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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER - MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
16 OCTOBER 2016

29TH 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

Home Grown

We all try to follow the experts' advice and eat at least five portions of fruit and vegetables a day but the mileage involved is considerable and probably not of equal benefit to the environment –our bananas come from the West Indies, asparagus from India and blueberries from Central and South America etc. Thus I've been delighted to have enjoyed delicious rhubarb and tomatoes from a parishioner's allotment in the past weeks.

We also look far afield for saints who inspire us but in the past week we have celebrated four home-grown ones. On Sunday was the feast of Blessed John Henry Newman who was beatified during the visit of Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. Newman, a convert from Anglicanism, was an outstanding theologian whose eloquence was "unaffected, graceful, tender and penetrating," giving us the wonderful motto *cor ad cor loquitur*, "Heart speaks unto heart." It was this desire to deepen our relationship with God for His sake rather than our own selfish needs and wants that gave him a special place in the hearts of ordinary parishioners such that over 20,000 people turned out for his funeral.

Monday marked the Memoria of St Paulinus of York who was sent by Pope St Gregory the Great with St Augustine to convert our land. St Paulinus became the Bishop of York (now a vacant see) and brought about the conversion of Edwin, King of Northumbria, and many of his subjects. As we see so many priests from overseas coming to our missionary country again, we ask his intercession for the reconversion of England.

St Wilfrid, born in Northumberland in the time of Paulinus became Bishop of York in 669. He endured much hostility from the civil authorities but was courageous in defending the truths of the Church and bringing the clergy and lay people in line with Rome. May he intercede for us all in following the teachings and example of our Holy Father.

Finally Thursday saw the Diocesan Feast (a Solemnity in our Cathedral) of St Edward the Confessor. King of England in the 11th Century, he was a man of great faith and humility who lived off the income of his own lands not taxes and reached out to the poor and the sick. Wishing to make a pilgrimage to Rome, he was advised against this because of the precarious nature of his kingdom and built St Peter's (Westminster) Abbey instead proving that God doesn't always give us what we want but does offer something great.

Pope Saint John Paul II said that we are all called to be saints and a little local advice and knowledge goes a long way—perhaps as far as Heaven itself. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Palmino Dilullo, Bishop David Konstant, Fr Kevin Burke

Those who are sick: Mary Cahill, Mary Mills, Josephine Niland, Peter Corcoran, John Cattigan, Patrick Ruddy, James Martin, Michael Joseph Dempsey, Darcy Nolan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antonio Joao Fernandes, Anthony Chalissery, Mary Whelton

Those Baptised: Aline Emma O'Connell

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,355.23 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity. Standing order figures will be published at the end of the year.

St Mary Magdalen Prayer Group have sent a donation of £400 to the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul, Mill Hill London. The money will be sent to the Maichew School in Ethiopia, to support children who cannot afford their education. Many thanks to all who have contributed to this great cause.

Tea and coffee. You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks.

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

World Mission Sunday collection takes place next weekend. In 2016, to close Pope Francis' 'Year of Mercy', World Mission Sunday focuses attention on the work the Catholic Church is doing to bring healing and reconciliation to the people of Rwanda. 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 next weekend.

Magdala the parish magazine will be on sale after all Masses next weekend.

Stitch Amazingly Sewing Workshop. As the October half term approaches *Stitch Amazingly* will be running sewing workshops for teens who enjoy fashion and textiles and would like to join a sewing group. They could make a simple piece of clothing or even an accessory piece. The workshops will run for a limited time from 25—27 October, 11:00am until 1:30pm. Take a chance to learn new skills and develop those you have, with a final piece to take home! Price is £90 for 3 days. Please contact Glenda via her website at www.stitchamazingly.co.uk or telephone 07739 707 564. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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!

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting— Annexe
Saturday	11:30am— 1:00pm	Play and Prayer Group in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm— 9:30pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

Diocesan News

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team welcome you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 29 October 2016, 11:00am – 5:00pm, at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. For further details please telephone Eileen or David on 020 8542 2476 or email at body_mind_spirit—meditation@hotmail.com. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

The Summit is taking place at the Centre for Youth Ministry in Euston from 7:00pm until 9:00pm on Friday 11 November and Friday 3 February 2017 and is a termly celebration for those aged 14-18 years old. This is a fantastic opportunity for Confirmation groups and youth groups. The evening begins with food and activities before heading up to the church where our wonderful band will lead in some praise and worship and adoration. For more information please email Callum at callummoore@rcdow.org.uk or follow this link: <http://dowym.com/events/the-summit-2/>

Westminster Cathedral Holy Door. The Cardinal will mark the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in the Diocese by closing the Holy Door in the Cathedral during Vespers at 3:30 pm on Sunday 13 November. Archbishop Welby will preach. All are welcome.

Retreat for Advent led by the Retreat Team takes place on Friday 2 December until Sunday 4 December at the House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB. This is a weekend silent residential retreat with an individual guide for each retreatant. As well as time for personal prayer, there will be community prayer, with Scripture, poetry and music. Arrive on Friday in time for supper at 7:00pm and leave on Sunday at 4:00 pm. Cost is £140 and advance booking is essential. To reserve a place please telephone 020 8941 2313 or email houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk.

Westminster Youth Ministry. On 9 December at St Aloysius Parish Euston, the Westminster Youth Service host their annual Youth Mass – Bishop Nicholas being the main celebrant. The Mass begins at 6:30pm and the music will be led by Edwin Fawcett and the young music scholars. The evening is a celebration of youth throughout our diocese. Light refreshments will follow Mass and all young people and teenagers are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet their peers from across Westminster. For further details please see the poster at the back of the church.

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.