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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY - MONTH OF  
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS  
24 JULY 2016  
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C

### Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

Without wishing to make jealous those who were unable to attend our Parish Mission this week, it was a wonderful event in our spiritual lives. Fr Stephen's homily last week-end made us eager to become more like Mary than Martha, and the Blessed Sacrament Procession to St Mary Magdalen School on Monday morning gave the people of Willesden Green an unexpected glimpse into our desire to be with the Lord. Indeed, the Police who were accompanying our walk were overwhelmed by the numbers on it and one of the children, acknowledging his catechists' teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist asked, "Are the Police here to stop anyone stealing Jesus?"

The subsequent time of adoration in school was observed with that great gift of the Holy Spirit—awe and wonder in the Presence of the Lord—by staff and students in class groups and as individuals, and the prayers offered to the Lamb of God emphasised the firm belief of all in His taking away the sins of the world and bringing us peace.

During the week, the silent half hour of adoration at lunchtime and the Holy Hours in the evening interspersed with devotions such as the Way of the Cross and the Rosary as well as spiritual readings, deepened within each of us the desire to be with Jesus. And the series of talks by the Norbertines progressing from seeking silence and listening to God's voice, through prayer as individuals and the Body of Christ gathered as the Church in order to be equipped with the tools to explain to the world why we show it such love and kindness, was so seamless that it is hard to believe they were delivered by three different people. It goes to show how Fr Hugh, Fr Stephen and Br Gregory, living as a community, are united in their searching for God and their order's charism.

Now, having reflected on and prayed about what we have experienced may we be "ready at all times...to explain the hope you have in you." (1 Pet 3:15) whenever anyone asks about our deep sense of joy in life—let our renewed faith and understanding shine.

That said, for a variety of reasons, the church may not be open for as long as normal and there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass this week. Please God that will make us yearn for that precious time when it resumes next week?

So until the newsletter returns in a few weeks time, we wish you and your loved ones a wonderful summer. Whether you are travelling or staying at home may the Lord bless your time together and keep you safe. And in these uncertain times may each of us bear witness to the constancy of God's love in Christ for all of humanity. May St Mary Magdalen and St Norbert pray for us and may God bless you all abundantly. *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: NB. No exposition this  
week before morning  
Mass

Saturday: 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:** Bobby Phelan, Mary Hayes

**Those who are sick:**

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Leo, Bernie & Philip Doran, Susan & Tommy Mallaghan, Jim Hough, Michael Connell Snr, Michael Connell Jnr, June Flower, Michael Kilbane

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,582.65 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Morning Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Unfortunately there will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the weekday morning Mass this week. Morning Mass will be as normal at 9:30 am.

**Michael Costello and Family** would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given them support, expressed their sympathy and sent Mass cards following the death of his wife Eileen. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Sunday 28 August 2016 at 6:30pm.

**St Mary Magdalen's Wednesday Club** annual trip to Southend takes place on Thursday 28 July 2016. For all those who have booked a seat please note that the coach will leave from outside the church at 10:00am.

**Christine Davis** (with her apologies for not contacting you individually) and family have many friends in the parish of St Mary Magdalen especially as her mum taught for many years at the Convent Infant School. Her brother Simon will reach the age of 50 on 29 July. In celebration of this they would like to invite any friends to join them for breakfast at 13 The Avenue, after the 9:30am mass at St Erconwald's Church, Preston Road or to come for afternoon tea or later in the day for pizzas. The kettle will be working all day! They would be delighted to see as many of you as can make it, at any time of the day.

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

**Help!** The lady who irons for us is unwell at the moment. Would you be willing to take on this work for a couple of hours a week, please? We can deliver, collect and provide the equipment and payment, of course. Three people said they would do it if no-one else would so perhaps we could have a rota? Please let Fr Kevin know for definite today as it's beginning to pile up. Thank you

**Newsletter.** Please note that due to the summer holidays this will be the last newsletter for the next few weeks.

**Stephen Jordan's family** thank you for your prayers, Masses, support and understanding in their recent bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Please pray for Steve on his heart's journey to find rest in God.

## 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.

**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 most welcome to participate in this Diocesan event in the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**A Foyer de Charité Retreat** will be held at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, in the New Forest near Southampton, from Sunday 2 October at 6:00pm—Saturday 8 October at 2:00pm. The theme is 'God's Plan for the Fullness of Time', and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop at St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ or email [keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 07879 953 953. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: On the day I called, You answered me, O Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul</i> Society meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm–9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe

## 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.