

## Presbytery

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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST—MONTH OF  
THE ASSUMPTION  
27 AUGUST 2017

21ST 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

## God In Small Things

I saw the rising of the sun at 4:30am and the setting of the sun at 10:15pm for the first time in my life. It says in short all that I experienced during my stay in the UK. Lessons learnt are uncountable. I was lost on one of my journeys, in the early days of my arrival. Realising my helplessness, an old lady walked more than 100 yards to arrange a taxi for me. The taxi driver dropping me at the right place gave me a balance of two pounds. I saw my God in the old lady who not only arranged the taxi but also secretly paid for the taxi. I saw my God in the sincerity of the taxi driver.

A young boy around 8 years made a few visits to the church during a day and I observed him kneeling at the grotto at each time he came to the church. Seeing me from a distance, "Father, can you pray for my mother and sister? They are at the hospital", I found a "little saint" who inspired me by his constant visits and unceasing prayers.

"Do this in memory of Me", a resounding command of love of Jesus. When my feet were washed for the first time by a brother priest during the Last Supper celebration on Maundy Thursday, I knew the depth of Jesus' love. Thank you dear Fr. Kevin for this act of love which is manifested at all times, in all things, during my stay in the parish.

Flowers in a garden are in different colours, shapes, sizes and smells. But they are never jealous of one another. I saw my God in all the parishioners who decorated the church like these flowers at all your visits to meet God. You all made my stay spiritual and meaningful. I saw my God in the two masons who were sharing the Word of God with Bibles in their hands. Dirty suits had a place and time for God in the tube trains when many were worried with their phones. I found my God in the anonymous person who paid the £1.20 I was short of for my *Sainsbury* bill and handed me the item at the exit.

A little girl who had escaped through the house doors in the very early hours of a day in winter, wandering like an angel on the roads in front of the church, brought me back to the innocence of childhood. I saw my God's eagle eye as He saved her from any harm.

I asked God for the ability to preach in English as I do in Sinhalese. He gave me the gift on Holy Trinity Sunday in 2016. Somebody on skateboard around 9.30pm near the Willesden Green library invited me for a fight: but I decided to be innocent like a dove and cunning like a serpent.

Yet the thousands of unwritten experiences in the U.K. showed me my God when some in today's world ask for evidence. Thank you.

*Fr Daya*

**Those who have died recently:** Margaret Kelly, James Lynch, Enyimba Okeke, Leomar Viegas, Ivan Habanec

**Those who are sick:** Fr Michael Joyce, John Burke, Nina Smith, Margaret Lyons

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr Raymond Legge, Maria Margarida Lopes, Billy Meehan, Betty Duggan, Jeremiah John Scanlon, Marcial Payongayong

**Those Baptised:** Mya Elizabeth Lauren Boyd, Laura Opeyemi Gawel Ogunkoya

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1939.61 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Newsletter/Order of Mass leaflet.** Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Order of Mass leaflets should be returned to the racks either at the back of the church or in the side porch. Thank you.

**Tea/coffee and Welcomers' Rotas.** are available from the rack in the Sacristy. If you can help with this ministry please speak to Father Kevin or telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

**Counting the Collection .** If you can spare a couple of hours every six weeks, please talk to Father Kevin. We need to replace two members of one team. Full training will be given.

**Parish Database** requires updating. As such, *everyone* should complete a new parish registration form. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter the side porch and 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.

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will not take place before Mass on Wednesday mornings until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

**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.

**Set of car keys found** in the church recently . Please contact the parish office on 020 8451 4677 if you have lost yours.

## Parish Diary

Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour—church
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	'The Feast London' - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of Your hands.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build My Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Margaret Kelly of Rosemary House will take place on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 11:30am followed by repatriation to Ireland

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late James Lynch of Cambridge Gardens will take place on Friday 1 September 2017 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:15pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Praying with Art at Tate Britain,** Saturday 2 September, 11:00am to 4:00pm with Audrey and Eamonn Hamilton at the Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH, telephone 020 7495 1673 or visit the website at [pathwaystogod.org](http://pathwaystogod.org). The day at *Tate Britain* will provide opportunities to 'stand and stare', to allow a painting or sculpture to speak to your deepest selves, and to allow God to speak to us through that process of pondering.

'**Restless Hearts**' is a vocational group for young adults (18+) which will start on 7 September 2017 at Austin Forum, 55 Fulham Palace Rd, Hammersmith, London, W6 8AU, at 8:00pm. Each session will be an opportunity for all participants to learn more about themselves and explore their pathway of faith. The programme includes prayers, *lectio divina*, interactive and creative workshops as well as practical activities. To register email [chiara.rh2015@gmail.com](mailto:chiara.rh2015@gmail.com). Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details.

**National Guild Mass for Altar Servers** to be held in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21 October 2017 at 2:30pm. Details of this Mass and also information about a pilgrimage for altar servers and their families to Rome in 2018 can be found on the posters on the noticeboard in the sacristy.

**New Foundation Degree for Catholics working in Healthcare and those seeking to be Chaplains.** Starting in October, St Mary's University Twickenham is pleased to offer a new foundation degree in Healthcare Ethics, Theology and Care. This is a part-time two year programme for those seeking to be hospital chaplains and for people working in healthcare settings from care homes to hospices and hospitals. Lectures and seminars take place at St Mary's one evening a week and additional lectures and resources are available online. If you are interested in applying or finding out more please contact [matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk).

**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.