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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
NOVEMBER - MONTH OF  
THE HOLY SOULS  
YEAR B  
1 NOVEMBER 2015  
ALL SAINTS**

## 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

## Faith of Our Fathers...and Sons

Mention the Douai Martyrs (whose feast was last week, 29 October) and some might think of a Roman Catholic secondary school in Ickenham. Others may recall that Harrow is twinned with Douai in Northern France. I suspect for most it will mean very little.

Deacon Tony Thomas is studying at Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea where Fr Hugh, Canon Tony Dwyer, me and many others who have served you here were formed. Fr Power and his predecessors went to Allen Hall too but then it was a wing of St Edmund's College in Hertfordshire which was both a school and a seminary. But our diocesan seminary's origin goes back to 1568 when Cardinal Allen founded the English College at Douai in France. It was to be a home for exiles from England because it was no longer possible for Catholics to study at English universities due to the persecution of the Protestant Reformation. Cardinal Allen quickly recognised its potential as a place for training clergy ready to return to England when 'the new religion' had run its course. Yet such was the enthusiasm of the new priests that they were unwilling to wait for that event and Douai College was soon training priests for the missionary territory that was England.

That mission was dangerous: between 1577 and 1680, 153 College members—priests and students, diocesan and religious—were captured, tried and met with a martyr's death because they were priests or seminarians. Someone observed that this newsletter is not subject to the watershed so I should not describe the process of their martyrdom—being hung, drawn and quartered—but if you want an accurate account, a Yeoman of the Guard explains it well at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fmmstl42lo>

Among those Douai Martyrs are many of whom you will have heard—St Cuthbert Mayne, St Edmund Campion and St Ralph Sherwin to name but three. Others are not so well known—Blessed Nicholas Postgate, martyred in 1679 in York, who was 83 years old and Blessed James Bird, martyred in Winchester in 1593, who was 19. It is humbling to stand in such a line of priests and students who gave their lives in my own country for the faith I profess today, not least as I was ordained a deacon in 1998 on their feast.

Today a new 'religion', or lack thereof, seeks to prevail in our land and we are, as Pope Francis says, missionaries here who must spread "the joy of the Gospel" and its truths as unchanged as the Lord over the centuries. Yet it is easy to acquiesce to the "dictatorship of relativism" as Emeritus Pope Benedict called one of the greatest evils of our time. We claim the faith of our fathers like Nicholas Postgate, and the faith of someone's son like James Bird and readily sing that we will be true like them unto death—but at the slightest inconsequential challenge, will we stand up for truth? Only if we do will we be worthy to join the ranks of the saints we celebrate today. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who are sick:** Anthony McCormack, Olive Guidera

**Those who have died recently:** Fr George Lyons, Tommy Davis, John Sheedy, Ellen Tracey, Mary Mulkerins

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Edward & Ann Ryan, Waclaw Jarmulowicz, George Gill, John O'Sullivan

**Those Baptised:** Chidiadi Daniel Anokam

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,834.14 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**St Mary Magdalen's Wednesday Club 'Bring and Buy' sale** which took place on Wednesday 21 October 2015 raised £307.00. Many thanks to all those who supported the sale.

**CTS (Catholic Truth Society)** stand at the back of the church has now been replenished with new titles. Please take a look.

**Children's Advent and Christmas calendars** for the Holy Year of Mercy, 2015-16, are available in the rack in the porch.

**Sick and Retired Priests' Collection** takes place after all Masses this weekend. Your generous donation helps ensure those men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. Your gift helps defray the costs the Diocese bears in fulfilling its lifetime commitment to these men for their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs. If you pay tax don't forget that you can add 25p to every £1 that you give (at no extra cost to you) by completing the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the donation envelopes available at the back of the church. You can also make a donation online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**Cemetery Blessings.** Carpenders Park, Sunday 1 November, 2:00pm; St Mary's & Kensal Rise, Sunday 1 November, 2:00pm; Milesplit Hill, Saturday 7 November, 2:00pm; Clamp Hill, Sunday 8 November, lower cemetery 2:30pm, upper cemetery 3:00pm; Hendon, Sunday 8 November, 2:00pm; Willesden New, Sunday 8 November, 2:00pm; Alperton, Saturday 14 November, 2:00pm.

**All Souls' Day** will be celebrated on Monday 2 November 2015 with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

**Nursery, Infant, and Primary School, Priest's Reference Forms.** Please telephone the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am to 2:00pm, to arrange an appointment.

**Remembrance Sunday, 8 November 2015.** The 12 Noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen of all conflicts since the outbreak of the First World War.

**Bethany Bereavement Group Mass.** This Requiem Mass for all those whose funerals have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday 13 November 2015. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates.** In preparation all children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above) and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above) next year (2016) will need their original or a new Baptism certificate. Sponsors for Confirmation

will also need to provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate and evidence of Mass attendance from their Parish Priest.

**Stitch Amazingly Sewing Workshop.** Are you someone who would like to learn to be creative with fabrics and a sewing machine or are you even a budding fashion designer? Why not take that first step and join *Stitch Amazingly's* sewing workshops at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church in Willesden Green. Places are limited. New sessions will be running shortly. Contact Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564 or visit [www.stitchamazingly.co.uk](http://www.stitchamazingly.co.uk)

## Diocesan News

**Faith Matters: Advent 2015. 'Behold, this is our God'** talks take place at Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN 7:00pm – 8:30pm. 24 November 2015, "'Fear not," said the Angel to the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy for all the people" (Lk 2.10)' by Fr. John Farrell OP. 1 December 2015, 'Waiting for Christ with the Fathers' by Fr. Thomas Skeats OP. 8 December 2015, 'Christ and Chalcedon' by Fr. Dominic Ryan OP. 15 December 2015, 'Christ the Fulfilment of our Hope' Fr Gregory Pearson OP. Registration is required. Email [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4 per talk.

**Youth 2000 New Year Retreat: 'Behold'.** If you are aged 16-35 and would like a fun and meaningful way to start 2016 then 'Behold' is for you. This four day 'donation only' event is being held from 29 December 2015 until 1 January 2016 at Maria Fidelis Lower School, North Gower Street, NW1 2HR. It will be packed with engaging talks, workshops, prayer, live music and social times. There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an encounter with our great and living God. For more information please email [info@youth2000.org](mailto:info@youth2000.org) or visit the website at [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org) or telephone 020 7221 2124.

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
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	5:00pm—6:00pm	Post—Confirmation Group for girls meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group meeting in the Annexe
Saturday	2:30pm—4:00pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Such are the men who seek Your face, O Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!