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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE - MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
YEAR B
14 JUNE 2015
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Back to Our Roots

This week our new gardener Geoff will begin to plant and develop the areas around the church. The first reading today speaks of trees which while not showing any particularly vivid colours do resolutely show their health and vitality with vibrant green growth. It hardly seems possible that with Lent (purple) and Eastertide (gold and white, with red for Pentecost) and the solemnities of Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi* (both gold) we haven't worn green vestments on a Sunday since 15 February.

We can easily lapse into a coasting mode with this time since it is not a privileged season of the Church's year. But beware—we all know what the government is threatening to do to coasting schools! Ordinary time—the period for green vestments—is therefore a good occasion for us to remind ourselves of the timelessness of God. Unlike us, he doesn't keep a calendar and so we too should move out of our own limitedness and into his eternity especially when we come to Mass. Remember that Sunday is always the day of resurrection and therefore is Easter Sunday all over again. This is hard to recall when we are weighed down with all the things that are going on in our linear lives.

But we are not alone. On that very day the women go to the tomb expecting to find a body but they are admonished for looking for one who is alive among the dead. Moreover they are advised to go to Galilee. Why there? Because in Galilee the apostles started on the road with Jesus and there their hearts burned with hope and enthusiasm—the call is return to the dream of discipleship that has been lost through disillusionment.

And in St Luke's Gospel on the same day two disciples are fleeing Jerusalem discouraged and desolate towards Emmaus, a spa town, for purely human comfort. But Christ appears to them and reshapes their hope in the light of the darkness of death and turns them back towards Jerusalem where their perceived loss was the ultimate victory.

Whenever we are discouraged in faith, whenever our hopes are crucified, which can happen on any day not just Good Friday, return to that Easter Day in the Mass and be sent back to Galilee and Jerusalem. Go back to the dream and the road of discipleship and hope. We will always be tempted to head off for human comfort when we feel low but in one way or another, in one guise or another, most especially in the Eucharist, Christ meets us, restores our hope and sends us back to our abandoned discipleship. Just like the new growth we will shortly see in the garden in this "dull" time, we too can bring colour to our world by tending to what is at the heart of our faith. *Fr Kevin*

Those who are sick: Fr Jim McNulty CSSp, Michael Connell, Pedro Flares, Catherine Lynch, David Allen

Those who have died recently: Helen Noble

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Martin & Paddy Grealish, John & Mary Coleman, Timothy & Catherine Kelleher

Those whom we have welcomed into the church through baptism: John Arcie Riberal, Alfie Tristan Ponweera

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,057.38 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

Cake Sale. The Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College Lourdes group cake sale on Sunday 7 June 2015, raised a total of £274.27. Proceeds from the cake sale will be used towards funding a trip to Lourdes where students will volunteer as Redcaps, assisting older and frailer pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July. Thank you for your support.

Xaverian Missionaries are carrying out their annual mission appeal for 2015 in Westminster Diocese. This weekend, 13/14 June 2015, Father Archie Casey of St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society will preach at all Masses. The *Xaverians* preach and teach; they are channels of the gift of grace, to reconcile people with God. They are involved in social work, community building, health care, and in educational programs in many parts of the world. For more information please visit <http://www.xaviermissionaries.org/>

St Anthony's Feast will be celebrated in Konkani this Sunday 14 June at 3:00pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green.

Brent Deanery Secondary Schools Mass will take place on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 11:00am in St Mary Magdalens church, Willesden Green. All are welcome.

The annual summer seaside trip, is this Saturday 20 June 2015. There are still some places left on the buses for the annual trip to the seaside run by the parish Special Needs group for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. If you know of someone who'd like to come, please contact steve.mcc@virginmedia.com or phone 07802 418 576.

Magdala, the parish magazine will be on sale after all Masses next weekend 20/21 June 2015. It includes many pictures of our 75th Anniversary celebration and much more.

Thanksgiving Mass. Next Sunday 21 June 2015, at 10:30am, we invite all children who have made their First Holy Communion this year to come to this Mass and participate in a Blessed Sacrament procession and afterwards a small celebration. Donations of cakes and biscuits are most welcome and can be brought to the Annexe from 10:00am. Children can wear their Holy Communion clothes and should please sit at the front of the church on arrival.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion photographs taken by the photographer Martin Breakspear will be available to view/purchase in the Annexe next Sunday 21 June 2015 between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Martin can be contacted on 07905 827 194 or 020 8907 9741 or email mbreakspear@btinternet.com.

The Annual Parish Concert this year will celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The concert takes place on Friday 26 June 2015 at 7:30pm. Admission is free. Performers include, children's choir from St Mary Magdalen Junior School, conducted by Kristina Grynert. Patricia Rozario (soprano), Mark Troop (piano) Yuka Matsumoto (violin), Farah Ghadiali (soprano), Vincent Martinez

(tenor), and Alok Prasad (baritone). A retiring collection will be taken for the benefit of *Aid to the Church in Need*. All are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

Journey in Faith. Do you know anyone wishing to become a Catholic or just interested in finding out more about our faith? Are you an adult who has not yet been confirmed? Each year we have our *Journey in Faith* series of meetings to bring people into the Church, prepare them for the sacraments or just help them understand the faith more deeply. Please give names/contact details to Father Kevin or Deacon Michael. Alternatively you can call the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

Tea and Welcomers Rota. Thank you to all those who have already signed up. We still require more volunteers. Please sign up today on one, or both, of these rotas which are on the table at the back of the church.

Funeral Notices

The Reception of the body of the late Helen Noble of Riffel Road will take place on Thursday 18 June 2015 at 7:00pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 19 June at 1:00pm, followed by cremation at Hendon Crematorium at 3:00pm.

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

'Ever Ancient, Ever New'. Men aged 18-40 with a passion for God and the Church are invited to consider a vocation to the men's branch of a new religious community. Join us on the weekend of 4/5 July 2015 at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood, for a time of prayer, sharing and reflection. It will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham's charism and how it may relate to your own faith journey. For further information call Jim on 01277 373 848 or visit www.walsinghamcommunity.org.

Ten Ten, the catholic professional theatre company, is recruiting for a 'Head of Sales and Marketing' (fixed-term) and a team of 'Education Resource Writers' (freelance) to join its small, family-run team. For more information visit tententheatre.co.uk/recruitment.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer group meeting in the Annexe
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Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!