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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
16 JULY 2017
15TH 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

Coming Home

No-one who went on the last Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham can forget the torrential rain that met us there and continued during the Mass. But the sun shines on the righteous and since you can't be more righteous than having just attended Holy Mass, the clouds broke up around midday. Thus the walk to the Priory and Benediction were enjoyed in glorious sunshine showing off the beautiful Norfolk countryside at its best.

That pilgrimage is being repeated on 7 October this year with the Cardinal and his auxiliary bishops. We have booked a coach which will leave at 7:00am and arrive back about 8:00pm costing in the region of £25 per person. If you would like to go, please hand in at the parish office for *each* pilgrim 1.) their name, 2.) their contact details, 3.) the contact details for a next-of-kin, and 4.) a £10 non-refundable deposit. Seats will be allocated as the applications and deposits come in but if the cost is prohibitive do have a word with me as funding is available to ensure no-one is excluded.

One of the most striking parts of this day will be Benediction in the Abbey grounds. Only the ruins remain after the destruction in the Reformation so bringing the Blessed Sacrament there is bringing the Lord home. For many people, finally receiving Holy Communion is an act of coming home too—the completion of a long spiritual journey. And with some of those people, as in in our own parish recently, it is a surprise to others because those very converts were at Mass every week with their families for years. Indeed, this was the case with the first person I ever instructed—he had been attending Mass with his wife and sons for nearly 15 years before committing to the Catholic Church.

Do you feel that call? That still, small voice drawing you to receive the Lord at the altar rails? Or to the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit because, for some reason, you missed out on your Confirmation? No size of class fits all stages of development nor schedules so I see individuals at a mutually convenient time and go at their pace, answering the most burning questions they have while ensuring when they stand up and profess our Faith they know what it means. Without obligation, come and have a chat.

And so this is the penultimate newsletter until 26/27 August. That weekend will see big changes in our parish—Fr Daya will be about to leave and Fr Dias will have arrived; Fr Michael will have taken up his appointment in Pimlico and seminarian Tim Mangatal will be about to move in for his third year placement. As for me, same old, same old...

Until then, I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful summer of rest and thank each of you for your valued prayers, witness and hard work. May God bless you all. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Michael Tavernier, Edgardo Galicia, James Lonergan

Those who are sick: Anthony Mohan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jim Hough, Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern, John Mulvihill, Mercy Tettey, Ellen McCarthy

Those Baptised: Helena Kathleen Bessell, Theodore Michael Henry, Eve Damia Bardouille-Lewis

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,933.36 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.

Special Needs Summer Raffle 2017 prize draw will be take place in the Annexe or outside on the lawn (weather permitting) after 10:30am Mass today Sunday 16 July 2017. If you have purchased raffle tickets please join us to see whether you are a lucky winner. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a summer seaside trip for local people with learning disabilities.

Feast of St Mary Magdalen. Masses to celebrate the patronal feast of St Mary Magdalene on Saturday 22 July 2017 will be at 9:30am and then at 6:30pm when the 10:30am choir will sing and there will be refreshments afterwards to celebrate.

Biscuit sale. One of our parishioners, Denis Weir, will be holding a biscuit sale in the Annexe after all morning Masses next Sunday 23 July 2017. All monies raised will be donated to *Macmillan Cancer Research*.

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.

Mrs Irene Frantz has written the following message to thank all those who attended her Thanksgiving Mass following her retirement – “ To all teachers, parents and pupils past and present of the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School. Thank you to everyone who organized and attended the Thanksgiving Mass for my retirement. It really was a fantastic event and I appreciate how much effort, attention to detail and hard work which was put in to make it such a special occasion. Special thanks go to Father Kevin for his very personal and humorous homily and to the children from the school and St Mary Magdalen's school who sang beautifully—they really did raise the roof. I was completely overwhelmed by the love and well wishes I received in the parish from past pupils and parents. I was also joined by past staff members and it brought back fond memories, laughter and the odd tear. I am very blessed to have been part of the school's history, we are so lucky to have such a wonderful community. Thank you and God bless.”

Parish Database requires updating. As such, we would be grateful if *everyone* could complete a new parish registration form. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter the 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

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team invite you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 29 July 2017 from 11:00am—5:00pm at the Catholic church of our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. There will be rosary, scripture of the day reading, holy Latin Mass, lunch (please bring your own lunch—tea and coffee available), scripture talk, Christian meditation, blessed adoration, healing prayers, and praise and worship. For further information telephone Eileen or David Brum on 020 8542 2476 or email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Hour of Prayer for Vocations on Saturday 29 July 2017 from 4:15pm—5:15pm in the Chapel at, The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, London N16 5BL. All most welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land from 4 September 2017 until 12 September 2017. Cost £1,197.00 including all excursions and flying from London Heathrow. For further information please call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0943 or 07859 027 301.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years old) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information please visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or telephone 0161 941 3498.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	'The Feast London' - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon:	Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.
Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening; You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!