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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



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February - Month of The Holy Family

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21 February 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

Please Turn Over

Having read the editorial last week a parishioner commented that she would like to come and see *No Greater Love* but hadn't noticed that where and when it would be shown was in the Parish Diary on the other side of the newsletter. When you turn this over today you will see that the diary section is wonderfully full which is a nice problem for our Parish Administrator to have in trying to fit everything in. You might also notice that here are a couple of events which haven't appeared before.

Firstly, it is often said young people leave the Church after Confirmation but we have 73 candidates for First Holy Communion and only 27 for Confirmation. That means half the parish children who make their First Communion here don't make their Confirmation in Willesden Green and begs the question of what happens to them all in that time? Thus, alongside the Catholic teaching those children get in schools, we are offering some on-going Catechesis during Lent to begin bridging that gap between preparation for these two Sacraments of Initiation. Admittedly it is a wide age range but I have been building up a variety of resources we shall use. All of us need a regular boost in our Catholic formation so hopefully this will mark the beginning of that process—please do come along.

Secondly, a delightful group of young people came to see me and will be starting a Charismatic Prayer and Praise Group in the Annexe after Saturday evening Mass. Their love for God and His Church is obvious and I encourage you to join them in prayer.

Thirdly, this week's Lenten film (*The Way,* made in just 40 days) follows Martin Sheen on pilgrimage to Compostela with his son's ashes— it is beautifully shot with its heart in exactly the right place but avoids cheap sentimentality given the subject matter.

Finally, among your Lenten exercises, don't forget to give alms to *Aid to the Church in Need* using the box at the back of the church. In the last ten years the Christian population of Iraq has fallen from 1.4 million to 200,000 and almost half a million Christians have fled from Syria. They are not heading for Europe and are being supported as close to home as is safely possible because they wish to stay in the Holy Land. Our government is not supporting these particular people but *Aid to the Church in Need* is and it needs our help. One commentator observed, "These Christians are facing cultural annihilation...and if we don't do something now it will be too late." And one Christian driven from his parish and his home in danger of death from war and terrorism said, "If loving and worshipping Christ is a crime then I am guilty as charged." What challenges do we face in our lives this Lent? Please, don't turn over without supporting them. *Fr Kevin*

Those who are sick: Fr James McNulty, Laura & Michael Nelson, Mary Maree

Those who have died recently: Francis McNaboe, Patrick Butler, Paul Dubrey

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Mick Lally, Arthur Perera, Siobhan Clifford, Brian Monahan, Bridie & Jim Butler, Patrick Coogan

Those Baptised: Dulina Yaneth Pelawasige Wass

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,782.59 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

The family of the late Honor Joyce would like to thank all those who expressed condolences, sent Mass and sympathy cards, and who attended the funeral. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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.

***CAFOD* Lent Fast Day 2016.** Please return your Fast Day money after Mass this weekend. The UK government has promised to match every pound and penny you give to *CAFOD* this Lent.

***Magdala* the parish magazine** will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. It includes articles on fasting and abstinence, photographs from our International Celebration on the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and photographs of Bishop Mark O'Toole's visit in January.

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

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) and will be at our church on Sunday 13 March 2016 until 12 noon. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity *Mary's Meals* will be here to pick them up. Amazingly three full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year. *Mary's Meals* is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Foundation Governors are needed for the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College. The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, invites you to consider serving the Church in this special ministry. Foundation governors are appointed by the Archbishop to serve as his representatives on the governing bodies of all Catholic schools to ensure the Church's mission and practice are upheld. Please see the poster at the back of the church or contact the Foundation Governor Co-ordinator, Mr E Williams, on 020 8965 2986 or email ewilliams@cjmlc.co.uk.

Joan Birmingham RIP. Would the person who booked the Mass for Joan on Thursday 24 March 2016 at 9:30am please kindly contact the Parish Office on 020 8451 4677. Thank you.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon:	The Lord is my light and my help.
Acclamation:	Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!' Praise to You, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Francis McNaboe of Knightleas Court will take place on Thursday 25 February 2016 at 7:00pm followed by repatriation to Ireland.

The Reception of the body of the late Patrick Joseph Butler of Merryhill Road will take place on Friday 26 February 2016 at 8:00pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Saturday 27 February 2016 at 10:30am, followed by burial at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery at 12:15pm.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Paul Dubrey will take place at the Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise on Monday 29 February 2016 at 9:30am followed by cremation at the West London Crematorium at 10:30am.

May they rest in peace

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	5:30pm – 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior school
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior school
Wednesday	7:00pm	Special Needs Group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	4:30pm–6:00pm	Post First Holy Communion/Pre Confirmation Children's Catechesis.
Thursday	7:15pm	*St Vincent De Paul* Society meeting in the Annexe
Friday	8:00pm	Family film night—*The Way*
Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross in the Church
Saturday	7:30pm—9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise