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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY
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3 APRIL 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
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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

Glasnost

Some of you will remember President Gorbachev using this word which meant an increased openness and transparency of government before the fall of the Soviet Union.

Today the planned giving envelopes for the coming financial year are available so it seems appropriate to openly provide a summary of the parish's healthy financial return for 2015. A complete breakdown is available on request as is a budget for 2016—the first time this parish has ever produced one. In both these matters I am grateful to the 10 members of our finance committee who give their time for the administration of our funds and the upkeep of the premises but especially to all of you for your generosity.

In addition to that openness, you will recall that some months ago I invited nominees for a parish council. I am now delighted to say that the Parish Council has ten “elected” members representing the rich diversity of our parishioners’ ages and backgrounds.

Canon Law describes a Parish Council as a consultative body to help the clergy consider pastoral and other works and to propose and co-ordinate practical measures for them. This stems from: “Christ’s faithful are at liberty to make known their needs, especially their spiritual needs, and their wishes to the Pastors of the Church” (Canon 212#2) and, “They have the right...the duty, in keeping with their knowledge, competence and position, to manifest to the sacred Pastors their views on matters which concern the good of the Church.” (Canon 212#3) Now I know I’m called many things in Willesden Green but “sacred Pastor” is a surprise to me too. Anyway, moving swiftly on...

Many parishioners already do these things and the thickness of a priest’s “complaints” file and the thinness of his “thanks” file witness to this. But Canon 212#3 continues, “They [the faithful] have the right to make their views known to others of Christ’s faithful.” Thus while I invite you to leave your topics for discussion for the Council at the Presbytery before 4:00pm on Monday 18 April, you could give them to one of the elected members of the Council by the same date and time. Those people are Rose Flannery-Hall, Corina Goetz, Melissa Kane, Kathy Macken, Gemma Moroney, John-Paul Bonjour, Joseph Ebu, Connor Ferguson, Justin Osuji or Denis Weir. The choice is entirely yours.

I know you will take this development of our pastoral and evangelisation strategies prayerfully and seriously and, as Canon 212#3 concludes, with respect for “the integrity of faith and morals” and “both the common good and the dignity of individuals.” It also says “show due reverence to the Pastors.” Perish the thought...

Thank you again for your generosity over Easter in so many ways. God bless. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation, Ann Ryan, Zinia Mendes De Figueiredo Rodrigues

Those who are sick: Brenda McLean

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Egan, Ronnie McClay, Clare McGushian, Andrew Keady, Veronica Prior, Oliver Fay, V A Michael

Those Baptised: Karen Ann-Marie Moore **and those Received:** Giles David Hay Davison

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £4,670.41 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year 2016/2017 are available for collection at the back of the church today.

Tea/Welcomers' rotas. New rotas are now available from the rack in the Sacristy.

First Holy Communion Catechists. The lesson plans for sessions 10 and 11 are available from the rack in the Sacristy. The children's sheets will be distributed at the classes.

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.

Missionary Society of St Columba. At all Masses next weekend, Fr Gerry Markey will be conducting a mission appeal on behalf of the Columbans. The principal purpose of his visit is to seek greater support for the missionary magazine, the 'Far East' and encourage supporters in their missionary work. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in cross-cultural environments. They engage in reconciliation, dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Fr Kevin spent time with them in the Philippines during his seminary years and has seen their work.

Stitch Amazingly sewing workshop for beginners to intermediate level will recommence on Tuesdays from 19 April to the 24 May 2016 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please contact Glenda on 07739 707 564 or email Info@stitchamazingly.co.uk for details. Booking is essential.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2 May 2016—6 May 2016. Cost £500 including insurance, full board at the Agena Hotel, transport to airport and two trips. For further details please telephone John O'Sullivan on 020 8459 0279.

Tony Thomas is being ordained priest at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25 June 2016 and will be celebrating his first Mass here on Sunday 26 June 2016 at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Text Giving. A new way to support St Mary Magdalen's is now available from the Diocese through text giving on your mobile phone. Just text PARISH WILLG to 70800 to donate £5 automatically which will be added to your phone bill. This is an easy way to make offerings or to top-up your regular giving or to give if you're visiting. No more searching your pocket or purse for loose coins either. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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!

Diocesan News

"Easter Garden and Path of Mercy and Hope." The Dominican Sisters at St. Rose's, 160 Anson Road, welcome everyone to come and pray in the 'Easter Garden and walk the Path of Mercy and Hope'. The garden is open from 7:30am to 7:30pm. Also, there will be Adoration with prayer and reflection every Thursday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in St. Rose's Chapel.

Brent Multi-Faith Forum and Ashford Place would like to invite you to "A Conversation with people of faith in Brent on how we can develop our faith venues as dementia and mental health friendly places". This event will take place on Tuesday 19 April 2016 at 9:30am until 2:00pm at St. Patrick's church, Hardie Close, NW10 0UH. Parking spaces are available. Health statistics for Brent show that one in six adults suffer from poor mental health and, over 1,800 people over 65 years of age suffer from dementia. Mental health is said to be the single most common cause of ill-health affecting over 37,000 people. With an increase in awareness of the impact on people living with poor mental health and dementia and the impact on their carers, it is vitally important to consider the role of faith in their lives. The aim of this half-day event is to consider and discuss how faith-based organisations and centres can be better equipped to support those living with poor mental health, dementia and their carers. There will also be a light lunch available. For further information on this event please contact Aisha Khan or email Brentmultifaithforum@hotmail.com or telephone 07961 342 060.

Permanent Diaconate "Come and See". Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting from 10:00am to 12 noon at Ealing Abbey on Saturday 16 April 2016, or St Augustine's, Hoddlesdon on Saturday 21 May 2016 from 10:00am to 12 noon. No booking is needed. Wives are welcome. For details please contact Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594 725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373 548.

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 valley, 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 in the Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group meeting in the Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	<i>Knights of St Columba</i> meeting in the Annexe