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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY  
EUCHARIST**  
**10 APRIL 2016**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YEAR C**

## The Parish Priest Giveth...

...and the parish priest taketh away. I say that because for the next two weekends you will be spared my ramblings. First we welcome to Willesden Green Fr Gerry Markey from the Missionary Society of St Columban. His order run missions in 15 countries spreading the Gospel in the most practical and imaginative ways and he will be talking to us about the tireless work of their priests, nuns and lay missionaries.

Fr Gerry worked on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao which for some considerable time was not a peaceful place to be a Catholic missionary owing to the activities of terrorists. Fr Pat Madden and I had a fascinating couple of months there in Ozamiz City, Pagadian, Dipolog, Davao and Cagayan de Oro during our formation. While we spent most of our days among the seminarians of St Mary's Theolgate and with the most devoted Catholic laity (who despite their poverty were all immaculately turned out for Mass on Sunday) the Columba Fathers have a special place in our hearts as on a Sunday evening we would visit their house in Gango. Apart from the warm welcome it was the only time during the week when we got potatoes and a knockout gin and tonic! Among the many holy and dedicated Columban fathers we met one who stands out for me as he was the only other priest I've ever known who used to be a veterinary surgeon. If I remember correctly he was kidnapped at one time during his ministry. We have it easy!

And next weekend sees a Rajiv Michael—a seminarian for our Diocese—speaking to us on Good Shepherd Sunday about his journey to the priesthood and how he is discerning God's call to be a shepherd after Christ's own heart. Just two years ago Christian de Lisle spoke to us on the same topic and along with Tony Thomas, Christian will be ordained a priest on 25 June. What with Fr Martin Plunkett making this his spiritual home-parish and Deacon Michael off to the seminary in September, St Mary Magdalen's has a powerful connection with the road to priesthood of some fine men. Please pray for them all.

As for "the parish priest taketh away," Fr Gerry will be asking you to support the Columbans by subscribing to their *Far East* magazine and contributing directly to their missionary work. And Rajiv will be asking you to help him and the other 29 men in formation for our Diocese with your donations to the *Priests' Training Fund*. I know that you will be generous as always—both prayerfully and practically—to these vital causes.

In the meantime Milo is off on his Easter holiday and while microchipped he does not have a driving license so I have to go as well to drive him to and from the beach. Thus, enjoy your break from me but be generous too—blessed (or otherwise) be the name of the parish priest? May God certainly bless you and your loved ones. *Fr Kevin*

## 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

**Those who have died recently:** Anne Ryan, Zinia Mendes De Figueiredo Rodrigues, Brendan Dunne

**Those who are sick:** Danny Collins

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Agnes Cleary, Kathleen Bradley, Joseph Ryan, Jimmy Enright, Joan Foster, Sean and Rose Dempsey, Kay Cronin

**Those Baptised:** Kimberley Goes, Olivia Morrissey, Franciszek Nierodzik, Chukwubuike Harry Ekwerekwu

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,781.01 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Missionary Society of St Columba.** At all Masses this weekend Fr Gerry Markey will be conducting a mission appeal on behalf of the Columbans. The principal purpose of his visit is to seek greater support for the missionary magazine, the *Far East* and encourage supporters in their missionary work. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in cross-cultural environments. They engage in reconciliation, dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Fr Kevin spent time with them in the Philippines during his seminary years and has seen their work.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the new tax year 2016/2017 are available for collection at the back of the church. If you have not already done so please pick up your box today.

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

**Priests' Training Fund Collection.** Next weekend our parish will take up a collection for the *Priests' Training Fund* of the Diocese of Westminster. We currently have 29 men in formation for the priesthood at our own Allen Hall Seminary, and at seminaries in Rome and Spain. The Fund also helps pay for promoting vocations to the priesthood, and ongoing training of our priests for specialised ministries such as hospital, prison, or university chaplaincy and the like. It costs £25,000 per year, per man, to go through the six-year rigorous formation programme. That's a minimum £125,000 investment leading to ordination and placement in a parish. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd fulfil the commitment of their lives and their all in service to God and His Holy People. Envelopes are available at the back of the church—please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your generous donation. Please also see the poster at the back of the church. Next weekend there will be a seminarian preaching at all Masses.

**Altar Servers' Celebration for the Year of Mercy** at St Joseph's Wembley on Saturday 16 April 2016 at 12 noon. This is a special Mass for altar servers from parishes in the Brent Deanery. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Stitch Amazingly** sewing workshop for beginners to intermediate level will recommence on Tuesdays from 7:00pm—8:30pm from 19 April to the 24 May and Saturdays from 2:30pm—4:00pm from 23 April to the 28 May 2016. Please contact Glenda on 07739 707 564 or email [Info@stitchamazingly.co.uk](mailto:Info@stitchamazingly.co.uk) for details. Booking is essential.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, You have rescued me.  
 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us. Alleluia!

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Zinia Mendes De Figueireda Rodrigues of High Road, Willesden will take place on Monday 11 April 2016 at 11:00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Ann Ryan will take place on Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at St Mary's, Harrow Road at 12:30pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Easter to Pentecost.** 'The Way of Light Beyond the Cross' with Sr Regina McGarry OP and Sr Teresa O'Donovan on Monday 18 April 2016, 10:00am—1:00pm, at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £6. To register please ring 020 8950 4000 or email [bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk). Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**Annual Mass for Migrants.** Cardinal Vincent invites you to join him at the annual Mass for Migrants in honour of St Joseph the Worker on Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2016 at Westminster Cathedral. The banner procession will begin at 10:00am, followed by witness testimonies from two refugees before Mass, which will be followed by an opportunity for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

## 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	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Monday	5:30pm-6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen 's Junior School
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior school
Wednesday	6:30pm	Special Needs Group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	St Vincent De Paul Society meeting in the Annexe