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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY - MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
YEAR B

26 JULY 2015

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That Vacant Look

I met an orthodox Jewish man in the street the other day. As is always the case with such encounters he challenged me for some scriptural bases from the Old Testament for Catholic doctrines like the Trinity and the Divinity of Christ. This is often hard enough in English but was made more difficult when he lapsed into Hebrew and German—my former is poor, the latter non-existent. Wanting to wrap up the conversation I extended my hand and introduced myself—"Kevin," I said. He paused and then explained that my name comes from the Hebrew word to clear the mind of everything on entering the synagogue so that you can focus more on God. I think it was a compliment.

One of the joys of being in the parish at this time of year is that things get relatively quiet with schools closed and no group catechetical programmes running. This allows me to actually deal with things in my in-tray rather than spending 10 minutes every morning reprioritising them and then doing none of them throughout the day.

For those of you with families I suspect that each day brings a "what shall we do today?" thought, although video games and computers are probably more welcome at this time of year for that very reason!

But if you decide to go into town, why not call in to one of the central London churches all of which are open throughout the day? For example, if you're going to Regents Park or Madame Tussaud's, head down Baker Street for about half a mile and turn left into George Street. There you will find the beautiful church of St James, Spanish Place (W1U 3QY), so called because it was once the chapel of the Spanish Embassy. If you're in Oxford Street or Hyde Park, have a sandwich in Mount Street Gardens and pop-in to the Gothic-revival Jesuit church of the Immaculate Conception—or Farm Street as it is better known—on Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Of course in the Victoria area there is our stunning Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood (SW1P 1QW) which is worth a few hours in and of itself. And finally, if you're around Covent Garden or the Strand there is the exquisite *Corpus Christi* in Maiden Lane (WC2E 7NB) which is being beautifully renovated, the first fruits of which can be seen in the stunning Lady Chapel. Unsurprisingly this is the actors' church and this weekend an icon will be given of St Genesius, the patron saint of actors, by their sister church in New York, St Malachy's just off Broadway.

Spend a few minutes being an airhead in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and who knows what inspiration may come for the day or your life. *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: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

Those who are sick: Michael Connell, Fr Jim McNulty CSSp, Margaret Lyons-Daley

Those who have died recently: Canon Denis McSwiney, Ellen McCarthy, Fr Tony Cahir

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leo, Bernie & Philip Doran, John & Margaret Hough, Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern, Abudu Tesufu, Beatrice Adaremi, Lucy Ezepue Okenabirhie, Matthew Newton, Mary Hayes, Jarlath Gilmore

Those Baptised: Finley Edward Fox, Emmanuel Oluebube Ugochuknu Ikebata, Charlie James Costello

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2141 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

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

Family Fun Days. Deacon Michael has recently attended a Brent multi faith forum, which tries to engage all faith groups in local community activities. *Thames21* has organised two family fun days, one on Wednesday 29 July 2015 and one on Thursday 30 July 2015, along the Thames tributaries in Edgware. For further details please contact Julia.makin@thames21.org.uk, telephone 07827 240 457 or visit the website at www.thames21.org.uk. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

St Mary Magdalen's Wednesday Club annual seaside trip to Southend takes place on Thursday 30 July 2015. The coach will leave from St Mary Magdalen's church, Peter Avenue at 10:15am.

For All Catechists: The diocese is running a session on *The Spiritual Life of the Catechist* at Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Wrentham Avenue, Kensal Rise, NW10 3HT on Saturday 5th September 2014, from 11:00am to 3:00pm (lunch provided). This course aims to Explore the Catechist's life of prayer – in relation to Eucharist and Scripture. Please book asap either through Eventbrite (via <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/training/>), by 'phone on 020 7798 9150, or email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 5-9 October 2015. Cost £500, which includes airport transfer and full board at the Agena Hotel, insurance, trips to San Pierre and Bartes. For full details please call John O'Sullivan on 020 8459 0279 or email osullivan7@virginmedia.com.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, 22 November until 28 November 2015, including all excursions, cost £629. For further information please call Mrs Mozzi on 020 8472 0843 or 07859 027 301.

Catherine Lynch would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given her support and offered their prayers during her recent illness. A Mass will be offered for your intentions .

Funeral Notices

There will be a Vigil of Prayers for Ellen McCarthy at Crooks Funeral Directors, 109 High Road NW10 2SL at 11:00am on Monday 27 July followed by repatriation to Ireland.

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Sing Well and Pray Twice: a summer day of music, prayer and fun with international composer Christopher Walker on Saturday 29 August 2015, 10:00am until 4:00pm. Workshop, celebration of Mass and lunch. Individual and group bookings welcome. No charge but donations welcomed to the Parish Regeneration Project. St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 55 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8AU. Advance booking is required. Please call 020 8748 3788 or visit staugustineshammersmith.eventbrite.co.uk.

St Joseph's Pastoral Centre are currently seeking an enthusiastic tutor in ceramics to run a class at Caritas St. Joseph's, teaching adults with intellectual disabilities with a view to them producing work fit for sale - a potential social enterprise. The course has been designed to develop clay skills such as hand building, slip casting and there is the possibility of working with the wheel. 6 hours per week (Mondays). For a full job description and application form please see <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

'Deepening Our Awareness of God Within Us' (9 month course) takes place at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. This is a very successful course, which has been running for the past eleven years. It offers experiences of different ways of praying, reflecting and listening, so as to foster the connection between life and prayer. It is an opportunity to discover and develop our understanding of the spirituality taught by St Ignatius of Loyola, that of 'Finding God in all Things' and it is experiential – you can only experience Ignatian Spirituality, you cannot be taught it. The 2015-16 course runs Wednesday daytime, 23 September 2015 until 6th July 2016 from 11:00am to 1:00pm or Thursday evening, 24 September 2015 until 7 July 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. You can download an application form from <http://www.msjc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/ApplicationForm2015-16v4.doc> or telephone 020 7495 1673 and we shall post you one.

Westminster Youth Ministry. Want to know more about performing arts and have some fun along the way? Then why not join Westminster Youth Ministry and *Gen Verde* at their Performing Arts Weekend 16 to 18 October 2015. A full programme is planned for those aged 14 to 25, cost is £80 for over 18s (waged) and £60 for students and includes all food and accommodation. For details email dowym.com or call on 020 7387 1971.

Mary's Meals. As you know it's a no-frills charity and costs are kept to a bare minimum using a large team of volunteers. Unfortunately, there is one cost it cannot avoid and that is the renting of a van. Mary's Meals is urgently in need of a large van, if you can help or you know someone who can, please contact Gerrard at gerrard.mcmahon@marysmeals.org or call 07712 133 383.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
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Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon:	You open wide Your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.
Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Your Words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!