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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER YEAR B

06 SEPTEMBER 2015

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Future's Bright...

As we return to work, school, college and university from the traditional holiday period, the weather seems to be a prelude to a Canadian winter rather than an Indian summer. With that in mind, what can we look forward to before our next break?

When we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the opening of our church, one of the parishioners reminded me that it was effectively built by the Irish. If we were building today the contribution would be a truly international effort given the changing demographics of the area. You only have to ask our teachers how many languages are spoken in our schools to get an idea of this!

The last Sunday of the Church's year, 22 November, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and it would be nice to mark that universality here. As far as I am aware we don't have any off-planet parishioners but I'm always open to being corrected. Given the rich mix of earthly origins we can claim, it would be good to mark that day with an international celebration. At the 12 noon Mass I invite people to come in their national dress and to participate in the bidding prayers and the offertory procession. The use of some Latin which is a regular feature at that Mass will signify that it is the Church which can unite us beyond even the boundaries that language can create. After praying the Mass, Miss Nowicka has kindly given us permission to use the school hall for a shared lunch which I hope will feature a wide range of foods from many countries. It goes without saying that there will be an international flavour to the music too and all those blessed with dancing feet can show the rest of us some moves.

Likewise, before Lent begins, I usually burn the palms that you have given from previous years to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. This is a lonely task but I know that many cultures have great parties before Lent begins. Once again, it would be nice to see how different countries celebrate *mardi gras* and to bring all those together after the 12 noon Mass in the school hall on Sunday 7 February 2016.

For both these events please make your suggestions and offers of help to the parish office in the next couple of weeks, and I especially invite parents of children in our schools and the friends' organisations to help. Along with the existing members of the social group who organise the practicalities of such events, we will put all these plans together so that the two dates will give us something to look forward to in the darker months ahead. I am sure you will make these great occasions. Indeed, the future can be not just bright and orange but truly multi-coloured and multicultural. 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:** Josephine Nylon, Rev George Halycia, Rosa Maria Santos, Karen McCarthy

**Those who have died recently:** Elizabeth Balmieres, Esmenia Hufana, Chrissy Brown, John Guckian, Fr George Lyons, Les Stillwell

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Monica Morrow, Denis Sheahan, James Henry, Jacqueline Hynes

**Those Baptised:** Isabel Perseo, Deon Senitha Serasinghe Arachchige Don

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,820.34 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

**Readers' Rotas.** New rotas are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy.

**Children's Liturgy.** New rotas are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy.

**Tea/Welcomers' Rotas** are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy. The tea rota will be bi-weekly and welcomers' rota weekly. If you would like to sign up its not too late. Please either give your details to Father Kevin or Deacon Michael or telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677. Thank you.

**Little Sisters of the Poor** will be carrying out an appeal this weekend with a collection after all Masses. *The Little Sisters of the Poor* are a registered charity based in London, caring for the elderly. Sister Maria/Mary will speak after all Masses to explain more about their project. Your support is much appreciated.

**Post—Confirmation Youth Group for Girls** will be recommencing this week on Wednesday at 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the Annexe. We are inviting all girls who have been confirmed to join us in an hour of discussion and prayer to help deepen your knowledge of our faith and how we are called to live out our lives in Christ.

**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 Cremation Service of the late Marlene Maria Lenihan of Great Heart, will take place on Friday 11 September 2015 at 12:00 noon at the East Chapel, West London Crematorium.

May she rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Secondary School Open Evenings, Admissions 2016.** St James Catholic High School open evening Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 6pm. For further details please telephone the school on 020 8358 2800 or visit the website at [www.st-james.barnet.sch.uk](http://www.st-james.barnet.sch.uk). The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School open evenings for first form (year7) will take place on Thursday 17 and Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Sixth Form (year 12) open evening for all external applicants, Thursday 1 and Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 6:00pm. Please visit the website at [www.cvms.co.uk](http://www.cvms.co.uk) for full details or telephone the school on 020 7603 8478. The Covent of Jesus and Mary Language College 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](http://www.cjmlc.co.uk).

**Divine Mercy Apostolate** run by the Marian Fathers is organising *Divine Mercy Pilgrimage* to St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9PA on Saturday 12 September 2015, 11:00am—4:30pm and *Divine Mercy Retreat* at the Roman Catholic Church of St Sebastian and St Pancras, London NW9 0NG on Sunday 13 September 2015. Please see the posters at the back of the church.

**Westminster Youth Ministry** are hosting a fun and informative session at the Centre for Youth Ministry on Sunday 27 September 2015 for all budding broadcasters from within the teenage parish community. Friends from Radio Immaginaria, Italy will lead the day – they have extensive experience in broadcast media and in particular focusing on episodes for broadcast that are developed and delivered by teenagers. Further details can be found by visiting the website at [dowym.com](http://dowym.com). Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**The Friends of the Holy Land** invite you to a regional gathering on Saturday 10 October from 10:30am to 4:00pm. The venue is Our Lady and St Anne Parish Centre, South View Avenue, Reading RG4 5AB. The day will include a 20 minute film and an update about the current situation in the Holy Land, and the activities of the Friends in Bethlehem and other areas. The event is free, lunch is included. For more information and to book please telephone on 01926 512 980 or email [friendsoftheholylan@btconnect.com](mailto:friendsoftheholylan@btconnect.com).

## Parish Diary

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| Monday    | 7:00pm        | Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe                          |
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| Tuesday   | 7:00pm-8:30pm | <i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe       |
| Wednesday | 5:00pm-6:00pm | Post—Confirmation Group for girls meeting in the Annexe     |
| Thursday  | 7:15pm        | <i>St Vincent De Paul</i> meeting in the Annexe             |
| Friday    | 7:00pm        | <i>Knights of St Columba</i> meeting in the Annexe.         |

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!