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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY

15 OCTOBER 2017

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

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

Spiritual Telephone Boxes

Although it is a while until November, with Tim and Justin also doing editorials, this is my last opportunity before the month of the Holy Souls begins to write about the traditional Catholic practice of praying for and offering Masses for the faithful departed.

We think of the saints as unreachable but Pope Francis puts their lives into perspective: "The saints were not supermen and neither were they perfect. They lived normal lives marked by sadness and joy, hardship and hopes, before reaching the joy of heaven."

How was this change effected? He explains, "The saints tell us all to trust the Lord because He does not disappoint...they encourage us not to be afraid. They show us whoever remains faithful to God and His Word experiences the comfort of His love on this earth and this experience is 100 times stronger in eternity. This is what we hope and ask the Lord for our deceased brothers and sisters." Thus our Holy Father teaches that we have a role to play in their lives even now, asking God to show them His merciful love.

In this he echoes what Emeritus Pope Benedict said: "They are perfectly at peace...sure of their salvation...beyond sin and its punishments but they are not yet perfect—such souls are in love with God...[they are] good people becoming perfected in love. Our prayers for them are a gift from God which allows us to share in His work of bringing people to perfection. Such prayers are a special gift from God, a great Divine courtesy, but also a great responsibility on our part." So we ask for this mercy through prayer.

And while all of our prayers are good, the Mass is the greatest prayer we have for it is the "sacrifice of God for man" (as St John Vianney puts it), the offering that takes away the very sins and their stains which keep us from God in the life to come.

Hence we will be offering four Masses each week for these good souls being perfected in love. If you would like those for whom you have this great responsibility to be remembered at each of these Masses, please write their names on the sheets at the back of the church, place that sheet in an envelope with any Mass offering you would like to make, and return it to me or Tim or put it through the inner presbytery door.

By these sacred works of ours our loved ones could become not short-lived superheroes but saints in the Kingdom of Heaven. The late Bishop Michael Evans of East Anglia put it thus in his last pastoral letter, "Pray for me as this stage of my life comes to an end." Let us do this without fear but with trust in the Lord's great love that their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Michael Delahunt, Sheila Westlake, Fr Sean O'Toole

Those who are sick: Martin Scanlan, Martin Dolan, Dudley Wallace, Michael Gallagher

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonio Joao Fernandes, Margaret Lehane, Sheila & Dan Joe Riordan, Shalom Fernandes, Patsy Carroll, Emilio Perez Abenia

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £ 1,924.46 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

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.

Magdala the parish magazine Magdala will be on sale after all Masses this weekend 14/15 October 2017.

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

Mass Leaflets. Please return these—they're running out again!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place before Mass on Friday morning and the church will not open until 9:00am. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications.

On 23 October 2017 Fr Kevin will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those who attend Mass here every week and have done so for at least five years. Newer parishioners should bring a letter from their previous parish. Please telephone the parish office this week between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday, to make an appointment.

St Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group will be holding a 'Race Night' on Saturday 11 November 2017 at the Willesden Working Men's Club, Villiers Road commencing at 7:00pm. All monies raised from the evening will be used to pay for a Christmas lunch and gifts for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. All are welcome to this wonderful event including children.

Parish Database has been deleted. As such, *everyone* should complete a new parish registration form. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter the side porch and on each pillar at the back of the church. Completed forms should be handed to the parish office or posted through the door of the presbytery. Less than 10% of those who attend Mass here have done this so far.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	'The Feast London' - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Diocesan News

National Guild Mass for Altar Servers to be held in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21 October 2017 at 2:30pm. Please see the poster on the noticeboard in the sacristy.

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 4 November 2017, 11:00am—4:30pm at Sacred Heart RC Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, London SW19 4LU. For more information please contact Divine Mercy Apostolate - Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY. Email: info@divinemercury.org.uk or visit the website at www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk or telephone 020 8998 0925. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

'Walk with Me' is a day workshop to be held on 4 November in central London for Catholic family members of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Mgr. Keith Barltrop, chaplain to the Westminster LGBT+ Catholic Community, will be speaking alongside family members of LGBT+ people. More information and a registration form for the event can be found on the website at <http://www.lgbtcatholiccyag.org.uk/workshop-2017>

Caritas Westminster: 'The Poverty of Loneliness'—The Importance of Befriending. Come and hear about the 'epidemic of loneliness' in the UK, how we can address it, and a short introduction to befriending the elderly. The event takes place on Tuesday 7 November 2017, 6:30pm—8:30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, telephone 020 7931 6077, or search 'The Poverty of Loneliness' on Eventbrite.

The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word. A study evening for parish readers and anyone else interested takes place on Thursday 16 November 2017, 7:00pm—8:30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. The facilitator is Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP. Registration is required. Email via livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have access to the Internet, please leave a voice message on 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4 per talk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Southwark Sleepout 2017. The event takes place on Saturday 18 November 2017 at Borough Market's covered Market Hall where participants are given the opportunity to raise awareness of youth homelessness by giving up their warm, comfy bed for the night. Further information about how you can register your interest can be found at <https://uk.depaulcharity.org/southwark-sleepout-2017>. For further details please also see the poster at the back of the church.

This is My Body. A study evening for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and anyone interested takes place on Thursday 23 November 2017, 7:00pm—8:30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. The facilitators are Sr Anne Walsh OP and Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP. Registration is required. Email via livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, leave a voice message on 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4 per talk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.