

## Presbytery

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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

23 APRIL 2017

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

## A Date for Your Diaries

At the start of the rite of ordination to the priesthood the rector of the seminary presents the candidates for ordination. The Cardinal then asks “Do you judge them to be worthy?” To which the rector will reply “After inquiry among the people of Christ and upon recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I testify that they have been found worthy.” As you know since September I have been at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea undergoing formation and at weekends helping in Pimlico parish.

At the beginning of this month the ‘Orders Commission’ sat and received the reports of all the seminary staff, the parish priest at Pimlico as well as some parishioners there. Following their deliberations the Cardinal accepted me, and seven other candidates, for ordination to the priesthood. The Cardinal will be ordaining seven of us (one candidate is being ordained in Rome) on Saturday June 24 at 10:30am in Westminster Cathedral. The following day I will have the awesome privilege of celebrating my first Mass here at St Mary Magdalen’s at 12 noon on Sunday 25 June; following which there will be a feast including a hog roast.

Formation is more than training. Yes there are studies to do but all candidates have as a primary focus the need to develop their interior spiritual life to become configured to Christ the High Priest. This cannot be done without the support and prayers of others. I am aware that parishioners have been keeping me in their prayers and for this I thank you from the bottom of my heart, but can I ask that these prayers continue with special fervour during my final nine weeks of preparation for ordination.

All are invited to the Cathedral for the ordination; unfortunately reserved seats at the front are restricted to immediate family and close friends. But as the Cathedral can seat 1200 there should be room for all who wish to witness this awe-inspiring liturgy.

The fruits of a deeply spiritual parish are vocations to the priesthood; and our parish should be proud. Canon Danny Cronin was a parishioner here and ordained in 1977. More recently Fr Martin Plunkett (2013) and Fr Tony Thomas (2016) both lived here and discerned their vocations whilst here and now myself. But the good news continues because as I leave the seminary the parish will be sending our parishioner Francis Thomas to start his formation for the priesthood. So praise and thanks to both Fr Hugh and Fr Kevin for their inspirational leadership guiding us all in our lifelong journey towards holiness.

*Deacon Michael*

**Those who have died recently:** Thomas Clough, John O’Neill, Patrick Walshe, Josie Buckley, Teresa Samuel, Hanna O’Reilly

**Those who are sick:** Anton Simon

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Christopher & Elizabeth Doran, Patrick Killian, William Langan, Jimmy Enright, Kathleen McNamara, Michael Mulhern, Sharon Lynch, Patrick & Gladys McGowan, Maurice Scanlon

## Parish News

**Collection.** Your Easter offering was £5732.13 (excluding standing orders) and the collection for the Holy Places was £776.77. Thank you very much for your generosity and for your personal gifts to Fr Daya and Fr Kevin, as well as your prayers and support throughout the year. God bless you for all your kindness.

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

**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? Sessions will be recommencing on Tuesdays from 25 April until 30 May 2017, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, and Saturdays from 29 April until 3 June 2017, 11:00am to 12:30pm. Beginners are welcome. If you would like to book for sessions, please visit the website at [www.stitchamazingly.co.uk](http://www.stitchamazingly.co.uk) or telephone Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564 or please email [info@stitchamazingly.co.uk](mailto:info@stitchamazingly.co.uk).

**Aid to the Church in Need Appeal.** Next weekend we welcome John Ravi, the area secretary for *Aid to the Church in Need* for the Archdiocese of Westminster, who will speak during all Masses. *Aid to the Church in Need* is a Catholic charity which works in 140 countries, helping persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world through prayer, information and action. At the moment it is involved in frontline works in Syria and Iraq. If you wish to find out more about the charity, which is a pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church, or if you wish to be a parish representative, please contact John on 07727442510 or 020 8642 8668 or you can go online [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org).

**Parish Pilgrimage to Stonor** (which is of great significance to Catholicism in England) takes place on Saturday 6 May 2017. If you have not already done so can you now please kindly pay for your seat. Monies can be left at the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday, between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Alternatively, you can put your payment in an envelope marked with your name and 'Stonor Pilgrimage' and post it through the inner presbytery door.

**Mary's Meals** will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks' time to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Over the next few weeks please collect your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks. Then before 12 noon on Sunday 7 May 2017 bring them with you when you come to Mass. Not only will you be getting rid of unwanted clothes/bedding and giving yourself a little more space but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity. *Mary's Meals* feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 12 countries. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year!

**Repository.** Easter and First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, prayers books and rosary sets and many other items are available to purchase from the Repository. The Repository is open before and after all Sunday Masses including the Saturday Vigil.

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late  
Hanna O'Reilly will take place on  
Thursday 27 April 2017 at 11:00am followed by  
cremation at West London Crematorium

The Reception of the late  
John Patrick O'Neill formerly of Villiers Road will take place on  
Thursday 27 April 2017 at 7:00pm and the Requiem Mass will  
take place on Friday 28 April at 11:00am followed by  
cremation at West London Crematorium

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Come and See.** Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at Ealing Abbey Parish Centre, Charlbury Grove, W5 2DY on Saturday 29 April from 10:00am to 12 noon. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594 725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373 548.

**Called to Serve the Sick.** There will be three workshops in our 'Called to Serve the Sick' season, exploring our vocational responsibility to care for the sick. Each workshop includes a talk and a chance to reflect and discuss with others. 'Healthcare Chaplaincy: A Catholic Understanding', at St Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill on Wednesday 7 June, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. 'Health and Social Care: A Particular Vocation for Catholics in Serving the Sick' at Our Lady and St Michael's, Garston on Monday 19 June, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. 'Thinking Theologically about Health: A Catholic Perspective', at St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing on Tuesday 27 June, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Details of how to register are on the poster at the back of the church.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see Me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Saturday	11:00am—12:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe