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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY - MONTH OF  
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS  
03 JULY 2016  
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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## 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 Best of Both Worlds

Fr Tony Thomas's first Mass here last Sunday evening was not only a great honour for our parish but a truly uplifting spiritual occasion with a wonderfully generous and superbly organised spread of food and drink afterwards. It meant a great deal to Fr Tony that so many people were still there nearly two hours after the party began and I can only express my gratitude and yours to Brigid Hegarty, the Social Committee and so many others for a job done cheerfully, discretely and extremely well once again.

The preparation for, and delivery of, such hospitality (as well as all the clearing up afterwards) puts us in touch with Martha who served the Lord and His apostles when they came to her village. Indeed, offering food and drink is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy to which Pope Francis calls us to pay particular attention in this Year of Mercy.

But in that Gospel story there is also Mary, our patron, who sits at the feet of Jesus, just spending time with Him, listening to Him and taking in not bodily refreshment but spiritual nourishment, the foundations of the path to everlasting life. (Luke 10: 41-42)

All too often Mary's side of our relationship with Christ is reduced to second place in the midst of all the things we have to "do" and yet Our Saviour teaches us that it is Mary who has chosen the better part. And those things that we need to do are not just for our bodies but also for our souls—thus rugby matches and ballet classes as well as our invaluable "personal time" and our religious obligations and needs all get timetable. But then the Mass too, the greatest prayer we have, the source and summit of the Christian Life, not to mention some time in quiet contemplation of God's love and mercy for us, become just another burden in the routine of daily life rather than a joy.

It is for this reason that we are having a Parish Mission from 16—22 July led by the Norbertines from St Philip's Priory in Chelmsford—that we might learn how we can better follow the example of St Mary Magdalen today. You will find full details of the programme on the flyers in the porches so please take some home with you, put them in a prominent place and maybe give some to your friends or family members. Each day the talk at 1:00pm will be repeated at 7:30pm so that those who work can take part. And as it is the school holidays, our children can join in not just on Monday but all week.

The Mission will end with Mass on St Mary Magdalen's Day and there will be a reception afterwards when we can be like Martha again but with our spiritual batteries recharged. By the grace of God, through our fullest participation, we can learn how to be both Mary and Martha in our lives and—forgive me—have our cake and eat it. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** Liddell Walcott

**Those who are sick:** Michael Shea

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr John Power, William Dyra, Luke Riordan, Josie McManus, Mary Jo Regan, Jonathan Munroe

**Those Baptised:** Nathan Andrew Galo Wallace

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £2,151.44 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Peter's Pence collection** last weekend raised £260.03. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**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. As we all know English weather is changeable even in the middle of summer so pilgrims are therefore advised to bring a light raincoat/poncho with a hood and a warm woollen/fleece for the evening. Sensible walking shoes for the Holy Mile procession are also advisable. Also, if you have not already done so, please advise the Parish Office of your next of kin details in the event of illness/emergency.

**The Convent of Jesus & Mary Catholic Infant School & Nursery Summer Fair** will take place on Saturday 9 July 2016 from 12 noon until 3:00pm. This year's Fair will have a festival theme with live music, BBQ, visiting stalls, games and Indian food. Children can enjoy the bouncy castle, magic truck rides, the stocks (where you can soak your PTA and teachers!), giant sports and garden games. We will also have our raffle and auction. 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 in Great Britain, which provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. It is a vitally important mission to a hidden group of people, many of whom are Catholic. Please give generously to support its important work. For more information about this work please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) and please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Person with a Van?** We need to move a wooden altar and candles to St Mary Magdalen School on 15 July. Would anyone be able to help, please? Also about four people to lift it. Thank you.

**Special Needs Group** summer seaside trip to Margate, for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities, takes place on Saturday 16 July 2016. We still have a few spaces on the minibus so if you know of someone who'd like to come, please contact Eamon on 07872 473 435.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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!

## Diocesan News

**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](http://www.youth2000.org) and see the poster at the back of the church.

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, visit the website [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicingles.org.uk).

**Doors of Mercy.** During the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, you are invited to make a pilgrimage to the shrines in the Diocese, many of them hosting a Holy Door. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others through the Diocese (locally at Our Lady of Willesden) may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. Information about events during the *Year of Mercy*, Holy Doors and the Indulgence is available on the Diocesan Website <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>. May this Holy Year be for all, as Pope Francis wishes, 'a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God.'

## 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 meeting in the Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers'</i> meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	Padre Pio Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	<i>Knights of St Columba</i> meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm-9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe