

## *Spiritual Reading Group – July 2017*

# *Mary Magdalene*

# *– the Watchtower of the Flock*



*Mary Magdalene, Irina Kuzminsky (pastels)*

*with Irina Kuzminsky*

*Tuesday 18 July*

*4.30 – 6.00 pm*

*Apostle to the apostles or whore?*

*In a world looking for female voices from the past, where are the female voices in the Christian story? And why has the voice of Mary Magdalene been silenced? Slandered yet never quite suppressed, what does Mary Magdalene's resurgence into consciousness signal for us today?*

*As female disciple and a leader central to the Jesus movement her rehabilitation at the very least opens up new pathways for women of the faith, beyond unattainable ideal or carrier of sexual guilt who is to keep silent.*

*We will explore her changing face through historical texts and poetry which seeks to open a space for reflection and encounter with her. And did you know Jesus named her the "Watchtower of the Flock"?*

*A pearl thrown into the mud does not lose its value.* (Philip 48)

**Irina Kuzminsky** is a poet, dancer and singer who passionately believes in the arts as a bridge to the spiritual. She wrote her doctorate at Oxford where she was elected Junior Research Fellow in Humanities. Irina's poetry and articles have been published in the UK, Australia and US, and her performances and music have been acclaimed in the UK, Germany, US and Australia. She has spent much of her life on a quest for the Divine Feminine across multiple spiritual traditions.



**The Carmelite Library, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park**

**Bookings: via the website Cost: \$5**