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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER - MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
23 OCTOBER 2016

30TH 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

Indulge Me

The doctrine of Purgatory is often overlooked and yet of those souls there Emeritus Pope Benedict said, "Those who have died are perfectly at peace. They are perfectly assured of their salvation. They are beyond sin and its punishments. But they themselves are not yet perfect. Such souls are in love with God for they are not bad people waiting to become good but good people becoming perfected in love."

As we approach November—the month of the Holy Souls—we remember, as Pope Benedict continues, that "our prayers for them are a great gift from God which allows us to share in His work of bringing them to perfection. This a special gift of hope from God, a great Divine courtesy, but also a great responsibility on our part."

We shall offer four Masses a week for those whose names are recorded on our November Dead List—take a sheet home with you, write down the names of those you wished to be prayed for, and return the list to the presbytery in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make. On one of the sheets available you will see a picture of St Nicholas of Tolentino who is the patron saint of the Holy Souls and we shall be making a pilgrimage to his shrine (as well as Assisi and Loreto) next year.

Another way of helping the Holy Souls is by gaining a partial or plenary (full) indulgence (the remission of temporal punishments after death for sins committed in this life) and applying it to a particular person or oneself. On All Souls' Day, come to Mass and receive Holy Communion, recite the Our Father and the Creed, then pray the Our Father and the Hail Mary for the intentions of Pope Francis, and go to confession on Saturday 29 October or Saturday 5 November to obtain a plenary indulgence. Alternatively, visit a cemetery and say a prayer for the dead, add another Our Father and Hail Mary for the Holy Father, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion all between 1 and 8 November. A third way is to do it together by joining the pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Westminster Cathedral on 27 October by signing up on the list at the back of the church.

Another way is come to a Mass for all the dead of our parish at St Mary's Chapel and pray for those buried there and in Kensal Green at 12 Noon on Saturday 12 November. Having celebrated the Sacraments, we will then complete all the other necessities to gain the indulgence before going to our loved ones' graves and saying a prayer there. Through God's grace and mercy, our prayers may help bring those we have loved and lost to their homeland of Heaven. It is comforting to think that when our time comes, those same souls eternally in His presence may then intercede for us. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Bridie Quirke, Patrick Thornton

Those who are sick: Darcy Nolan, Mary Cahill, Josephine Niland, John Cattigan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Denis & Nellie Golden, Mary Stenhouse, Eric, Ann & Stanley Lindford, Mary Enright, Joseph Flaherty, Alice Minogue, Ann & Tom Hennessy, Tommy Davis, Rose Glanton, Mary Carroll McMenemy, Frances Delaney, Pat Conneally, May French, Norah Govender

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,502.09 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity. Standing order figures will be published at the end of the year.

This Harvest Fast Day our parish raised £1,233.54 for *CAFOD*. Thank you for your generous support and prayers. Your support means more of our brothers and sisters across the world will have the materials and training they need to be able to grow enough food for their families. Please continue to pray for this work and for the gifts of God's earth to be shared by all.

World Mission Sunday collection takes place this 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.

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.

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

Nursery, 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.

Postcard event to mark 50th Anniversary of 1967 Abortion Act. The *Union of Catholic Mothers* and the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* are working together to commemorate the lives of unborn children lost by abortion since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. After all Masses next weekend, you will be invited to complete a postcard asking your MP to act to protect unborn babies. Please support this initiative which gives us an opportunity to make our voices heard on behalf of unborn children.

All Saints' Day (Holyday of Obligation) will be celebrated on Tuesday 1 November 2016 with Masses at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 2 November 2016 with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Volunteer teaching opportunity for an Autumn Camp targeted at Syrian refugee children. The camp will take place at Newman Catholic College, Harlesden Road, London NW10 3RN on Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 October from 10:00am—2:00pm. Please do consider joining the team for Autumn Camp and give a part of yourself to make a huge difference to these young lives. For further information please telephone Amanda Wooster on 07985 291930 or email at awooster@ncc.brent.sch.uk.

Newman Catholic College have joined the *Commonwealth War*

Grave Commission's Living Memory project to raise awareness of the 260 war graves and memorials in Willesden New Cemetery, Franklyn Road. Father Kevin is going to lead the boys from Newman in a prayer service in the Cemetery on Friday 7 November at 10:00am, honouring the soldiers from the First and the Second World War who are buried there. Parishioners are very warmly invited to come to pray with them and remember those who sacrificed their lives for their country.

Parish Pastoral Council agenda items. Do you have anything you would like your Parish Pastoral Council to discuss or address? Please submit any items for our next meeting on Tuesday 8 November to Clergy House or by talking to one of the PPC members. So far the PPC has covered items such as the Parish Volunteers' Party, Parish Pilgrimages and ways to help parishioners learn more about our faith.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

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.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting—Annexe
Tuesday	11:00am—1:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> Sewing Workshop in the Annexe
Wednesday	11:00am—1:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> Sewing Workshop in the Annexe
Thursday	11:00am—1:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> Sewing Workshop in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul Society</i> in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm—9:30pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe