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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF  
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

11 SEPTEMBER 2016

24TH 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

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

## St Teresa of Calcutta

Last Sunday Pope Francis canonised Mother Teresa declaring her to be a saint for the whole church after accepting a second miracle attributed to her intercession. What I found fascinating was how the media reported this event because many added, after recounting the factual details of the ceremony, that she was a controversial figure and then listed the 'complaints' about her:- that she did not tackle the roots of poverty in Calcutta; the places she took the dying and sick she found in the streets did not have modern hygienic facilities; she accepted money from rich but dubious characters - the list goes on! Pope Francis in his homily emphasised how she was a 'dispenser of mercy', which is the theme of our current 'Jubilee of Mercy', and also the theme of today's readings at Mass. She saw the rejected and abandoned of Calcutta and gave them what she could, which often was little more than a hug, a smile and words of comfort.

Our difficulty can be that our natural reaction to the immense problems of the world is 'What can I do? It will only be a drop in the ocean!' and so we do nothing. And that is where Mother Teresa (even the Pope recognised that despite her official title now being saint, people will still call her 'Mother Teresa') can be our model and inspiration. In Latin the word for mercy is *miser cordia*, which is made up of two words - *miseria* - from which we get our word misery; and *cordia* - which means heart, and heart is linked to love. The Latin verb is *miserere*. The misery word is still there, but the second half is a corruption of *uwere* which means 'burn'. Put them together and we can say that love burns away misery. I remember a bishop recounting an episode when he was a seminary teacher. With the students he would visit a large local psychiatric hospital. He introduced himself to one patient - no response. He tried to engage her in different conversations - no response at all; she just sat there looking down. He realised she must have been in a deep depression. They were sitting across a table and so he just put his hand over hers - and they just sat there for half an hour without a word being said, but with him just having his hand on hers. When it was time to leave he said to her - Do you want me to come next week? She must have dug deeply into herself and she looked up, smiled and said 'Yes please'. That human touch of love, in however small a way, had burned out a little bit of her misery and gave her the capacity to smile and say: 'Yes please'. Let us never forget that the smallest act of kindness is showing mercy and can help someone experience the love of Jesus; albeit remembering that our human love is so often imperfect.

*Deacon Michael*

**Those who have died recently:** Joseph McGrath, Brian Jones, Michael Chi Yuen Cheng

**Those who are sick:** Mary Maree, Luz Coogan, Noreen Joy, Eamon & Peggy Slevin, Kathy Doyle, Carmel Reynolds, James McHugh, Bernard Moloney, Josephine Niland, Peter Corcoran, John Cattigan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joan Angland, Andy & Kitty Costello, John Guckian, Maime Hall, Monica Morrow, Patrick Coughlan

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,680.87 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**The Phelan Family** would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given them support, expressed their sympathy and sent Mass cards following the death of Bobby. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Monday 24 October 2016 at 9:30am.

**Tea and coffee.** You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks. Do take this opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2017.** All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above) and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above) next year (2017) will need to obtain an application form which will be available after Mass this weekend from Father Kevin. Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only. Fully completed application forms including Baptismal certificates, and for Confirmation sponsors, their Confirmation certificate and a letter confirming Mass attendance from a parish priest, need to be returned to the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm, no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 4 October 2016. Application forms cannot be accepted without the required documentation. There will be introductory meetings for children and parents in the church on Thursday 6 October 2016 at 7:00pm for First Holy Communion, and 8:00pm for Confirmation. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for these sacraments to consider volunteering.

**Secondary School Priest's Reference Forms.** Please telephone the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday, between 10:00am and 2:00pm, to arrange an appointment.

**Volunteers' Party.** On Saturday 24 September, the new Parish Pastoral Council is organising a party to thank our unsung heroes who give up their time for the good of the Parish. Volunteers are needed for one night only. If you are not one of the people we are putting the party on for and can help by bringing a cake or dessert, manning the BBQ or even just for an hour to help set up, please leave your details with Clergy House or email [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk) - your help would be gratefully appreciated!

**Blessing of Pets** will take place on Sunday 2 October 2016 at 4:30pm in the church. The blessing of pets will mark the feast of St Francis of Assisi on the 4 October 2016. All species, breeds, shapes and sizes of pets are welcome.

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting—Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm–9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe

## Funeral Notice

The Reception of the body of the late Joseph Charles McGrath of Normansmead will take place on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 6:30pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 15 September 2016 at 11:00am, followed by burial at Greenford Park Cemetery at 1:00pm.

May he rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Canonisation of Mother Teresa.** Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Mother Teresa on Friday 16 September 2016 at 5:30pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. The Canonisation took place last Sunday.

**Divine Mercy Day of Prayer in Westminster Cathedral** on Saturday 1 October 9:30am to 4:30pm with Mass at 10:30am or 12:30pm. Keynote Speakers are Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme of the Diocese of Maiduguri in North Eastern Nigeria, who will speak of the experience of leading a Diocese under attack from terrorists and how Jesus came to him and his flock in their hour of need, with an urgent message to pray the Rosary to counteract the evils of our times and defeat terrorism; and Mgr. John Armitage, Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, who will speak on Our Lady of Walsingham's Mission for the Conversion of England. For full programme details please email Antonia at [antonia4161@gmail.com](mailto:antonia4161@gmail.com) or please see the poster at the back of the church.

**The Torchlit Procession** in honour of Our Lady of Willesden takes place on Sunday 2 October from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. Cardinal Vincent will lead the procession at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady. All are warmly invited to join the procession in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. For more details please see the poster at the back of the church.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will leave this place and go to my father.  
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

## 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.