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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE - MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

26 JUNE 2016

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

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

The Better Part

The veteran actor Frank Langella recently said that the key to success is knowing your lines well, and knowing what they mean so deeply, they you really believe them when you're delivering them. As I'm not an actor I can't relate to first night nerves but I know well the awesomeness of being the main celebrant for the first time at Mass.

Today, Sunday, at 6:30pm, that responsibility will fall on Fr Tony Thomas. It is indeed an awesome task for him to be the priest for us, not for himself, for the first time. And it is an honour to have him choose our parish for that celebration. Even if you are reading this at an earlier Mass, come again this evening and pray for and with Fr Tony as he acts in the Person of Christ for the first time and, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, represents for us the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary which takes away the sins of the world.

A First Mass—getting the words and actions right so the people are not distracted—is a daunting experience and it is a help to ask a priest who knows the celebrant well to preach. Generally, this homily reflects on the transition from the individual who entered the seminary to the one who now is now no longer as he was but is consumed by the mystery of the Priesthood through a power beyond any human understanding.

That said, a First Mass is one of the few opportunities to draw from the rich vein of Church music not just a holy *Desert Island Discs* selection but those pieces which have inspired a man in a particular way. Music touches all of us differently and it is well-known for its soothing, even medicinal, powers. With that in mind our annual parish concert on Friday evening after Mass—with the wonderful choir from St Mary Magdalen Junior School, Patricia Rozario and Mark Troop, and a selection of rising musical stars—will invite us to reflect on the healing power of music. Do come to that as well.

But to return to Fr Tony, his journey to this moment was not a box-ticking exercise. A seminary is not about passing exams and meeting a "standard." It is, as seminary means, a place where a priest is grown into the image and likeness of Christ. The most important factor in this is prayer and deepening of that personal relationship with the Lord and it is why many choose their Spiritual Director to preach at their First Mass.

That personal relationship is vital for all of us whatever we do. It is the theme of our Parish Mission from 16-22 July, focusing on St Mary Magdalen choosing the better part by sitting and listening to Christ rather than running around like Martha and squeezing God in during a spare moment. Put it in your diaries and take home some posters. Frank Langella concludes, "Get out of your own way." Fr Tony has. So could we all. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Jimmy Murphy, Ann Rom, Hannah Collins, Faustino Do Rego

Those who are sick: James Martin

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Goretti Egan, Cornelius O'Neill, Samuel Leslie Shaw, Josie McManus

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,737.63 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Special Needs Group Annual Summer Raffle Draw has raised a magnificent £1,405.00. Thank you most sincerely to all those who supported the raffle. A list of all the lucky winners is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. There are also a few unclaimed prizes which can be claimed by contacting Kathleen on 020 8451 4677. The funds raised from the raffle are being used to fund a seaside trip to Margate on Saturday 16 July 2016 for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. We still have some spaces on the minibus so if you know of someone who'd like to come, please contact Eamon on 07872 473 435.

Peter's Pence collection takes place this weekend after all Masses. The *Peter's Pence* Collection is the Pope's fund to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance.

Ashford Place. The monthly collection of non perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place this weekend.

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.

Magdala Magazine will be available to purchase after all Masses this weekend. It includes an article on how the *Year of Mercy* can be applied in our Parish and our lives, and some beautiful photographs of our First Holy Communions and Confirmations. There are also many other interesting articles.

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, Patricia Rozario (soprano), Mark Troop (piano) with Samantha Gaspe, Farah Ghadiali (sopranos) Yasashi Pangaribuan (mezzo) and the children's choir from St Mary Magdalen Junior School, conducted by Kristina Grynert. 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.

Holy Hour. Please note that due to the Annual Parish Concert there will be no Holy Hour this Friday.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 9 July 2016. The coach will leave from the church at 6:30am and return at approximately 7:30pm, depending on traffic. Pilgrims should bring a packed lunch, including plenty of water. Also, if you have not already done, so please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible of your next of kin details in the event of illness/emergency.

Text Giving. A new way to support St Mary Magdalen's is now available from the Diocese through text giving on your mobile phone. Just text PARISH WILLG to 70800 to donate £5 automatically which will be added to your phone bill. This is an easy way to make offerings or to top-up your regular giving or to give if you're visiting. No more searching your pocket or purse for loose coins either. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Hannah Collins of Lawnfield House will take place on Monday 27 June 2016 at 7:00pm followed by repatriation to Ireland

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

The Passage. Please support the excellent work which *The Passage* does for homeless people in Central London by attending *The Passage* Annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 15 July, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are £35 each and available from *The Passage*, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL by telephoning 020 7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk or visit the website at www.passage.org.uk. It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey.

Jubilee Mass for Workers and Volunteers of Mercy. At 2:00 pm on Saturday 10 September the Cardinal will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral for all workers and volunteers whose work and voluntary service embodies mercy. This includes, but is no way limited to, those who work in social care in the State or private sector. Also, so many of our diocesan and parish organisations, such as *Caritas* and the *SVP* are welcome to participate in this Diocesan event in the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: O Lord it is You who are my portion.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. 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	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm-9:30pm	FGCC - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe