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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
MAY - MONTH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
01 MAY 2016  
SIXTH 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

## What the Papers Don't Say

Pope Francis' Exhortation on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, is an aid to reflection, dialogue, and pastoral practice on love and the family; a help and encouragement in families' daily commitments; and a portrayal of God's love in their challenges say our bishops.

He calls the Church a tender Mother who "must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence". He asks the Church to bind the wounds of the broken and use the sacraments as a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

The Pope continues: "I would point out that in no way must the Church desist from proposing the full ideal of marriage, God's plan in all its grandeur". He emphasises the need to assist "Christian families, by the grace of the sacrament of matrimony" and to encourage "their joy-filled witness as domestic churches". Based on this our bishops call parents to educate young people for lifelong love so that an integral faithful, moral and spiritual life is developed through a conscience informed by the teaching of the Church. The Pope speaks too of the importance of marriage preparation and the care of families at different stages of married life: "More important than the pastoral care of failures is the pastoral effort to strengthen marriages and thus to prevent their breakdown".

Priests are to be close to struggling families and to be understanding of the often untidy reality of their lives: in these difficulties prayer, discernment and the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help many grow in their relationship with God whatever their situation.

Thus, pastors are responsible for promoting Christian marriage and for the pastoral discernment of the situation before God of a great many who no longer live this reality. In the particular case of the divorced and civilly remarried, there is a need to consider both those elements which can lead to a greater openness to the gospel of marriage in its fullness and those factors which may limit a free response to the Gospel in order to understand the subjective situation of a person before God. Thus, such individuals should feel confident in the promise of God's mercy, the love of the Church and so more readily discern the next step in their response to and relationship with God.

All who find themselves in difficult situations should speak to their priests in order to understand their personal situation before God and discover a path of personal growth, and make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The challenges presented in this document do not change Church teaching, but embracing them will take time and patience.

Bin the spin—listen to and take home the truth in the Cardinal's letter today. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** Anne Ryan, John Edmonds, Michael Brady, Mary Reilly, Nora Boyle

**Those who are sick:** Joseph Wright, Tim & Kathleen Guidera, Kay Westwood, Leonora Mathews, Mary Mills, Josephine Niland, Peter Corcoran, John Cattigan, Kevin Morrison

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Vincent & Bridget Doran, Michael O'Toole, James Mullahy, Patrick Gavahan, Anthony Barrett

**Those Baptised:** Christopher Doel

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,890.52 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**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. After this weekend any uncollected boxes will need to be picked up from the Parish office.

**First Holy Communion 2016.** Please note there is no First Holy Communion meeting on Monday as it is a bank holiday. The next and final meeting is on Monday 9 May 2016.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group.** The next meeting will held here on Thursday 5 May 2016 at 8:00pm. The *Padre Pio* mitten will be present for individual blessings. There will also be Mass followed by the rosary and prayers for the sick. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Ukraine special collection** will take place after all Masses next weekend. Pope Francis has appealed to Catholics in Europe to undertake a collection in their churches for humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The purpose of this collection is to show support and compassion to victims of this all but forgotten war that continues unabated in the east of the country.

**The Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College** are seeking to appoint a school chaplain. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding and this is a critical role that allows for work with staff and children. Further details are available on the school website at [www.cjmlc.co.uk](http://www.cjmlc.co.uk).

**Repository.** There is a beautiful selection of First Holy Communion cards on sale in the repository. We also have prayer books, rosary beads, badges, and rosettes. There is also a large selection of other items in stock. Please do take a look. The repository is open before and after all Sunday Masses, including the Saturday vigil.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves Me he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We shall come to him.' Alleluia!

## 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 vale, 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

**Westminster Cathedral Choir.** Tickets are on sale for the Cathedral Choir's upcoming May concert, which is called 'Treasures of the Spanish Renaissance' and will include works by Victoria, Lobo, Guerrero and Vivanco. The concert will take place on Wednesday 25 May at 7:30pm. Tickets are priced at £20 (£10 concessions) and are available from the Cathedral Gift Shop or the Ticketmaster website at [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) or telephone 0844 844 0444. Further details are available on the Choir's website at <http://westminstercathedralchoir.com/concerts/news-and-events-detail.php?TREASURES-OF-THE-SPANISH-RENAISSANCE-61> or please see the poster at the back of the church.

**An international *Sacra Liturgia*** conference will be held in London from 5-8 July 2016, following on from the successful conferences in Rome (2013) and New York (2015). The presentations will be given at the Imperial College campus in South Kensington, and the liturgical celebrations will be at the London Oratory and the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory (Warwick Street). *Sacra Liturgia UK* is profoundly grateful to Cardinal Vincent Nichols for his gracious welcome of the conference to his Diocese. Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, will give the keynote address on 5 July at 5:30pm and celebrate a Solemn Mass at the Oratory on 6 July at 7:00pm. Among the speakers will be Bishop Alan Hopes, Msgr Andrew Burnham, Fr Michael Lang, Dr Clare Hornsby and Dr Stephen Bullivant. The full conference details can be found at <http://sacraliturgiauk.org/programme/> To register visit <http://sacraliturgiauk.org/registration/>.

**Society of St Gregory.** In this Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy, the Trustees of the Society of Saint Gregory, the national society for Liturgy and Music, would like, once again, to provide an opportunity for those between the ages of 18 and 35 to come and participate, free of charge, in their annual Summer School. With Pope Francis telling us that "*in Him there is mercy and not condemnation*", our Summer School will offer the opportunity to reflect on the Holy Year of Mercy and how this might be expressed through the liturgy. Further information can be found on the SSG website at <http://www.ssg.org.uk/event-directory/summer-school-2/summer-school-2016/>.

## Parish Diary

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	<i>Padre Pio</i> Prayer Group in the church
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour in the church
Saturday	2:30pm-4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm-9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe