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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY - MONTH OF
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
15 JANUARY 2017

2ND 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

Are You Still There?

I don't know how many of our children (or even older parishioners) were given bicycles for Christmas, but for those who ride them for the first time it can be quite a daunting prospect. Many of you, like me I suppose, started off with a tricycle and then graduated to two wheels with stabilisers. Then comes the time when the stabilisers come off and round the park you both go with your dad running behind you hanging on to the back of the saddle to give you balance. Finally, that magic moment arrives when you ask your dad, "Are you still there?" and his reply of "Yes" comes from a great distance away—you look over your shoulder and see him yards behind you. You've done it.

Almost six years ago the new translation of the *Roman Missal* was introduced to the United Kingdom with changes to the prayers and responses to make them closer to the original languages in which they were written. Both Fr Hugh and I provided catechesis to explain why these changes were to happen and I'm sure that you too find the new language so much richer and more elevating of the mind to God. At the same time we provided photocopies of the Order of Mass to help you get to know the responses.

As people come into the church they pick up the Order of Mass and the newsletter and a hymn book if it is needed. And for some reason known only to God, they generally take the Order home and put the newsletter back in the rack even though the former is unchanging and the latter alters weekly. Ironically, people then say they "didn't know" that something was happening: of course they didn't—they dumped the newsletter!

But that aside, after producing almost 10,000 copies of the Order of Mass since September 2011, perhaps now is the time to let go, not least for environmental reasons as the Pope asks us to think about. Indeed, many people have already stopped using those leaflets so why don't you see if you can get through Mass without one?

Obviously not everyone will be quite ready for this step so laminated copies are available but these must be returned to the racks at the end of Mass for other people to use. And if you'd like your own, I suggest you buy a copy of *The Simple Prayer Book* from the repository at the back of the Church—it is better than the leaflet as it also has many traditional and new prayers in it to increase our devotional lives as the Cardinal recommended in his pastoral letter for the New Year.

Go on: test your confidence today. But we're still here to hold the saddle. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: James Conroy, Kathleen Tierney, Alfred 'Freddy' Cuff, Rita Ward

Those who are sick: Tim Kelly, Tamara Ivana Benoit, John Daroux

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Oliver, Sean Hendry, Rita Boyle, Pat Hegarty, Frank Donnellan

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,815.45 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion's primary responsibility is to bring Communion to the sick on a regular basis. There is a married couple on Melrose Avenue, two gentlemen on Balmoral Road and another two in Rosemary House, Uffington Road, and a lady in Knightleas Court who would like to receive every two weeks. Please see Fr Kevin after Mass if you can do one or more of these Corporal Works of Mercy.

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.

Please note that on Wednesday 18 January there will be no Exposition before Mass and the church will not open until 9:00am. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Magdala Magazine. In order to produce the next edition of the parish magazine we are now asking for submissions. We would like to receive articles from individuals, parish groups, schools etc.; crossword puzzles, poems, stories are always welcome, but also accounts of places you have visited, on holiday or pilgrimage (photographs are especially welcome); articles on hobbies—remember if it interests you it will interest others. Please send your articles, comments etc. to magdalamagazine1@gmail.com or through the Presbytery marked 'Parish Magazine.' Thank you.

Repository. Church art calendars, the new Westminster Year book, and many other items are on sale now in the Repository.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm-6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Here I am, Lord! I come to do Your will.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Kathleen Margaret Tierney of Chapter Road will take place on Monday 16 January at 11:00am followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 12:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Rita Margaret Ward of Burnley Road will take place on Thursday 19 January at 12 noon followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:30pm

The Reception of the body of the late James Conroy of Cornwall Gardens will take place on Thursday 19 January at 5:00pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20 January at 11:00am followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 12:30pm

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

Niland Conference Centre Events. ;The Daily Call to Prayer' with Sister Regina McGarry OP and Monika Cleaver on Tuesday 17 January from 10:00am—12:30pm. Suggested donation £6. 'Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition' with Fr Malachy Keegan on Saturday 28 January from 10:00am—3:00pm. Suggested donation £14. Both events are at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire WD23 4EE. For further details and registration please visit the website at www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/events or telephone 020 8950 4000. Please also see the posters at the back of the church.

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team invite you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 28 January 2017 from 11:00am—5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. For details please see the poster at the back of the church.

Caritas Westminster in partnership with Capital Mass are holding two events relating to the refugee crisis. 'Refugees: Next Steps' is on Wednesday 1 February, 7:00pm—9:00pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN is a chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria. 'After the Jungle, Where Next?' is on Wednesday 8 February, 7:00pm—9:00pm, Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY and a chance to hear from Br Johannes Maertens about what's now happening in Calais, and see two films made by refugees living in the camp. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on 'Eventbrite'.

Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on the World Day of Prayer for the Sick takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11 February at 2:00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, please let the Parish Office know by 29 January 2017 to ensure that a space is reserved for you. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.