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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY - MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
YEAR B
10 MAY 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Election Fever

Now that the General Election is over and you thought it was safe to go back into the water I invite you to think about further representation. By Canon Law we have a Parish Finance Committee and I want to express thanks both personally and on your behalf to the members of that body for their hard work and dedication in assisting me in the management of our funds and the maintenance of our properties and services.

At the same time, my in-tray has a few items that I would like to see happen but just never get the chance to organise. One example is a long overdue pilgrimage back to Walsingham or possibly further afield. Another is an event to celebrate the diversity of cultures from which our parishioners come, a fact which was so evident at our 75th anniversary celebrations and which can be seen at school fund-raisers with the delicious wealth of international foods prepared and enjoyed. I am sure there are other things we could be doing which I would be delighted to support within the context of our growth as a Catholic community in full Communion with Rome.

Therefore I would like to form an advisory body known as a Parish Council to consult with on some issues of our lives here and to consider appropriate suggestions from fellow parishioners. Traditionally, some members are appointed by the parish priest, others are co-opted on the basis of their existing roles in the parish and others are elected. For the moment I would ask you to consider whether you could be a member—you might have been here for many years and watched generations come and go, you might be a parent who is contributing to our boom in Baptisms in the last year, or you might be a young person starting off on your journey as an adult in the Church. Whatever your situation all I ask is that over the coming weeks you pray about what you or someone else could contribute at a maximum of four meetings per year.

While we are on the subject of consultation, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales asked us to consider some questions on the forthcoming synod on the family. I know that a number of people have taken away those questionnaires and more are still available in the porch. Please do send in your replies to the address given or even better, come to a meeting in the presbytery at 8:00m on Monday 18 May so that we can formulate some responses as a parish to send to the Cardinal to take to Rome.

Finally, do send in your pictures of our 75th anniversary and remember to look at the newsletter both on our website and our *Facebook* page. Maybe this kind of technology is your forte and could be a gift you offer? The possibilities are endless... *Fr Kevin*

Those who are sick: Michael Connell, Eileen Costelloe, Ann Ryan, Bridie Cusack

Those who have died recently: Michael O'Toole

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ernie & Catherine Lindford, Anthony Barrett, Mary Gorman, Dymphna Culleton

Those whom we have welcomed into the church through baptism: Aryan Francis Kumar, Yash Anthony Kumar, Denito Paul Dervishi, Khloe Theresa Dervishi, Raphael Gentili Stark, Aidan Anthony Marsh

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,927.06. Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

Deacon Michael would like to thank all those who kindly completed one of his questionnaires last weekend. The results of the questionnaire along with a list of the correct answers will be displayed on the notice board at the back of the church.

Special Needs Group Cake Sale will take place after all morning Masses today in the Annexe. All proceeds from the cake sale will go towards a summer seaside trip and a Christmas party for local people with learning disabilities.

First Holy Communion. Please remember in your prayers our candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16 May 2015, Saturday 23 May 2015 and Saturday 6 June 2015 at 12 noon. There will be a First Holy Communion rehearsal for those children receiving Communion on the 16 May on Thursday 14 May, Thursday 21 May for those children receiving Communion on 23 May and Thursday 4 June for those children receiving Communion on 6 June. Rehearsals will take place in the church at 4:00pm and last approximately one hour. Martin Breakspear is the official First Holy Communion photographer and he can be contacted on 07905 827 194 or 020 8907 9741 or via mbreakspear@btinternet.com.

The Pioneers Annual Social raising funds for the *St Vincent De Paul Society* will take place at St Mary & St Andrew's Social Club, 216 Dollis Hill lane NW2 6EH on Friday 5 June 2015 from 8:00pm till 11:00pm. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend 16/17 May and on the weekend of 23/24 May 2015. Tickets cost £5.00 and everyone is welcome.

Repository. There is a selection of Communion and Confirmation cards on sale in the repository. We also have prayer books, rosary beads, badges, rosettes etc. The repository is open before and after all Sunday Masses, including the Saturday vigil.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm	First Holy Communion Class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	4:00pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal in the church. (For those children receiving Communion on the 16 May 2015)
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul Society</i> meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	12:00 noon	First Holy Communion Mass

Funeral Notice

The Reception of the body of the late Michael O'Toole of Sandringham Road will take place on Monday 11 May 2015 at 6:30pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 11:00am, followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery at 12:30pm.

May he rest in peace.

Diocesan News

The May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden takes place this Sunday 10 May at 3:30pm. A street procession will take place to the Convent of Jesus and Mary where the homily will be preached by Fr William Nicol, Pastoral Director at Allen Hall Seminary. The procession returns to the Shrine Church for Benediction. Come and join us as we pray the rosary for peace, and for the protection of our city and diocese. Close to Willesden Junction on the Bakerloo and Overground lines.

Come and See. The last 'Come and See' meeting this year for men interested in finding out more about the Permanent Diaconate is on Saturday 16 May 2015 from 10:00am to 12 noon at the parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph in Ware SG12 7EJ. No booking is needed and wives are welcome. Contact Dcn Anthony Clark 020 8455 9822 or Dcn Adrian Cullen 01920 462140.

Divine Mercy Day of Prayer on Saturday 16 May 2015 will be held at St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, London W2 5DJ from 12 noon to 4:00pm. The day will begin with a procession and Mass, celebrated by Fr. Wacław Pokrzywnicki, MIC, and will include a talk on Divine Mercy by Mgr. Keith Barltrop, Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy Healing Service, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch.

The Catenian Rosary Group since 2009 has been sending rosaries to Aboriginals in Australia and to third world countries in Africa. Their work has now spread to islands in the Pacific and it has been reported that many lapsed Catholics, both Aboriginal and white, have returned to their faith due to the rosaries. It is estimated that 150,000 rosaries have been dispatched but many more are needed. Please hunt for rosaries in your homes and among family and friends. Please send rosaries to John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, Lancs BL1 4PN. For more information telephone 01204 845094 or email dor.jonriley@yahoo.co.uk.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The Lord has shown His salvation to the nations.

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!