God, how many times do I have to despair and be depressed by the news? What a terrible world!
People are abusive, aggressive, cruel and uncaring.
People spoil their surroundings, misuse things given to them, make my life problematic and never the way I’d like it to be.
Do you ever feel like that?
Do you ever weep at the things we do to each other?
Do you ever raise your hands in disbelief at things we say and don’t say?
And do you ever feel ashamed of us, despairing and depressed?
God, how many times have we failed to do your will – seven times?
Seventy-seven times?
How many times have we crucified you with our apathy and selfishness and deliberate sin?
God, I know how hopeless many situations seem.
I know how it feels to see no way forward or out of the mess.
I know the weight of past regret and constant doubting as to whether I am good enough for you and for the people in my life.
I know the sting of guilty tears and the discomfort of pride and greed.
Today, help us to know you. Help us to find a way back to you, a way with a future of hope and promise, a way with new beginnings, apologies accepted and burdens laid down. Help us to find your peace that truly passes all understanding, and that leads to the possibility of life in all its fullness.

More Than Words (Saint Andrew Press, 2008)
IT'S SUMMER TIME

On behalf of all of us who work in the Office of Campus Ministry, please accept our thanks for the many contributions which you have made to our parish and to our outreach in the broader community. Please note that we have now entered into a different phase of ministry, necessitating us being frequently away from the office. Daily Masses are discontinued until the beginning of September. As programming has all by ended for the summer and as it is good to save trees, we will attempt to print bulletins every second week. Updates will be provided electronically at http://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/campus-ministry/bulletin/

Again, be assured of our prayers.  

Michael Béchard (Rev.)

RETURN TO THE NORTH: Father Béchard and a dozen students will travel to Lake Athabasca region again this week to assist with the First Nations’ pilgrimage to Pine Channel. They will return on July 13, 2017. During his absence, the community is grateful for the Sunday ministry of Father Mark Sargent and Father Paul Baillargeon.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Maija Wilson has taken an early leave from King’s University College and the parish. Please keep her and her husband, Matt, in your prayers. She anticipates returning in September 2018. Ali Neves will be joining the Office of Campus Ministry and Christ the King University Parish as the Child Youth Minister. Over the summer, we will be assisted by the presence of four students: Frank Ferhervari, Sara Saeed, Lindsay Hogan and Jeanette Heyblom.

MASS TIME CHANGE (EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2017): As we look to September, our Sunday Eucharists will be celebrated at 9:00 am (Windermere on the Mount), 11:00 am (Windermere on the Mount) and at 5:00 pm (King’s University College). More information will follow in the coming weeks.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR IN SEPTEMBER? If you sing or play an instrument and would like to share your talent with our worshipping community, then we would love to hear from you. Although having previous experience is always helpful, it is definitely not a requirement. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop your music skills, to gain a deeper understanding of the role music plays in the liturgy, and to become a part of a welcoming community. Contact Janet Loo at 519-433-3491 ext. 4528 or janet.loo@kings.uwo.ca for more information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYRS’ SHRINE: Bishops Fabbro and Dabrowski invite you to join them on a pilgrimage to The Martyrs’ Shrine on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. A number of priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated from 1:00 pm. Bishop Fabbro will offer the Eucharist at 2:00 pm. Venerations of the relics and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow at 3:00 pm. Registration information will follow in the coming weeks.

YOUTH SYNOD SURVEY: In preparation for the 2018 Synod about “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment,” the Diocese of London is participating in a worldwide youth survey. If you are, or know someone who is, between the ages of 16-30 (regardless of whether they be Catholic or non-Catholic), please visit dol.ca/survey to take the survey. Youth in the Diocese of London who complete the survey will be entered into a free draw for a chance to win one of three prepaid credit cards. The survey will be open until September 30, 2017.

IN MEMORY: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leo Hickey, who died on Monday, June 26, 2017. We pray that Leo and all those who have died, find their hope fulfilled, and their joy perfected in God’s presence.
HYMNS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (JULY 9, 2017)

Gathering: All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure—CBW 425
Psalm 145: CBW 151
Meditation: Instrumental
Preparation of the Gifts: You Are Near—CBW 487
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Spirit and Grace
Lamb of God: Mass of Spirit and Grace
Communion: Gift of Finest Wheat—CBW 603
Recessional: Blest Are They—CBW 522

HYMNS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (JULY 16, 2017)

Gathering: Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior—CBW 442
Psalm 65: CBW 154
Meditation: Instrumental
Preparation of the Gifts: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy—CBW 443
Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Spirit and Grace
Lamb of God: Mass of Spirit and Grace
Communion: Seed, Scattered and Sown—CBW 604
Recessional: Faith and Truth and Love Bestowing—CS 6.40

In the coming months, the following couples will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. Please remember them in your prayers, that God strengthen them in faith and love.

Michelle DiMarcelli and Jeff Reati (August 12, 2017)
Tess Zanatta and Simon Coutu (August 12, 2017)
Douglas Carter and Cristina Monaco (September 30, 2017)

VERITAS SERIES FOR FAITH AND CULTURE

2017-2018

Through the Veritas series, King’s endeavours to foster learning and dialogue by gathering scholars, artists and activists who support and challenge us in living lives of faith and justice in the 21st century. This coming year’s series will be dedicated to looking at music as a vehicle for personal and communal transformation. The following speakers have been confirmed. We hope that many will join us for these gatherings.

This coming year, we will welcome:

Anthony Ruff, OSB
Associate Professor of Theology
Saint John’s University
Collegeville, Minnesota
September 28, 2017

Ricky Manalo, CSP, PhD
Liturgical Composer & Professor
Santa Clara University
Santa Clara, California
October 19, 2017

Rory Cooney
Director of Liturgy & Composer
St. Anne Catholic Community
Barrington, Illinois
November 23, 2017

Dylan Robinson, PhD
Assistant Professor
Canada Research Chair
Indigenous Arts, Queens University
January 18, 2018

Shaykh Qutaiba Albluwi, PhD
Imam & Academician
Centre for Nonviolence & Peace Studies
Toronto, Ontario
March 1, 2018

Aviva Chernick
Singer, Prayer Leader & Educator
March 22, 2018

SAVE THE DATES FOR FUTURE KING’S CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERTS:
Christmas Concert: December 2, 2017 / Spring Concert: April 7, 2018
Visit kings.uwo.ca/kuccc for more information.
The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. Where she is buried, no one knows. Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

The true identification of St. Mary Magdalene is not quite clear. The Greek Fathers gave her a separate identity than Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, but most Latin Fathers say she is the same Mary. From Dictionary of the Bible by Scott Hahn (Doubleday, 2009):

Tradition often identifies Mary Magdalene either with the sinful woman who anointed Christ's feet in Luke 7:36-50 or with Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha mentioned in Luke 10:38-42 and John 11-12. By the sixth century A.D., figures such as Gregory the Great had begun to advance the notion that these two women mentioned in Scripture were one and the same person: Mary Magdalene, who hailed from Bethany and who had become a disciple of Jesus after leading a notoriously sinful life. This tradition explains why Mary Magdalene was revered for centuries as the “model penitent.” From a biblical stand point, it is not impossible that Mary Magdalene could be identified with either one or both of these two women, but decisive evidence is lacking and so it must remain uncertain.

She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a “great sinner,” a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: “I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me.” Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God's love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

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RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND: The four stages of marriage are: Romance, Disillusionment, Misery, and Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the fourth Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment please contact Retrouvaille for confidential information about, or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 25-27, 2017 at the Michaelite House Retreat Centre, London, ON. Please call 519-243-0687 or email retrouvaillelondonstthomas@gmail.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org