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On Tuesday July 22, the Church will celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, one of the greatest saints of the Bible, and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace.

Apart from the Blessed Mother, she is the only female saint who is commemorated with the liturgical honour of a Feast, the second highest rank of celebration, after a Solemnity, and before a Memorial.

When we reflect Saint Mary Magdalene, a lot of popular discourse often focuses on her past sinful life, rather than the powerful witness she bore to the Gospel message.

The Gospels agree Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. Through this encounter, she became completely transformed, leaving behind a painful life.

She was present at Jesus' crucifixion, the first witness to His resurrection, and the first to understand the Good News that Christ was risen. This news compelled her to go and tell the Apostles, thus becoming the Apostle to the Apostles.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

Saint Mary Magdalene epitomises the experience of conversion through Christ. Through Him, we are reborn into new life and experience the desire to tell all about the Good News that Christ is risen.

We can follow this example in our daily lives, shedding off sinful desires in favour of following Christ and bearing witness to the Gospel.

Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us.