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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF  
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS  
9 JULY 2017  
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A

## A Truly Refreshing Fountain

Last weekend Patricia Rozario and Mark Troop with their students from the Royal Academy of Music and our own magnificent St Mary Magdalen junior School Choir provided an evening of great musical entertainment which raised over £800 for the residents of Grenfell Tower. Indeed, a number of audience members described it as “the best ever.”

In the seminary pastoral classes, the first Papal document we looked at was *Christifideles Laici* on the faithful witness not of bishops, priests and religious, but the lay faithful—you who are reading this. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in it, “The eyes of faith see marvellous things today—countless lay people, women and men, engaged in all sorts of activities. They are mostly quite unknown and unnoticed, tireless labourers in the vineyard, who go on steadily through God’s grace. These are the people, at once humble and great, who are building God’s Kingdom in our time.” Of all the writings by various popes, with my dad’s anniversary looming, this one has a special place in my heart.

Just now we are preparing to bid farewell and thank you to six members of staff from our parish schools. They carry out a variety of works which not only educate our children, but as Pope Francis says, “give meaning to school, studying and culture without reducing it all just to passing on practical knowledge.” We assure each of them of our deepest gratitude and our prayers for the future in both new work and retirement.

All of these people embody St John Paul’s words that “Each member of the Church has a unique task which no one else can take on,” and that “each is asked to make a special contribution to the coming of Christ’s Kingdom and no talent is too small to be used.”

I am prompted to think of this also as the rack in the sacristy is bulging with rotas for various ministries with many new names on them —readers, counters, church cleaners, washers of the sacred cloths, gardeners. And with new people come new ways of working. Some teams count on Sunday lunchtimes and have developed their own incredibly fast and accurate systems in keeping with the Diocesan audit of a few years ago. New cleaning teams are looking after things that our previous two teams simply didn’t have time to do. And our gardeners have free-rein to use their green eyes and fingers to plant what will make our church even more blooming welcoming throughout the year.

The buck stops here, but do you have a talent or an idea that might help to make our parish an even more welcoming home and a place of service for all? Don’t be shy—rather be confident that what you have to offer may, as Pope Saint John XXIII said, make our parish “the village fountain where all people can quench their thirst.” *Fr Kevin*

## 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

**Those who have died recently:** Michael Tavernier, Cardinal Joachim Meisner

**Those who are sick:** Sinead Reekie, Andrew Heath, Elfriede Singleton

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Stephen Jordan Dan & Mary O’Sullivan, Peter Mangan, PJ Mulhern, Fr John Power, Tom Creed, Tommy McHugh, Mick O’Brien, Esmenia Hufana

**Those Baptised:** Aoife Anne Ruddy, Sarah Johannah Connery

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,907.09 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**The Annual Parish Concert** which took place on Friday 30 June raised a magnificent £839.76 to aid the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire. Thank you to all those who supported the concert and to all the talented performers and our social committee who made this such a wonderful event.

**Apostleship of the Sea.** Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. You may use the envelopes to help *Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)*, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Just drop them in the collection baskets at the offertory. This money is vital to enable AoS to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. To donate online please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk). Thank you. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**Special Needs Summer Raffle 2017.** The parish Special Needs Group are 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. Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets last weekend. Raffle tickets can still be purchased by contacting Kathleen on 020 8451 4677. Tickets cost £1 per strip. All winners will be announced in the Annexe after 10:30am Mass next Sunday 16 July 2017. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**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](mailto: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.

**Parish Database** requires updating. As such, we would be grateful if *everyone* could complete a new parish registration form, even if you have filled one in recently, and especially if you have lived here forever. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter side porch or on the racks located on each pillar at the back of the church. Completed forms should be handed to the Parish Office or posted through the door of the Presbytery.

## Diocesan News

**Catholic History Walks** in London and Southwark. In the next few weeks the following walks are taking place: 'Smells & Bells—London's Catholic Culture', Monday 10 July at 2:00pm, meet at St. Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, walking to St. Paul's, via Covent Garden. Nearest tube: Charing Cross or Leicester Square. 'For King and Country', Wednesday 19 July at 6:00pm, Catholics and politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey, meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria. 'The King's Good Servant', Tuesday 25 July at 6:00pm, the story of the heroic St Thomas More, meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Chelsea. Nearest Tube: Sloane Square or South Kensington. Please see the poster at the back of the church for a full list of all walks or email [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto:chwalkslondon@gmail.com) or tweet @CHwalks or visit the website at [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com).

**Divine Mercy Apostolate** run by the Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 12 August 2017, 11:00am—4:00pm at St John Fisher Church, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, Merton, London SW20 9DB. For more information please contact Divine Mercy Apostolate, Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, telephone 020 8998 0925, email [info@divinemercy.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercy.org.uk) or visit the website [www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk). Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**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](mailto:info@paxtravel.co.uk) or visit the website at [www.paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.paxtravel.co.uk). Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will bless Your name for ever, O God my King

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:30pm	<i>Special Needs Group</i> —Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>SVP</i> —Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe