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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER - MONTH OF
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER
25 SEPTEMBER 2016

26TH 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 II

As well as the magnificent number of people who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to England's Nazareth in July with the Cardinal and some of his auxiliary bishops, and the sight of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham reunited with the statue of Our Lady of Willesden for the first time in over 400 years, we all remember well the torrential rain and how shelter from it was almost impossible to find. When it had finally stopped bucketing down, Monsignor John Armitage, the Rector of the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and England's National Shrine, commented on how the facilities could do with an upgrade. Indeed, almost as soon as he took over in February 2015, Fr John implemented a plan to meet the bishops' long-held hopes for the shrine's future.

These include improving access and facilities for disabled pilgrims who visit Walsingham. For those who come for a day, there is to be a new hospitality centre and a Pilgrim Hall Conference Centre for larger gatherings. And for those who wish to stay for longer, Elmham House is in the process of being refurbished both practically and ascetically and there will be a retreat centre with accommodation for young people too. In response to the call of Popes Benedict and Francis for a New Evangelisation there will be a history of the Church in England through the lives of our saints, and a Catholic media hub with Mother Angelica's *Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)* at its heart. Most importantly of all for our spiritual nourishment there will be a chapel dedicated to Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. And, if a little too late for this year, a wet weather cloister to protect pilgrims from the great British weather.

Fr John has worked tirelessly to raise £4 million of the £5 million cost for this in just 18 months. Now, the bishops of England and Wales are asking us to make the final push so that the project may be brought to completion.

In the coming weeks we will have two local pilgrimages and I invite you to sign up for them—to Tyburn Convent and then on to the *London Eye* for the altar servers, and to follow the *Way of Mercy* at Westminster Cathedral for all parishioners. But for now we look slightly further afield and seek to rebuild England's Nazareth, and ask the prayers of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Conversion of England. In the words of the great Renaissance scholar Erasmus, "May your Son grant us that imitating your most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Ghost may deserve to conceive the Lord Jesus spiritually in our inmost soul, and once conceived, never to lose him."

May Our Lady of Walsingham pray that we might make a fitting shrine here. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Michael Carberry, Mary Coogan, Fr David O'Driscoll,
Richard O'Sullivan

Those who are sick: Noreen Joy, Patrick Fennell, Gearoid O'Neill, Josie O'Neill, Ester Power

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom & Nora O'Sullivan, Margaret Butler, Patricia Thomas, Jane & Dennis Lawton, Patrick Coogan

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,988.78 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Home Mission Sunday collection last weekend raised £183.75. These monies will be used to fund 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 also be made online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/home/donate>.

Rebuilding England's Nazareth collection. On 24 September we shall be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham and the bishops have asked all parishes to have a second collection after all Masses this weekend 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 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.

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

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 putting themselves forward.

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

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, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, and Saturdays from 1 October until 5 November 2016. 2.30pm to 4:00pm. If you would like to book for sessions please visit the website at www.stitchamazingly.co.uk or telephone Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564. Alternatively please email info@stitchamazingly.

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.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Theresa Omambala of Robson Avenue will take place on Wednesday 28 September 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 1:00pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Michael Joseph Carberry of Beldanes Lodge, Hawthorn Road will take place on Friday 30 September 2016 at 12 noon followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:30pm

May they rest in peace

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to Me listen to My voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow Me 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

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting— Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm—9:30pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family