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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
NOVEMBER - MONTH OF
THE HOLY SOULS
20 NOVEMBER 2016
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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

Drowned Out

Well not quite literally, but after a child is Baptised with water the crying that ensues (I don't have this problem as I use warm water) and the checking of the digital photographs taken (I do have this problem) means that people often miss the words that accompany the anointing on the crown of the head with the oil of Christ: "He [God] now anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with His people, you may remain forever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet and King."

As High Priest, Christ is the mediator between God and humanity, at once in Heaven and present to us under the appearances of bread and wine. If we are to share in this role then we too must be equally at home in the spiritual and earthly realms. This means more than putting on a particular *persona* for a short while every day or every week at Mass: our whole lives should have about them "the odour of sanctity." In other words, it wouldn't be a bad thing at all if we were described as being "not all there."

As prophet, Christ is the messenger of God, the physical embodiment of the Word of God. Sharing in this ministry requires us to seek not the lowest common denominator in any conversation or debate in order to form a consensus but to take Christ's teachings and that of His Church—His Body on earth—into the world and proclaim them despite opposition. As St Paul says, "Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter." (II Thess 2:15)

And on this Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are also called to share in the royal aspect of His life. Monarchies of the past may have been self-serving and today's may be figureheads, but Christ's everlasting reign was established through building a kingdom of justice to serve others: and true Christian kings were anointed to foster reconciliation, harmony and prosperity for all with the same oil used at our Baptism.

Christ declares His Kingdom to be not of this world but He is very much in the world. So must we be—as priests with that otherworldliness permeating our lives; as prophets communicating the truths of the Word of God and His Church at all times; and as kings by acknowledging His Divine rule in every aspect of our lives. To do less is to be drowned by passing cares and abdicate from the office for which we have been anointed, thus bringing on ourselves shame and exile from that Kingdom for eternity. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Conceicao D'Abreu, Guiliano Lombardi, Noreen & John O'Connor, John Cattigan

Those who are sick: Clodagh Dollery, Peter Corcoran, Mary Cahill

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bill Mawn, Roisin Rodden, Brian McAlinden, Muriel & George Wilson, Timothy Clifford

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,683.19 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity. Standing order figures will be published at the end of the year.

Children's Advent and Christmas calendars for 2016 are available in the racks on the at the back of the church and in the side porch.

Tea and coffee. You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks.

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

St Mary Magdalen's RC Junior School Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 26 November from 12noon—3:00pm, featuring all your festive favourites: Christmas carols sung by the school choir, Santa's Grotto, children's games, BBQ, prize raffle, adult and children's tombola, Christmas crafts and crackers, stocking fillers, face painting, yummy chips, 2017 wall calendars, mulled wine, mince pies and much more! Come and sample the show-stoppers at the Great St Mary Magdalen's Bake Off! Santa is waiting...

Special Needs Group Christmas Cake Sale will take place after all morning Masses on Sunday 4 December 2016. The money raised from the cake sale will be used to fund a Christmas lunch and gifts for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. Donations of festive cakes/biscuits would be greatly appreciated. Contact: Kathleen 020 8451 4677.

Children's Nativity Play. This will take place as part of the Parish Carol Concert on Sunday 18 December 2016. We are looking for as many children as possible to take part in this wonderful event and all are welcome. We also need parents/carers to help prepare the children for the play. Rehearsals will take place in the church on Thursday 8 December and Friday 16 December at 3:30pm. Please leave your details with the Parish Office if you can assist in any way. Thank you.

St Mary Magdalen Wednesday Club have arranged to go to Mickie's Christmas Variety Lunch on Thursday 15 December 2016. Cost is £25 (lunch and coach). The coach will leave from St Mary Magdalen's Church, Peter Avenue NW10 at 10:30am. If you would like to join us please contact Barbara on 020 8963 0973.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Saturday	11:30am–1:00pm	Play and Prayer Group—Annexe
Saturday	7:30pm–9:30pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe
Sunday	2:00-6:00pm	Sri Lankan Retreat

Diocesan News

Towards Advent 2016. A festival of Catholic culture is being held on Saturday 26 November in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue London SW1 1QJ from 10:00am. Over 30 organisations will be attending and it is an opportunity for them to give an insight into their activities and they will also have many articles for sale. Admission is free. In addition, some talks and workshops will be given during the event. Further details are available by emailing towardsadvent@blogspot.com.

Young Adult Advent Retreat takes place on Saturday 3 December with Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcJ at the Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. This is an invitation to journey deeper into the season of Advent and find out what it means for you. The retreat will include input, prayer, silence and sharing. Please bring a journal and a pen and a packed lunch. For further details please visit the website at pathwaystogod.org or telephone 020 7495 1673.

Salvatorian College 90th Anniversary Celebration. All old boys are invited on Tuesday 6 December 2016. The school will be open from 5:00pm with memorabilia on display. Mass will be at 7:00pm at St Joseph's Wealdstone with a reception afterwards in the school. Please RSVP and send any old photos or memorabilia you would like to share to admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk.

Advent at the Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Advent Day of Prayer with Bishop Emeritus John Crowley on Thursday 8 December (10:00am start; Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 3:00pm). Suggested donation £12. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Places are limited. Advance registration required. Also, Celebrating Christmas in Song with Sister Avril OP and friends on Friday 16 December at 7:00pm. Suggested donation £10 including seasonal refreshments. Register at <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/events/advent-reflection-thursday-8-december-2016/>

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! 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.