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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST - MONTH OF  
THE ASSUMPTION  
28 AUGUST 2016

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C

## 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

Monday—Friday: One hour before  
morning Mass

## Confessions

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

## First Things First

Pope Saint John Paul II once wrote, "The eyes of faith see marvellous things today—countless lay people, women and men, engaged in all sorts of work and activities. They are mostly quite unknown and unnoticed, tireless labourers in the vineyard, who go on steadily, through God's grace. These are the people, at once humble and great, who are building God's Kingdom in our time."

And from the opening to the closing of our church each day we witness a stream of people who embody these words. To wit: the candle stands are cleared and restocked; the church is tidied, cleaned and the floor polished; the sanctuary is prepared for Mass using polished metal plate amid flower displays; there is a warm welcome to Mass: then the liturgies are served, the music helps us to pray, the Word of God is proclaimed and explained to children in the sacristy, the collection is taken and counted, and Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful present and those at home: afterwards refreshments are served, many items for devotional use can be bought at the repository, or you can read the labours of the *Magdala* team or meet our *SPUC* and *APF* representatives. Outside of Mass, registers are completed, the *SVP* serve the lonely and people who need some particular help, our Special Needs Group have a wide clientele, the Bethany Group support the bereaved, our social committee organises our celebrations, and the *Knights of St Columba* have a wide remit. In addition, our Finance Committee and Safeguarding Representative fulfil roles required of them by the Diocese.

These are the people of whom the sainted Pope speaks and the Parish Council have made their first responsibility a "thank-you" to these tireless volunteers by holding a party for them at 8:00pm on Saturday 24 September in St Mary Magdalen School. We will try and get invitations to everyone involved in the ministries I've mentioned but please take this as a general invitation and let the Parish Office know if you can come. And there are our catechists too who have a separate review and celebration.

It only remains to thank each and every one of you for all you do for your parish and to assure you of my prayers, not least when I see the fruits of all your labours. May God bless you and your loved ones for your generosity of time, effort and heart. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** All those killed in the Italian earthquake, Tanya Kanangila, Theresa Omambala, Alex Daroux, Nora Finnegan

**Those who are sick:** James Martin, Freddy Cuff, Edda Birch

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Billy Meehan, Betty Duggan, Patrick & Rose Doran, Dorothy Bernard, Maria Margarida Lopes, William Mulvoy, Fr Norman Wrigley, Marcial Payongayong Snr, Jeremiah John Scanlon

**Those Baptised:** Joseph Thomas Fagan, Harry Robert Conway-Williams

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,720.09 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

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

**Tea and Welcomers' Rotas** are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy. We do need more volunteers on both rotas. If you can help please give your details to Father Kevin or telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677. Thank you.

**Holy Hour and Exposition.** Please note there will be no Holy Hour this coming Friday or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday.

**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? Why not take that first step and join the *Stitch Amazingly* sewing workshops at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church in Willesden Green. Places are limited. Sessions will be recommencing on Tuesdays from 27 September until 1 November 2016 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm and Saturdays from 1 October until 5 November 2016 at 2.30pm to 4:00pm. If you would like to book for sessions, please visit the website at [www.stitchamazingly.co.uk](http://www.stitchamazingly.co.uk) or telephone Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564 before 2 September, alternatively please email [info@stitchamazingly.com](mailto:info@stitchamazingly.com).

**Remember the Church with a Legacy Gift.** Please consider making a legacy gift to St Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic Church from your assets after you will no longer need them, no matter how large or small. Many Catholics find this a fulfilling way to pass on their love for the Church, in gratitude to God for blessings received over a lifetime. (*My late dad did this—Fr Kevin*) There are several ways in which you can make a legacy gift: a bequest in your will of a specific amount; a bequest to leave a percentage of your residual estate; designating the Church to receive the remainder of your estate; a gift in your will of a specific item of property to which you have title; a gift of appreciated shares or funds/accounts to which you have ownership. For more information please contact the Diocese of Westminster – Office of Fundraising & Stewardship on 020 7798 9375 or email [legacies@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:legacies@rcdow.org.uk) and they would be happy to provide you with sample legal language that can be used, as well as a useful free "Asset Organiser" booklet. Information leaflets are available in the porches.

## Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Tanya Diomande Kanangila of Melrose Avenue will take place on Tuesday 30 August 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 1:00pm.

May she rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**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.

**National Mass for Altar Servers** in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm on Saturday 17 September 2016. Servers should bring their vestments to the Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue (entrance by the rear door) and be ready to process into the Cathedral by 2:00pm. Organised by The Archconfraternity of St Stephen on behalf of His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, it is hoped that servers may take the opportunity to follow the "Way of Mercy" either before or after the Mass. Please visit the Guild website [www.guildofststephen.org](http://www.guildofststephen.org) for more details.

**The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham in Covent Garden.** On Sunday 25 September 2016, Corpus Christi church, Covent Garden, will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. You are welcome to join for the 11:30am Solemn Mass in the London Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details please see the poster at the back of the church.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: In your goodness, O God, You prepared a home for the poor.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves Me He will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him. Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group 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.