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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER - MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
30 OCTOBER 2016

31ST 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

Be Our Friend

Failure to appreciate your friend's photographs of their child or pet splitting the atom before breakfast can lead to the social death of being "unfriended". Apparently this popularity contest is one of the reasons people don't like *Facebook*. Another is that some feel it is an invasion of privacy. However, *Facebook* now has such stringent controls that you can make your page entirely private so that no-one at all can see it—which is rather sad for your budding nuclear physicist in the cot or dog basket.

As you know, our parish has a *Facebook* page but you can only really get to it if you set up your own identity and then select to "follow" the parish or become its friend.

But it is worth it. For example, there are photographs of parish events such as the annual concert and videos of those performing. Day by day, photographs and commentaries were posted by Deacon Michael and Justin from *World Youth Day* in Krakow with Pope Francis and we also kept people up-to-date with the daily progress of our recent parish pilgrimage to Rome. There are also photographs of our Parish Mission with some reminders of the methods the Norbertines shared with us to deepen our relationship with God. the parish's procession of Our Lady Immaculate Queen can be seen and the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, along with the wonderful volunteer's party, and so on. It really shows just how much goes on in this vibrant parish outside of Sunday Mass.

But it also gives the opportunity to share news about the Church from around the world. In the past few days we have posted excellent commentaries on the re-evangelisation of the West by the Archbishops of Waterford & Lismore and of Philadelphia, material to deepen our love of the Eucharist by Cardinal Van Thuan and his family, the moving story of a priest returning to his village recently liberated from ISIS in Iraq, and some joyful pictures of nuns proving that the religious life can be fun.

And of course those posts never go away unless we delete them; so when Advent begins you can hear a daily reflection from one of the bishops of England and Wales first posted last year, and look back at old newsletters for anything you might have missed.

Yet there is no substitute for prayer in defining friendships and in this month of November we pray especially for the dead: add your loved ones' names to the November dead list, pick up a copy of an order of service for visiting a cemetery, and wear your poppy with pride. The old ways really are the best. May all the departed rest in peace. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Patrick Thornton, James Martin

Those who are sick: Darcy Nolan, Michael Joseph Dempsey, Christian Gallace, Stanislaw Pavlak,
Joe Regan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Guilhermina Perera, John Sheedy, Tom Mahoney,
John O'Sullivan, Kevin Hennessy

Those Baptised: Khloe Chimara Kerr James

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,884.43 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity. Standing order figures will be published at the end of the year.

World Mission Sunday collection last weekend raised £275.61.

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

Remembrance. Poppies are on sale in the repository—wear yours with pride. The proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.

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 this 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 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.

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 join 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.

Bethany Bereavement Group Mass for all those whose funerals have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday 11 November 2016. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones. Also there will be Mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, for all those from our parish buried there on Saturday 12 November at 12 noon.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will bless Your name for ever, O God my King.

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 Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Patrick Thornton of Beaconsfield Road will take place on Monday 31 October 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:15pm.

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Sacred Heart of Mercy Mission to London. To conclude the *Year of Mercy* the relics of St Claude La Colombiere SJ and St Margaret Mary Alacoque will visit London from 9-13 November for a Sacred Heart Of Mercy Mission. For details and timetable of events please visit www.emmanuelcommunity.co.uk/missiontolondon.

SVP - Vinnie Pack Packing. Can you spare a little time to help pack this year's Vinnie Packs for the homeless? The SVP assemble the packs at the former St John Fisher School, Thirlmere Avenue, Perivale UB6 8EF, very close to the Hoover Building on the A40. Sunday 30 October is a day for families (parent/s and secondary school aged children and above please) and Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November are days for adults only. Each pack contains a hat, gloves, two pairs of socks, toiletries, pen and information sheet. Please sign up at <http://doodle.com/poll/8w2ptath4byxpfm4> or text 07929 490 090. Thank you.

Year of Mercy Liturgy on Saturday 26 November from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at the Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise NW10 3HT. All are welcome to a special Liturgy in response to the refugee crisis. The Liturgy takes you on a journey of reflection and prayer, inspired by the experiences of refugees across the world. For further details please contact CAFOD Westminster 0208 449 6970.

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 – Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers'</i> meeting - Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour - church
Saturday	7:30pm– 9:30pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe