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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF
THE HOLY SOULS
6 NOVEMBER 2016

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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

Got Your Number

There is a wonderful story told about old Mr Cribb who ran T Cribb & Sons Funeral Directors in the East End of London: on his way to a burial, having made the hearse driver stop the car so that he could berate a police officer who didn't salute as the coffin drove past, he then took the officer's number—his identity—and reported him.

Small but significant gestures such as these—which often are rooted in our country's Christian heritage and traditions—are slowly disappearing. But not only among people outside the Church but also among us who remain within it.

The first reading at Mass this Sunday from the book of Maccabees focuses on the Jewish prohibition on eating pig's flesh and the torture and death some adherents underwent in order to stay true to their traditions. Yet many people may be surprised to learn that a similar obligation has been put on us since September 2011. At that time, Cardinal Nichols wrote, 'The Bishops' Conference has decided to invite Catholics to understand again the importance of self-denial which springs from that self-sacrificing love of Christ who denied Himself that we might have life. What better day than Friday because it's the day on which our Lord died and made that ultimate self-sacrifice. Not eating meat on a Friday is a gesture, a reminder of something that tells us every week we have a very particular take on life, the gift of faith which is something that we must treasure.'

From the earliest centuries of the Church's history, as Friday was dedicated to the memory of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, it was the day on which we should make a special effort to practice penitence. The seasons and days of penitence in the course of the year (Lent, and each Friday) are therefore intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. The precise goal of this penitence is not simply the avoidance of meat or its substitution with another food but relating the external and common act of penance we do to inner conversion, prayer and works of charity. There is nothing new in this directive, rather the bishops have determined that the requirement by all the faithful to do penance on a Friday will be fulfilled by abstaining from meat.

The Vatican says not abstaining from meat on a particular Friday would not constitute a 'sin' as such but it is our duty as Catholics to undertake penance on a Friday. So the person who knowingly decides not to undertake any Friday penance at all is probably 'sinning'; the person who accidentally eats a ham sandwich for lunch is probably not. This is good news but people should know our number, our Catholic identity. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: James Martin, Gloria Anqui Contillo, Mary Wallace, Mick Carey, Anthony McCormack

Those who are sick: Raif Yacoub

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward & Ann Ryan, Tom Mahoney, Joe Kevane, Teresa McGovern, Dan & Audrey Coleman

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,920.90 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity. Standing order figures will be published at the end of the year.

Magdala. Copies of the current parish magazine, *Magdala*, are still available on the stand at the back of the church.

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.

Sick and Retired Priests Collection. Next weekend our parish will take up a collection to help support the basic needs of the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick and Retired Priests' Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, often alone and many without personal savings accumulated. Envelopes are available at the back of the church - please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with a donation if you are able. They've been here for us; let's be here for them.

Remembrance Sunday, 13 November 2016. The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen of all conflicts since the outbreak of the First World War.

St Mary Magdalen Wednesday Club have arranged to go to Mickie's Christmas Variety Lunch on Thursday 15 December 2016. Cost is £25 (lunch and coach). The coach will leave from St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue NW10 at 10:30am. If you would like to join please contact Barbara on 020 8963 0973.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of Your glory, O Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. 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.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late James Joseph Martin of Knightly Court will take place on Thursday 10 November 2016 at 12 noon followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:30pm.

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

The local Holy Door at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden will be closed at the conclusion of the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 13 November with the singing of the *Te Deum*, and so this coming week is the last chance to make a pilgrimage there in order to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence.

Westminster Cathedral Holy Door. The Cardinal will mark the end of the Jubilee of Mercy in the Diocese by closing the Holy Door in the Cathedral in the context of Vespers at 3:30pm on Sunday, 13 November. All are welcome.

'Way of Mercy.' Cardinal Nichols has asked the *Agency for Evangelisation* and *Westminster Youth Ministry* to prepare and present a celebration of the *Way of the Cross* as a *Way of Mercy* for the whole diocese to mark the end of the Holy Year. This celebration will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 19 November at 2:30pm, the day before the solemnity of Christ the King when Pope Francis will close the Jubilee. It will be presided over by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and will include live images of the *Way of the Cross*, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, such as projects led locally by *Caritas Westminster*, and music by the renowned composer and performer Edwin Fawcett and his singers. At the same time in the Cathedral, there will be a photo exhibition organised jointly between the archdiocese, the Polish Cultural Institute and the Polish Embassy in the UK, with images of papal visit to Krakow for World Youth Day. All are welcome.

Speak up for CAFOD. Would you like to brush up your public speaking skills and learn how you can help *CAFOD* by speaking in your parish and/or other parishes? Please join our free 'Speaking Up for *CAFOD*' workshop on Saturday 26 November 10:00am-4:00pm at Romero House (near Southwark Cathedral). To book call on 020 8449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP— Annexe.
Friday	7:00pm	<i>Knights of St Columba</i> meeting in Clergy House
Saturday	11:30am-1:00pm	Play and Prayer—Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm–9:30pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe