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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

16 APRIL 2017

EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION

YEAR A

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

The Ultimate Victory

Once in our junior school a pupil asked why we don't say "He descended into hell" in the Creed. That's because we didn't start following the Missal's advice to use the Apostles' Creed during Lent and Easter until last year. So now, Alex, we do. And what does that line mean? I shall leave the great Church father, Melito of Sardis to explain.

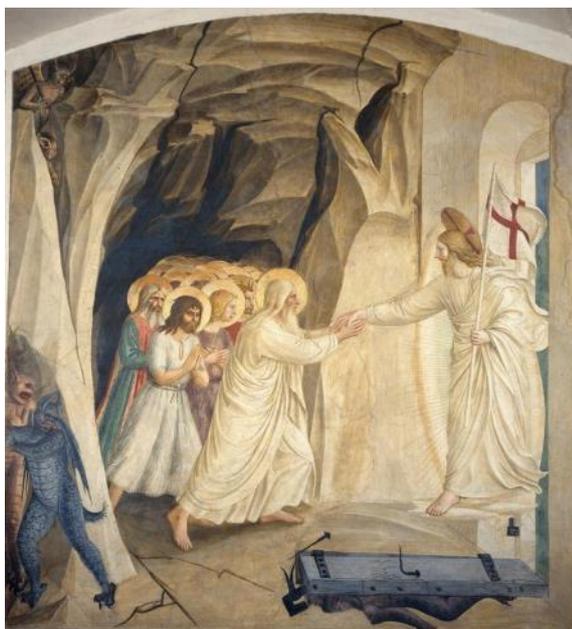
"The Lord, though He was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, He was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but He rose from the dead, and cried aloud: "Who will contend with Me? Let him confront Me. I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against Me?"

"I," he said, "am destroyed, triumphed over, trampled hell, bound the taken men up to heaven: I am the

"Come, then, all men, receive the sins that your for-the Passover vation. I am the

immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With My own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father."

That is the victory cry that we hear today: the voice of Christ triumphant over our every sin and its consequence, death. Let us echo that cry in every moment of our lives. May God bless those who made our church look so beautiful and our liturgies so prayerful these past few days. And may God bless every one of you—parishioners, visitors and your loved ones. We wish you all a most happy and holy Easter. *Fr Kevin & Fr Daya*



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the Christ; I have death, tri- the enemy, underfoot, strong one, and the heights of Christ."

you nations of forgiveness for defile you. I am givenness. I am that brings sal- lamb who was

Those who have died recently: Patrick Perkins

Those who are sick: Noreen Joy, Tony Teixeira, Elfriede Singleton, Margaret Duffy, Josephine Niland, Patrick Ruddy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Bolan, Anne Moore, Kathleen Bradley

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,093.44 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Easter Offering envelopes are available on your benches today. Traditionally this was your personal gift to all the clergy while the usual envelope goes towards the regular upkeep of the parish.

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

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 the *Stitch Amazingly* sewing workshops at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church in Willesden Green? Sessions will be recommencing on Tuesdays from 25 April until 30 May 2017, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, and Saturdays from 29 April until 3 June 2017, 11:00am to 12:30pm. Beginners are welcome. If you would like to book for sessions, visit the website at www.stitchamazingly.co.uk or telephone Glenda Brady on 07739 707 564, or email info@stitchamazingly.co.uk. There is a 10% discount for bookings made before the 21 April 2017.

Parish Pilgrimage to Stonor (which is of great significance to Catholicism in England) takes place on Saturday 6 May 2017. The coach will depart from the church at 8:30am and return at approximately 6:00pm. Cost is £25. If you have not already done so can you now please kindly pay for your seat. Monies can be left at the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday, between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Alternatively, you can put your payment in an envelope marked with your name and 'Stonor Pilgrimage' and post through the inner presbytery door. Thank you.

Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please) and will be at our church until 12 noon on Sunday 7 May 2017 to collect them all. Put your clothing/ bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity *Mary's Meals* will be here to pick them up. Amazingly four full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! *Mary's Meals* is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

First Holy Communion 2017. The children are ready now to make their First Confession. Parents can usually bring them to the church between 10:00am and 10:30am or 5:30pm and 6:00pm on a Saturday or make a time with a priest to suit you better. Please come as a family—children will follow your example.

Parish Diary

Saturday

3:00pm—
5:00pm

"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Patrick Perkins of Kendal Road will take place on Friday 21 April 2017 at 11:00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by the Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford Shrine, Kent ME20 7BX on Saturday 22 April 2017 in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details.

St Rose's Chapel and Prayer Garden. Adoration and Reflection will recommence at St. Rose's, 160 Anson Road on April 27 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. St. Rose's Chapel and Easter Prayer Garden will be open each day from 8:00am to 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Called to Serve the Sick. There will be three workshops in our 'Called to Serve the Sick' season, exploring our vocational responsibility to care for the sick. Each workshop includes a talk, as well as a chance to reflect and discuss with others. 'Healthcare Chaplaincy: A Catholic Understanding', at St Dominic's Priory, Haverstock Hill on Wednesday 7 June, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. 'Health and Social Care: A Particular Vocation for Catholics in Serving the Sick', at Our Lady and St Michael's, Garston on Monday 19 June, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. 'Thinking Theologically About Health: A Catholic Perspective', at St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing Tuesday 27 June, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. These events are free, but registration is encouraged. Details of how to register are on the poster at the back of the church.

Love Heals Body Mind & Spirit seven day retreat to Mem Soares Castelo De Vide Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 29 June 2017 until Wednesday 5 July 2017. Cost will be £595.00, to include return scheduled flights with TAP Portugal (London Heathrow—Lisbon), return coach transfers from airport to retreat, full board for six nights and a one day excursion to Fatima, plus excursions to: the nearby historical local town and market of Castelo De Vide; the Blessed Chapel of Our Lady of Penha, Castelo De Vide; the lakes situated in the National Park; and on the last day a to Lisbon to St Anthony's birthplace and the cathedral. Full Catholic spiritual programme. For more Information email: love-healsbodymindspirit@gmail.com or telephone David/Eileen on 0208 542 2476 or see the poster at the back of the church.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!