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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER
18 SEPTEMBER 2016

25TH 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

The Great British Weather, Part I

I joked with Fr Daya on Thursday evening that we had now started the monsoon season. Those of us who attended the historic Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Nichols in July will know how potentially dispiriting it can be to get caught in the open in such inclement weather. That is one of the reasons why the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have announced an appeal next weekend to, among other things, upgrade the facilities for pilgrims to the National Shrine of Our Lady.

The weather is important for us in the coming weeks for a number of reasons. On Saturday 24 September at 8:00pm in St Mary Magdalen School we will be having a party for all our parish volunteers. All those who, as St John Paul II says, "mostly quite unknown and unnoticed...are building God's Kingdom in our time" are invited. We have given invitations to as many individuals and groups as we have encountered in recent weeks but this is to renew that invitation as an expression of the parish's gratitude to so many—those who tidy and clean the church; those who look after the altar linen, plate and flowers and our sacristans; our welcomers, musicians and singers, readers, collectors and counters, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, repository staffers and tea rota volunteers; those in the *SVP*, *APF*, *Knights of St Columba*, Social Committee, Finance Committee and the *Bethany* and Special Needs Groups, and the *Magdala* team; our registrar and safeguarding representative—whatever you do, you are welcome so please let the Parish Office know if you are coming. I sincerely hope you will.

We would also like good weather on Tuesday 25 October for our altar servers who will be having a day out: beginning at Tyburn Convent close to Marble Arch and learning about the martyrs of our faith killed there and having Mass with the nuns, we will then go to *McDonalds'* (without the nuns as they're enclosed) and end with a trip on the *London Eye*. Please sign up on the list in the sacristy and parents are welcome too to help.

Finally, although good weather isn't so important, we will have a parish pilgrimage to the Cathedral to follow the *Way of Mercy* on Thursday 27 October. As we'll be travelling by train we just need your name on the list at the back of the church (which has all the details of the pilgrimage) to give an idea of numbers to the Cathedral for refreshments.

So, dear volunteers, please let us know whether or not you are coming to the party. Dear servers, sign up today as the nuns need to know how many of us to expect for the great privilege of visiting their convent. Dear parishioners, may many of us make the most of the *Year of Mercy* on 27 October. And let's all pray for good weather. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Norrie Fox, Dolores Nolan, Leonora Gutierrez

Those who are sick: Noreen Joy, Kathy Doyle, Anton Simon, Bernard Moloney

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine Dyra, Bridget Sills, Cecilia Larkin, Noel Abeyratne

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,112.34 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Home Mission Sunday. Today we are celebrating *Home Mission Sunday*. This year's theme is 'Proclaim the Joy of Love'. On this day we are encouraged to pray for the work of evangelisation in England and Wales, remembering in our prayers especially those who we know are distant from the life of faith. Please support the second collection which funds the bishops' national work of evangelisation. The collection also ensures the *Catholic Faith Centre* is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic faith. Donations can be made online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/home/donate> and commemorative prayer cards are available at the back of the church today. Please support the work of *Home Mission* through your prayers and generosity. For more information about *Home Mission* please visit the website at www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms16.

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. The first meetings for children and parents will be 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.

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

Rebuilding England's Nazareth. On 24 September we shall be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham and on this weekend the bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection to help in the development of England's National Shrine to Our Lady. They are looking to upgrade existing buildings and build new facilities to help serve the increasing numbers of pilgrims who continue to walk the Walsingham Way since the shrine was established in 1061. Their main aims are to update the facilities, and to make provision for sick and disabled pilgrims and

to have facilities for young people to come on pilgrimage. Details can be found by visiting the website at www.walsingham.org.uk and please see the poster at the back of the church.

Volunteers' Party. On Saturday 24 September at 8:00pm in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School, Linacre Road, 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. Even if you do not get a personal invitation, take this as a general invitation to all our volunteers. Other volunteers are needed for one night only so 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 give an hour to help set up, please leave your details with the Parish Office or email willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk— your help would be gratefully appreciated!

Mary Immaculate Queen Procession. Thank you to all those who helped and took part in the procession in August. Mass will be offered for your intentions on Sunday 9 October at 10:30am.

Funeral Notice

The Reception of the body of the late Norrie (Nora Mary) Fox of Peter Avenue will take place on Thursday 22 September 2016 at 7:00pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 23 September 2016 at 12noon followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:30pm

May she rest in peace

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of Your Son, 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.

Parish Diary

Tuesday	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>Saint Vincent De Paul Society</i> meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm–9:30pm	FGCC- Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe