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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
JANUARY - MONTH OF
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
YEAR C

31 JANUARY 2016
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Final Call for Krakow

“Dear young people, at the shrine in Krakow dedicated to the merciful Jesus...He is waiting for you. He has confidence in you. He is counting on you! He has so many things to say to each of you... Do not be afraid to look into his eyes, full of love for you...”

To respond to this message of Pope Francis all you need to do is join him for *World Youth Day* in Krakow in July. *World Youth Day* is an incredible, life-changing experience where millions of young people from all over the world come together to celebrate their faith. Started 30 years ago by Saint John Paul II it has awoken something deep within the hearts of many—a desire to know the meaning of their lives and so find their purpose in life. Life is seen with new eyes, illuminated by the light of God’s love

The pilgrimage is for those aged 16 to 35 for the Mission Week (*Days in the Diocese*) in Łódź, followed by the *World Youth Day* week in Krakow. Those aged 18 and above may attend the events in Krakow only. The *Days in the Diocese* will have times of prayer and adoration, encounters with local young people, a range of cultural activities, lots of sports, free time in the city and other events. On 25 July we will depart for Krakow stopping off at the beautiful shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on the way.

Over a million young people will take part in the opening ceremony in Krakow on Tuesday 26 July and it will be prayerful as well as joyful, colourful and moving not to mention noisy! From Wednesday to Friday each morning we will mix with Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and other English-speaking pilgrims (and Americans) for catechesis – this is always life-giving, interactive and fun. The afternoons will provide an opportunity to visit a range of spiritual, cultural and musical events scattered across the city and to share our faith with and learn from our fellow pilgrims from across the globe.

On Thursday afternoon Pope Francis will greet the *millions* of young Catholics gathered by that time. On Saturday evening every one of those millions of pilgrims will make a final journey of 10 kilometres on foot together to another site. There a vigil with the Pope will commence at dusk and after sleeping in the open we will witness the rising sun and a new dawn in our spiritual lives. The final Mass with Pope Francis will follow and we will hear his thoughts and his hopes for us, and a message to take away from this incredible experience for our lives and to pass on to the people we love.

Will you go to Krakow, share and deepen your faith, hear the message of the Pope and bring it home for yourself and others? Three are already going from our parish—just tell me that you want to join them and the rest of the details can be worked out later. Jesus is waiting for you. Our Holy Father says so. All you have to do is say, “Yes” *Fr Kevin*

Those who are sick: Eoin Leavy, Sue Webb, Fr Anthony Slack, Una Maguire, Josephine Niland

Those who have died recently: Honor Joyce, Josephine Clough

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maureen Jarmulowicz, Bridget McNulty, Daniel English, Margaret Barton, John Boland

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,969.28 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) annual collection last week raised £548.40. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Catechists. The worksheets for sessions three and four are available for collection today from the rack in the Sacristy. The children will receive their sheets in the classes.

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

Mardi Gras Celebration. Please bring your palms from last year to Mass or drop them into the Presbytery as on Sunday 7 February 2016 after 12 noon Mass they will be burned in the grounds of St Mary Magdalen Junior school to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. It would be wonderful to make this a parish celebration to mark the beginning of Lent - do you have any family or national sweets that you make for this occasion? Or do you know of any games or traditions that you would like others to join in with that afternoon? Please sign up on the food and activity lists on the table at the back of the church today. Let us make this a truly wonderful celebration before we enter into the penitential joys of Lent.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Josephine Clough of Chapter Road will take place on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery at 1:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Honor Joyce of High Road, Willesden will take place on Friday 5 February 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:30pm
May they rest in peace

Bidding Prayers

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.

Diocesan News

Doors of Mercy. During the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, you are invited to make a pilgrimage to the churches in the Diocese hosting a Holy Door. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the year to the Cathedral Holy Door or the others throughout the Diocese (locally at Our Lady of Willesden) may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls. Information about events during the *Year of Mercy*, Holy Doors and the Indulgence is available on the Diocesan Website <http://rcdow.org.uk/year-of-mercy/>. May this Holy Year be for all, as Pope Francis wishes, 'a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God.'

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 May 2016 at 3:00pm. The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2016. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) by 7 March 2016.

A Blueprint for Better Business conference 'Blueprint in Action' will take place on 17 March 2016. The conference will run from 9:00am to 3:30pm and will be held in Central London. The conference will focus on practical examples of companies operating true to a purpose that serves society. If you or colleagues are interested in attending then please contact Jeanette Lacy-Scott by email via Jeanette.Lacy-Scott@blueprintforbusiness.org by 12 February 2016.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: My lips will tell of Your help.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through Me. Alleluia!

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm— 8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Tuesday	7:00pm— 8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	Padre Pio Group in the Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour in the church
Saturday	2:30pm— 4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe