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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY  
EUCCHARIST  
17 APRIL 2016  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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

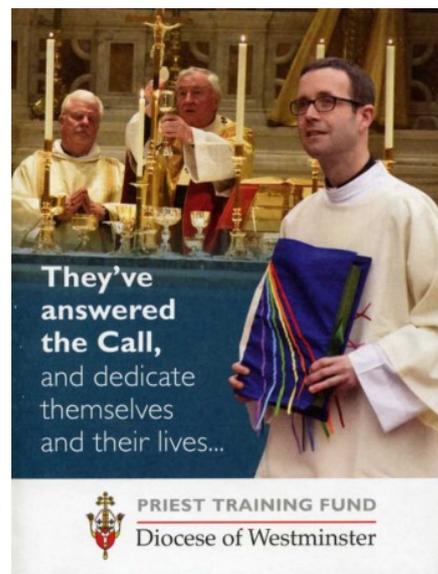
## Are we all sheep or do we have shepherds among us?

Today is variously called Good Shepherd Sunday, because we hear part of John's Gospel about Jesus being the Good Shepherd, and also Vocations Sunday, because we celebrate the call to Priestly and Religious Life. So today we welcome Rajiv Michael who has come from the seminary to tell us about his calling to the priesthood. This parish can be proud of its success in fostering vocations.

We have Fr Danny Cronin who was ordained in 1977; Fr Martin Plunkett ordained in 2013—and what a joy it was when he celebrated his first Mass here; and now Tony Thomas who will be ordained on June 25th. And I am sure it will be equally as joyful when he celebrates his first Mass here on Sunday 26th June. And there was Terry Phelan who joined a religious order. And myself ordained as deacon in 2009 and, God willing, in due course be ordained to the priesthood.

But how do people hear the call to become a priest or religious? Pope Francis clearly feels that 'vocations are born within the church, grow within the church and are sustained by the church.' But we must remember that we are the church, our parish is very much 'the church' and our family homes should be 'the domestic church'. But how is the call to the priesthood heard? In many ways, but often it is because someone suggests it to them. This was the case with me—I had never heard of the permanent diaconate, but it was others who said to me: 'Have you ever thought of being a permanent deacon?' And that was the trigger I needed to start thinking 'is this how God calls people, through others?' So it is important that we all look at our friends and especially family members, and then plant the seed by suggesting: 'have you thought that God may be calling you to the priesthood?' The reality is that few men now enter the seminary directly from school; they have started working in the world before sensing that God is calling them to other work. So don't just think of those in their teens. Look at me— now way past my teenage years!! But let us not forget Jesus' own words: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). So our first duty is to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

*Deacon Michael*



**Those who have died recently:** James Nolan, Patrick Feeley, Jeremiah Nagle

**Those who are sick:** Danny Collins

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Molly Ayres, Patrick Boland, Annie Dempsey, Jonathan Dempsey, Kathleen McNamara

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,771.27 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Missionary Society of St Columba** mission appeal last weekend raised £781.86. Thank you for your support.

**The Family of the late Patrick Feeley** would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given them support, expressed their sympathy and sent Mass cards. A total of £500.00 was raised which will be donated equally to the St John's Hospice and *Macmillan* cancer support. Thank you for your generosity. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Friday 13 May 2016 at 6:30pm.

**Priests' Training Fund Collection.** Today's second collection is for the annual *Priest Training Fund* of the Diocese of Westminster. It is also Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for our priests and future priests. The *Priest Training Fund* helps cover the cost of vocations promotion, forming seminarians, the education of priests for special ministries, and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your gift helps ensure the best formation programme possible for these men responding to Christ's call, willing to dedicate their lives to Christ, the Church and service to God's people. Please be generous. Priests are at the heart of our Catholic life. Envelopes are available on your benches today. You can also donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Please see the poster at the back of the church. This weekend there will be a seminarian preaching at all Masses.

**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. Do take this opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners.

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

**Confirmation.** Please remember in your prayers our candidates who will be confirmed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 23 April 2016 at 2:00pm—pray that their hearts will be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Martin Breakspear is the official photographer on the day and can be contacted on 07905 827 194 or 020 8907 9741.

## 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.

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late James Patrick Nolan of Monks Way will take place on Thursday 21 April 2016 at 7:00pm followed by repatriation to Ireland

May he rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Vocations Discernment Group** for adults, 18 to 30 years old.

There will be two special meetings for the Year of Mercy on Friday 22 April 2016, the Medical Missionary Sisters on the Spiritual Works of Mercy and on Friday 27 May 2016, the Missionaries of Charity on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Meetings are at 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, next to Westminster Cathedral. For more information please contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

**Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition.** Retreat with Fr Malachy Keegan on Wednesday 27 April 2016, 10:00am-3:00pm at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. For information and registration telephone 020 8950 4000 or email [bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk](mailto:bookings-finance@nilandcentre.co.uk). Suggested donation £15. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea are provided.

**Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry** are launching a new youth event, 'Summit', on Friday 13 May 2016. This event is aimed at 14-18 year olds (that's confirmation and post confirmation age), and will run from 7:00pm-9:00pm. There will be guest speakers, live music, prayer and food. For more information please visit [dowym.com/events/the-summit](http://dowym.com/events/the-summit) or email [cal-lummoore@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cal-lummoore@rcdow.org.uk). This event will be at the Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm-6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen 's Junior School
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation class at the church
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	Parish Council meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe