



**Don't let the scale of the diagram above fool you: representing the goddess of justice, Virgo is the second largest constellation in the sky.**

**Spica**, a first magnitude blue-white star, is easy to spot, shining as it does in a fairly dark part of the sky.

**M61** is a lovely *face-on* spiral galaxy while **NGC 5746** is an *edge-on* spiral galaxy that's best observed in small scopes.

**M49** and **M60** are elliptical galaxies. Being one of the brightest ellipticals, M49 was the first member of the Virgo-Supercluster to be discovered by Charles Messier. M60 is some 60,000,000 lightyears distant and is as luminous as 60 billion copies of our sun.

Most of the galaxies in Virgo are part of the Virgo-Supercluster. Not so **M104**. At about 50,000,000 lightyears, this galaxy's dark dust lane and close to edge-on angle (just 6°) makes it look a little like a sombrero.

Finally, **Porrima** is a fine double-star worthy of a peek.