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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YEAR B

23 AUGUST 2015

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If You Want Something Done...

...ask a busy person, or so the saying goes. Hopefully, apart from those of you who have children that require a programme of events from dawn to dusk to occupy them because the schools are closed, this month is fairly quiet. Even the media refers to it as the silly season when the most bizarre news articles make their way into the headlines in the absence of anything more important save the terrible tragedies that affect humanity on an all too-regular basis. Let us keep all those who are suffering in our prayers.

Tying free time and young people together, Frankie—who is one of our Confirmation catechists—has started a group for girls who have made their Confirmation in which she shares her faith and life and how she works to mesh the two together as seamlessly as possible. The group has met once and will be meeting again this Wednesday evening and in the future from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the Annexe. If you were Confirmed this year or in the past 4-5 years you would be very welcome to come along. And given that this is the age of equality, there will be one for our boys starting in September. It goes without saying that these will happen alongside our regular visits to *Night Fever* in St Patrick's Soho Square, an evening of Adoration, Confessions, catechesis and evangelisation for young people which has now spread as far as Southampton and Sydney.

In addition, you may remember that we had a planned-giving drive earlier this year led by various parishioners, some of whom are members of the parish's Finance Committee. The response was quite overwhelming with standing orders almost doubling while the weekly collection has nevertheless remained constant with the use of envelopes increasing by almost 50%. On behalf of the parish and the Cardinal I want to thank you yet again for your incredible generosity—it never ceases to amaze me.

Of course it goes without saying that the money doesn't magic itself from the collection baskets to the bank. Each week for about an hour a group of volunteers divided into teams counts and bags your contributions to the life of the parish. Over time the numbers doing this have diminished somewhat and we could do with more helpers, please. Full training will be given and as with the after Mass refreshments (which will begin in September, although more volunteers are needed for it to be weekly) you will be put on the rota about once a month although you can swap with other people if the need arises. Do think about counting and welcoming and let Deacon Michael or me know.

So do enjoy the rest during the Summer, but not too much.

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: Robert Clare, Michael O'Callaghan, Mamie Hall, Peter Corcoran, John Cattigan, Josephine Nylon, Peggy Creed

Those who have died recently: Robert Stewart, Tony McAndrew, Monsignor Walter Drumm, Mary Sullivan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Edward Houghton, Billy Meehan, Betty Duggan, Kathy Casey, Frank Mohan

Those Baptised: Marcus Liam Vergara, Harley Richard Cannon, Cheryl Clifffa Fernandes, Caris Parker Bernadette Joseph, Catherine Gabral

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £ 1,627.96 (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.

Feast of the Immaculate Queen. Our annual celebration and procession for the Feast of the Immaculate Queen will take place today Sunday 23 August 2015 starting at 2:00pm. Please come and be a Christian witness in these difficult times. Please see the poster at the back of the church or contact Breda Roche on 07773 397 003 for full details.

For all catechists, the Diocese is running a session on *The Spiritual Life of the Catechist* at the Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Wrentham Avenue, Kensal Rise, NW10 3HT on Saturday 5 September 2015, from 11:00am to 3:00pm (lunch is provided). This course aims to explore the catechist's life of prayer in relation to the Eucharist and Scripture. Please book asap either through Eventbrite (via <http://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/training/>), or by telephone on 020 7798 9150, or email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

Stitch Amazingly Sewing Workshop. Are you someone who would like to learn to be creative with fabrics and a sewing machine or are you even a budding fashion designer? Whether you'd like to explore and have fun with sewing within a small group of like-minded people, or are aiming to have your name in lights at *London Fashion Week*, why not take that first step and join *Stitch Amazingly's* sewing workshops at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church in Willesden Green. Places are limited. The starting date is Tuesday 8 September 2015, 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If you would like to know more, please contact Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564 or visit the website at info@glendaluke.co.uk Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Journey in Faith. Do you know anyone wishing to become a Catholic or just interested in finding out more about our faith? Are you an adult who has not yet been confirmed? Each year we have our *Journey in Faith* series of meetings to bring people into the Church, prepare them for the sacraments or just help them understand the faith more deeply. We hope to begin these meetings in September. If you are interested please give names/contact details to Father Kevin or Deacon Michael. Alternatively you can telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

Funeral Notice

The Reception of the body of the late Robert Stewart of Windsor Road will take place on Monday 24 August 2015 at 7:00pm and the Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 25 August at 11:00am followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Rise at 12 noon.

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Love Heals Body and Mind Spirit Team invite you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection, rosary, talk based on scripture, Christian meditation, healing prayers, blessed adoration, reconciliation 5:00pm, Mass 6:00pm on Saturday 29th August 2015, 11:00am – 5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Nearest Tube Station: Piccadilly Circus, exit 2. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by the Marian Fathers is organising *Divine Mercy Pilgrimage, 'Thanksgiving for Consecrated Life'*, to Aylesford, The Friars, Aylesford Kent ME20 7BX on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August 2015. The main celebrant will be Fr Joseph Roesch, MIC Vicar General of the Marian Fathers Congregation and host for the EWTN series *Cenacle of the Divine Mercy*. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Suggesting the Possible in a Fragile World, Pat Gaffney (Pax Christi) explores making change happen for a better world on Saturday 12 September 2015, 10:30am – 4:00pm at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Herts WD23 4EE. Telephone 020 8950 4000 or email bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk.

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School open evenings for admission in September 2016 for first form (year7), will take place on Thursday 17 and Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm. The Headmaster will address parents and invite them to take a tour of the school. Sixth Form (year 12), open evening for all external applicants, Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 October 2015. Please visit the website at www.cvms.co.uk for full details or telephone the school on 020 7603 8478.

The Covent of Jesus and Mary Language College are welcoming year 5 and 6 students and their parents in preparation for transition to secondary school. CJM is a happy school where the drive is excellence and leadership. Commitment to these values mean that girls flourish in a safe community. National figures demonstrate that girls do better as a result of the academically exceptional education provided by motivated and ambitious staff. Learning at CJM is rooted in the gospel values in a warm, supportive, nurturing community that contrasts with a less spiritual approach found elsewhere. Open evening is on 21 September 2015 at 3:30pm—6:30pm and open mornings from 29 September 2015—9 October 2015 at 9:30am and 11:00am. For further details please telephone the school on 020 8965 2986 or visit the website at www.cjmlc.co.uk.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon:	Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!