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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Who's in Da [sic] House?

During the summer holidays the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady falls on 15 August. This is a holyday of obligation so in other words it's like a Sunday and we must go to Mass either here at 9:30am or 7:00pm or somewhere else.

Pope Pius XII promulgated this feast in 1950 and four years later wrote a document called *Ad Caeli Reginam* in which he declared Mary as the Universal Queen and instituted a feast to celebrate this on 22 August. As he announced this new date in the liturgical calendar he crowned a picture of Mary in St. Peter's Square in Rome in front of a huge crowd who were representative of the entire Church.

The Pope's gesture was a new example for Catholics to imitate and opened the way for every family, every community and every Christian to invite Mary Immaculate Queen into their hearts and homes through a similar gesture called the Act of Enthronement. Thus, each and everyone could commit themselves directly to the service of their Queen and so prolong the Pope's action throughout the ages.

This act of enthronement is a sign of the importance we give to our Heavenly Mother in our hearts and our lives as the model for all Christians to follow. It is also a gesture we make in order to prolong and confirm in a human way Jesus' enduring love for His Mother because we are now His Body on earth. In addition, when we enthrone the Immaculate Queen in our family, in our home and in our lives, we acknowledge the maternal mission of the Mother of God over us, who are God's adopted sons and daughters.

Our parish has a long tradition of celebrating this feast and it will be marked by a procession and devotions from 2:00pm onwards on 20 August. In the run-up to then we invite you to have Mary enthroned as the queen of your hearts, homes and families. Just let me know and I will arrange to celebrate that rite with you and your loved ones.

And that's it for the newsletter until the weekend of 27/28 August. We'll make copies of this one available each week but if you prefer to read something instead of listening to me do buy one of the Catholic newspapers from the back. Or pass the time by completing a parish registration form—the old corrupted database will be deleted in September so if we don't have you on record by then you can only blame yourselves.

Enjoy the summer, have a good rest and if you're travelling, we wish you safe journeys. May God bless you and your loved ones and keep you all in His tender care. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Michael Tavernier, James Lonergan, Peter Felix D'Costa, Canon Peter Lawrence Gilbert, Tim Kelly

Those who are sick: Noreen Kelly, Kathleen Brien, Mary Mills, Josephine Niland, Patrick Roddy, Peter Corcoran

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo, Bernie & Philip Doran, Susan & Tommy Mallaghan, Michael Connell Snr, Michael Connell Jnr, Finbarr Lehane

Those Baptised: Odilia Abigail Pallegamagedara Don

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £ 1,894.20 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Special Needs Group Annual Summer Raffle Draw has raised a magnificent £1,018.00. 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 19 August 2017 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.

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.

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

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Auxiliary Bishops takes place on Saturday 7 October 2017. We have booked a coach which will leave the church at 7:00am and arrive back about 8:00pm. Cost is £20 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.) the full fare. Seats will be allocated as the applications and monies come in but if the cost is prohibitive do have a word with Father Kevin as funding is available to ensure no-one is excluded.

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.

Newsletter. Please note that this will be our last newsletter until the weekend of 26/27 August. Items for inclusion then should be handed in at the presbytery by 12 Noon on Thursday 24 August.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late James 'Jimmy' Lonergan of Heath House will take place on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 12 noon followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Michael Darren Tavernier of Mary Peters Drive will take place on Friday 28 July 2017 at 11:00am followed by cremation at Breakspeare Crematorium, Ruislip at 1:15pm

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team invite you 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.

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.

Mary's Meals London Open Day takes place on Sunday 10 September from 2:00pm until 4:00pm at the London Irish Centre, 50-52 Camden Square London NW1 9XB. The inspiring founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, will be speaking.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—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: O Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. Alleluia!