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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY  
EUCCHARIST**  
**24 APRIL 2016**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YEAR C**

## A National Prayer

Among all the pictures I could have chosen for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her robes of state, carrying out official functions or with her ever-growing family, I chose this one showing her attending church on Easter Sunday.

The Queen's faith is very important to her and the light of the Paschal or Easter Candle in which we celebrate every Mass of this holy Season was referred to in her most recent Christmas broadcast. She said, "It is true that the world has had to confront moments of darkness this year, but the Gospel of John contains a verse of great hope... 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'. Despite being displaced and persecuted throughout His short life, Christ's unchanging message was not one of revenge or violence but simply that we should love one another. Although it is not an easy message to follow, we shouldn't be discouraged: rather it inspires us to try harder; to be thankful for the people who bring love and happiness into our lives; and to look for ways to spread that love to others, whenever and wherever we can." That seems a rather good manifesto for life whatever one's situation or political inclination.



It would seem that few people these past few days have failed to appreciate the Queen's service to our countries and the happiness she brings to many. And while some call for a change to our current National Anthem, it is worth remembering that of the two verses most commonly sung, they contain prayers asking God to save the Queen and bestow on her the choicest gift which is His Grace. Thus we too join in thanking God for her life of service and that He will continue to shower Her Majesty with the grace to continue bringing happiness and love to many. God bless you, Ma'am. *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:** James Bernard Davis, Festus O'Toole

**Those who are sick:** Joseph Wright

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Christopher & Elizabeth Doran, Kathleen & Michael McNamara, Patrick Killian, Michael Mulhern, William Langan, Sharon Lynch, Bernadette Snow, Anne O'Dwyer, James & Annie Mahon, Gerard O'Brien, Paddy & Gladys McGowan, James Hayes

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,739.85 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**The Family of the late Anne Ryan** would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given them support, expressed their sympathy and sent Mass cards. More than £200 was raised which will be donated to the Kenbrook Nursing Home. Thank you for your generosity. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Tuesday 24 May 2016 at 9:30pm.

**Priests' Training Fund Collection.** The clergy of this parish thank everyone who donated to the *Priests' Training Fund* collection last weekend. To date the sum of £1,242.15 has been raised. It's not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. As priests, this collection means a lot. Today, we have 29 men in formation at Allen Hall Seminary for our Diocese. The numbers of seminarians has increased in recent years which is a blessing. But with it comes the need for more resources to cover the cost of formation. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information or to donate online visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

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

**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.

**First Holy Communion 2016.** There will be a meeting for parents on Monday 25 April in the school while the children are in their First Holy Communion class. A list detailing your child's name and First Holy Communion date will be available to check. Any amendments should be annotated on the list. The photographer Martin Breakspear will also be at the meeting. Martin can be contacted on 07905 827 194 or 020 8907 9741.

**Calling Ann.** A message was left on the parish office answerphone on 10 April from someone named Ann and confirming the date of 30 April as "OK" - but for what? If this was you, can you please contact the parish office as we are unable to call you back. Thank you.

## 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.

## Diocesan News

**Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Team** invite you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 30 April 2016 from 11:00am—5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. For full details please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Familias Friends' Event 2016,** 'Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse' takes place on the 16 May 2016, 10:00am—3:00pm at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR. Entry is £10 for *Familias* members, associates, friends and others £20. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome. Booking is essential. Please telephone Phil Pond on 020 8651 2477, or email [philippond@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:philippond@blueyonder.co.uk).

**SVP St John Bosco Camp** offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. The boys' camp runs for two weeks during the summer holiday from 23 July to 6 August 2016 and the girls' camp runs for one week from 6 August to 13 August 2016. It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Transport is available from various parts of London. Should you require an application form or more information then please contact ,between 6:00pm and 9:00pm, the boys' camp on 01992 914 117 or the girls' camp on 01634 311 350. More information can also be found on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>.

**Summer Accommodation in London.** Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms cost from £50 per night (including breakfast). Please visit the website at [www.allenhall.org.uk](http://www.allenhall.org.uk) or email [allenhall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allenhall@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will bless Your name for ever, O God my King.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm-6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen 's Junior School
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul</i> Society in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm-9:30pm	Filipino Prayer Group