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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
02 JULY 2017
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

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: 8:30pm—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday: 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

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

Don't Blame Kim Jong Un

Wasn't last weekend just wonderful? On Saturday the Ordinations at the Cathedral showed Catholic liturgy at its most effective in raising hearts and minds to God. On Sunday at Fr Michael's (still can't get used to that!) first Mass, our souls were similarly directed heavenward. So thank you to all who made the church so beautiful and the liturgy so prayerful, and those who organised such a wonderful party afterwards for everyone concerned, including some passers-by who just decided to enjoy our hospitality.

All of this was done without the aid of much computer technology so there was little chance of any hackers spoiling our enjoyment. But computer glitches have not spared every aspect of parish life although some human reserve has contributed to it.

I refer to the parish database on which we have a record of many names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. I say "many" because it is quite surprising who isn't on there. That's why the reminder to help us update is also directed to people who have "lived here forever" - please, don't assume that we have your contact details. For example, there is a parishioner who attends Mass every week who we have not seen for a few weeks. Everyone knows his name and the road on which he lives but nobody knows which number—if we had him on the database I'd be over there like a shot checking that he's on a round-the-world cruise and not languishing, unvisited and unfortified by the Rites of Holy Mother Church, on his sick bed or in hospital. Similarly, long-standing parishioners sometimes leave a message with no number asking us to call them back and they're not on the database either. Please, no matter how long you've lived here, or if you filled one in a few months ago, complete a new form today.

And the other reason for this is a technical one but not one we can put down to North Korean hackers. At various points in the database, the telephone numbers have moved up to the previous entry. As a result I have found myself, for example, trying to ring the Rafferty household only to find the telephone answered by the Quirke's. Because this has happened in places but not everywhere it cannot be repaired with confidence.

So please, please, pretty please...fill in a new form and hand it in so that we can create a new database and back it up. That way we will never lose parishioners in the ether again and we can also send out the newsletter electronically and create a list of skills.

To return to last weekend, let us join the Cardinal in praying for "these seven men, good and true, who will spend their lives as heralds of the Gospel, speaking and acting in the name of the Church." May God bless all our new priests but especially Fr Michael—how we shall all miss him. And may God bless you and your loved ones this week. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: James B Mahoney

Those who are sick: Dan Sullivan, Sinead Reekie, Andrew Heath, Noreen Kelly

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cornelius O'Neill, William Dyra, Manuel Coelho

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,889.25 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Salesian Mission Appeal 2017 in June raised £982.12. We have received a letter from the Salesians of Don Bosco thanking us for our generous donation.

Peters Pence collection last weekend raised £253.95. Thank you for your support.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. New rotas are now available to collect from the rack in the sacristy. Attached to each rota is a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion contact list which will enable you to contact another minister should you be unable to cover the date for which you are rostered.

Altar Linen. For all those who kindly volunteered a rota is now available for you to collect from the rack in the sacristy.

Special Needs Summer Raffle 2017. The parish Special Needs Group will be holding a summer raffle. First prize—£200 cash donated by *M.P Moran Ltd*; second prize—SDS drill donated by *Discount Builders Supplies*, High Road, Willesden; third prize—£100 *Marks and Spencer* voucher, plus many more wonderful prizes. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a summer seaside trip for local people with learning disabilities. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend 1/2 July. Tickets cost £1 per strip. All winners will be announced in the Annexe after 10:30am Mass on Sunday 16 July 2017. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Magdala magazines are still available on the magazine rack at the back of the church.

The Convent of Jesus & Mary Catholic Infant School and Nursery Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 8 July from 12noon until 3:00pm. This year the fair will have a *Mardi Gras* theme with live music, a traditional and Brazilian BBQ and delicious Indian food. This year will see the introduction of more competitions: as well as the cake competition there will be a best *Mardi Gras* mask and best decorated sweet jar! The kids will be able to enjoy the bouncy castle and many new games including 'Tin Can Alley' and 'Toilet Roll Toss' and the ever popular 'Splat The Rat'! There are great raffle and auction prizes including a hotel stay in Mayfair and kids' summer camp multi-sports weeks. All the money raised will be invested in our great school!

Apostleship of the Sea. Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the *Apostleship of the Sea*, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. You can also donate online at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. For more information visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk and please see the poster at the back of the church.

First Holy Communion 2017. Please go to the following link: <http://5661602.tifmember.com/v/photos/22592nvf/C256584604?ppp=0> to view the First Holy Communion pictures

from Saturday 10 June, Sunday 11 June and Saturday 17 June. You can buy directly from the site should you wish. For further information email Simon Drake at simondrake1967@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.simondrakephotography.co.uk or Facebook www.facebook.com/simondrakephotography or telephone on 020 8384 0629, mobile 07858 519 771.

Newman Catholic College Summer Tuition and Activities Camp (Syrian Children). This takes place from 24 July for four weeks in Newman Catholic College, Harlesden Road, Willesden and offers great opportunities to do voluntary work such as teaching or helping looking after children from a range of different age groups. If you are able to give some of your time or share some of your skills and help to look after the children please contact Amanda, Summer Camp co-ordinator at Newman Catholic College, Harlesden Road, London NW10 3RN or email awooster@ncc.brent.sch.uk or telephone 07985 291 930.

Domino Playgroup, Kings Hall Community Centre, 155 Harlesden Road, Willesden, London NW10 2BS have vacancies for children aged 2-5 years old. *Ofsted* registered (graded good). For more information telephone Alison on 020 8459 3487 and please see the poster at the back of the church.

Diocesan News

Pilgrimage to the Veneto Region of Northern Italy is being organised by *Pax Travel* and led by Fr Martin Plunkett from Saturday 30 September until Thursday 5 October, cost £599. The pilgrimage will include visits to the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Love in Schio, the convent of St Josephine Bakhita in Schio, and the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua. For further details telephone *Pax Travel* on 020 7485 3003 or email info@paxtravel.co.uk or visit the website at www.paxtravel.co.uk. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord.
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour-Church
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe