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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY - MONTH OF  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
22 JANUARY 2017

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A

## 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

## Epiphany...Revisited

The Gospel writers don't actually tell us how many wise men visited the infant Jesus—only that there were three gifts. This weekend and in the near future we have the opportunity for encounters with four wise men or to be more precise, four wise priests.

On Sunday evening the familiar but always welcome Fr Martin McPake will be celebrating Mass. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning Fr Michael Stewart will be the main celebrant. Fr Michael was the parish priest of Welham Green where I lived as a veterinary student: his wisdom and prayerful celebration of the Mass kept me on the straight and narrow during my time at the Royal Veterinary College. And on Sunday morning you will also see Canon Stuart Wilson who I first met when he was a newly ordained priest as I entered the seminary. During his time as parish priest of Kentish Town, Director of *At Your Word, Lord*, and parish priest of St Mary's Cadogan Street, he was a great influence on me in the early days of my formation and a wonderful support during my time in Enfield. Unsurprisingly he is now the Spiritual and Vocations Director at Allen Hall, the Diocesan seminary. Please make them feel at home and pray for them.

We also have the chance to follow in the footsteps of a great priest who served in England during the Reformation—St Edmund Campion. We are familiar with the trials of Christians in the Middle East—convert to Islam, pay enormous taxes, flee your homeland or die. But those threats occurred here in the 16th and 17th centuries. One family it affected to whom Campion ministered was the Stonors at their home in Oxfordshire. Built from the late 12th century onwards, Stonor manor house includes a chapel where Mass was celebrated in secret by Campion and others during those penal times. Indeed, the house gave sanctuary to him and his companions in 1581 and Catholic documents were produced there. The family suffered greatly for their faithfulness to Rome and it wasn't until 1978 that the 7th Lord Camoys returned to and restored his family home.

On 6 May we have arranged a private pilgrimage there with Mass in the chapel and a tour of the house—it is not open to the public on a Saturday. Then there will be time to enjoy the grounds and depending on the weather, a visit to the beautiful church of St Birinus in Dorchester-on-Thames. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

These are all marvellous opportunities to understand afresh the legacy of faithfulness to Christ we have inherited: let's make the most of them, ancient and modern. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** Bridget Farrell, Dr Alfred Igwe, Mia Anjali Patel, Eoin Leavy, Christina Cremin, Alfred 'Freddy' Cuff, Matteo Amorelli

**Those who are sick:** Leomar Viegas, Tim Kelly, Stewart Samaden, Mary Cahill, Josephine Niland

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Michael Brady, Francis Benoit (K Pie), Michael Doyle, Delia Peltier, Rochie Payong Ayong

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £2,092.05 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**White Flower Appeal** for The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)* raised £531.34. Thank you.

**Newsletter/Order of Mass leaflet.** Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Laminated Order of Mass leaflets should be returned to the racks either at the back of the church or in the side porch. Thank you.

**Repository.** Church art calendars, the new Westminster Year book, and many other items are on sale now in the Repository.

**Tea and coffee.** You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks.

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

**All this week,** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place before morning Masses, the church will not open until 9:00am, and it may close early some days. We apologise for these temporary changes and thank you for your understanding.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion's** primary responsibility is to bring Communion to the sick on a regular basis. There is a married couple on Melrose Avenue, two gentlemen on Balmoral Road and another two in Rosemary House, Uffington Road, and a lady in Knightleas Court who would like to receive every two weeks. Please contact the Parish Office if you can do one or more of these Corporal Works of Mercy.

**Magdala Magazine.** In order to produce the next edition of the parish magazine we are now asking for submissions. We would like to receive articles from individuals, parish groups, schools etc.; crossword puzzles, poems, stories are always welcome, but also accounts of places you have visited, on holiday or pilgrimage (photographs are especially welcome); articles on hobbies—remember if it interests you it will interest others. Please send your articles, comments etc. to [magdalamagazine1@gmail.com](mailto:magdalamagazine1@gmail.com) or through the Presbytery marked 'Parish Magazine.' Thank you.

**Remember the Church with a Legacy Gift.** Please consider making a legacy gift to St Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic Church from your assets after you will no longer need them, no matter how large or small. Many Catholics find this a fulfilling way to pass on their love for the Church, in gratitude to God for blessings received over a lifetime. There are several ways in which you can make a legacy gift: a bequest in your will of a specific amount; a bequest to leave a percentage of your residual estate; designating the Church to receive the remainder of your estate; a gift in your will of a specific item of property to which you have title; a gift of appreciated shares or funds/accounts to which you have ownership. For more information contact the Diocese of Westminster – Office of Fundraising and Stewardship on 020 7798 9375 or email [legacies@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:legacies@rcdow.org.uk) and they would be happy to provide you with sample legal language that can be used, as well as a useful free "Asset Organiser" booklet. Information leaflets are available in the porches.

## Diocesan News

'**Centering Prayer on-the-go**' takes place at The House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB on Saturday 28 January and is led by Jill Benet. The effects of Centering Prayer are seen in daily life. This is a one-day workshop where we can develop a powerful practice to help us deal with the ups and downs of day-to-day living and use them as a way of transforming energy and deepening our relationship with God. Jill Benet is the London Co-ordinator for Contemplative Outreach that teaches Centering Prayer. She has studied in-depth the conceptual background and has attended several retreats led by its founder, Father Thomas Keating, as well as retreats led by Cynthia Bourgeault and Richard Rohr, among others. She has trained in the US and UK and leads groups, introductory days, quiet days and retreats. Jill is a co-founder of the Silence in the City series of talks on the contemplative life. For further details please email [houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 020 8941 2313.

**Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team** invite you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 28 January 2017 from 11:00am—5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. For details please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Caritas Westminster** in partnership with Capital Mass are holding two events relating to the refugee crisis. 'Refugees: Next Steps' is on Wednesday 1 February, 7:00pm—9:00pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN is a chance to hear more about the community sponsorship programme, and an update about the current situation in Syria. 'After the Jungle, Where Next?' is on Wednesday 8 February, 7:00pm—9:00pm, Christ Church Spitalfields, Commercial St, London E1 6LY and a chance to hear from Br Johannes Maertens about what's now happening in Calais, and see two films made by refugees living in the camp. Please RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) if you'd like to attend, or search for the events on 'Eventbrite'.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my help.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul Society</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe