title given Mary Magdalene by St Thomas Aquinas. Her name comes from her home town of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias.

Mary Magdalene appears in the Gospels in the most dramatic moment of Jesus' life, when she accompanies Him to Calvary and, along with other women, observes Him from afar. She is still there when Joseph of Arimathea places the body of Jesus in the tomb, which is closed with a stone.

Mary Magdalene is the first among the women following Jesus to proclaim Him as having overcome death. She is the first to announce the joyful message of Easter. But she also proved she was among those who loved Him most when she stood at the foot of the Cross on Mount Calvary together with Mary, His Mother, and the disciple, St. John. She did not deny him or run away in fear as the other disciples did, but remained close to Him every moment, up to and including the tomb.

Pope Francis elevated the memory of Mary Magdalene to the status of Festivity on July 22nd, 2016 in order to stress the importance of this faithful disciple of Christ.