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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE - MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

12 JUNE 2016

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

Dear Friends and Parishioners...

As many of you may know, after my wonderful year working as a pastoral assistant at St Mary Magdalen in 2010-2011, and five years of training at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea, my ordination to the priesthood is now only two weeks away.

I have very fond memories of my time in Willesden Green, and would like to thank all those who have kept in touch during my time at seminary, and for continuing to support me in various ways. I was blessed, of course, to have the priestly example of Fr Hugh Mackenzie whilst in the parish; and latterly I have been grateful, too, for all of Fr Kevin's encouragement and support. I cannot tell you how important it has been to have such a positive example of parish life to foster my sense of priestly vocation. I am now looking forward to leaving the academic world of books and exams behind and to returning full time to the life of pastoral ministry.

My ordination to the priesthood, along with that of five fellow seminarians, will take place on Saturday 25 June at 10:30am at Westminster Cathedral. This is a public event and I would like to invite anyone who wishes to do so to attend; it would be a wonderful encouragement to see some familiar faces there and to share the experience of my ordination day with you. If you are able to come, please leave plenty of time as the Cathedral is likely to be quite full.

I am also delighted to be able to invite you to join me as I celebrate my First Mass, which will take place at St Mary Magdalene at 6:30pm on Sunday 26 June. This will be followed by a celebratory reception – including a hog roast - and it would be lovely to be able to speak to you all personally there.

My time at seminary is drawing to a close and next weekend I will be away on my pre-ordination retreat. Please be assured of my prayers whilst away; I would be grateful for your prayers, too, at this important time for me.

With all good wishes,

Deacon Tony.

As Deacon Tony's formation at Allen Hall ends, Deacon Michael's begins. It is a testimony to the vibrancy of faith here that there has been a steady stream of men associated with Willesden Green offering themselves for the Priesthood in recent years. Given all his studies and pastoral experience, Deacon Michael's time in the seminary will be shorter than normal. So while we rejoice in God's call to them and celebrate their grace-filled response, we can all encourage others in our parish to think seriously about becoming priests and pray daily for them that this noble tradition may continue among us.

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am,
6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays: One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

Those who have died recently: Fr Harry Hamill

Those who are sick: Jimmy Murphy, Susan Keane

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick & Martin Grealish, Timothy & Catherine Kelleher, Joaquim Fernandes, Thomas Gilgunn

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,765.15 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Tea and coffee. You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks. Do take this opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners.

Cake Sale. A group of year 12 students from the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College will be selling cakes in the Annexe after all of the morning Masses today. Proceeds from the cake sale will be used to fund a trip to Lourdes where students will volunteer as Redcaps, assisting older and frailer pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

Stitch Amazingly Sewing Workshop for beginners to intermediate level will recommence on Tuesdays from 14 June—19 July 2016 from 7:00pm—8:30pm, and on Saturdays from 18 June—23 July from 2:30pm—4:00pm. Please contact Glenda on 07739 707 564 or email Info@stitchamazingly.co.uk for details. Please also visit the website at www.stitchamazingly.co.uk.

'Day for Life' collection takes place next Sunday 19 June 2016. This year 'Day for life' focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. Tragically, today men, women and children are sometimes viewed as commodities which can be bought and sold. As Pope Francis has powerfully articulated in *Laudato Si*, there is a real need to discover a spirit of wonder and awe at the gift of human life so that all life may be properly respected and a new heart created for the home in which we live. Cards to mark 'Day for Life' will be available at the back of the church next weekend. For more information please visit the website at www.dayforlife.org.

Special Needs Group Raffle Draw will take place next Sunday 19 June 2016 in the Annexe after the 10:30am Mass. If you have purchased raffle tickets please join us to see whether you are a lucky winner.

Tony Thomas is being ordained priest at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25 June 2016 and will be celebrating his first Mass here on Sunday 26 June 2016 at 6:30pm. There will be a reception afterwards either outside the church or at St Mary Magdalen's school hall depending on the weather. All are welcome. Please sign up on the food and helpers' lists on the table at the back of the church today. Thank you in advance.

The Annual Parish Concert, 'The Healing Power of Music,' will take place on Friday 1 July 2016 at 7:30pm. Admission is free. Performers include, the children's choir from St Mary Magdalen Junior School, conducted by Kristina Grynert, Patricia Rozario (soprano), Mark Troop (piano) with Samantha Gaspe, Farah Ghadiali (sopranos) and Yasashi Pangaribuan (mezzo). The programme of popular classics will reflect the healing power of music. Refreshments will be available in the Annexe after the concert. All are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

Diocesan News

'Hour of Prayer for Vocations' on Saturday 25 June 2016 from 4:15pm—5:15pm at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, London N16 5BL.

Caritas Westminster. Come and join your local 'Big Mile' – a one mile walk for children and adults taking place on 26 June 2016 at 3:00pm. The walk starts at Westminster Cathedral and ends at the Houses of Parliament, then back to the Cathedral where refreshments will be available. There is a registration fee of £5 for adults and £1 for children and the unwaged. The money raised will go towards helping the SVP meet the needs of rough sleepers through the 'Vinnie Packs' scheme and assist Caritas Westminster in their work with deaf and hard of hearing people, people with learning disabilities, and women escaping human trafficking. Register at www.bigmile.org.uk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Youth 2000 Summer Prayer Festival, 'Conquerors' takes place from 25—29 August 2016 at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. This is a festival for young adults, 16-35, and families. There will be direct coaches from cities across the UK. For more information please visit the website www.youth2000.org and see the poster at the back of the church.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group— Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Stitch Amazingly sewing workshop in the Annexe
Wednesday	6:30am	Special Needs Group —Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	Stitch Amazingly sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm–9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe