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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY - MONTH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
15 MAY 2016  
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## 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 Art of Communication

In Germany they are installing traffic lights in pavements for pedestrians crossing roads while staring at their mobiles telephones and iPads. It is no wonder they are oblivious to boring traffic when so many people seem more interested in their multimedia gadgets than real human interaction. But despite this obsession, our Confirmation candidates knew nothing of Mother Teresa's nuns murdered in Yemen and the First Holy Communion parents hadn't heard of the Spanish artist and other Satanists (on the rise in the United States) who steal the Body of Christ from churches for abhorrent practices, and so on. This begs the question of what we are engaging with—a bit of news amidst volumes of celebrity gossip? Is there any engagement at all with the truths of our faith? Hence while we verbally, in written form and via our website and Facebook publicise talks, meetings, books and online materials, people say they "didn't know" about them.

Engagement is important—take for example the transformation of the front of our property with the glass inner doors to allow the church to be seen to be open from Harlesden Road. Many people have commented on how they like "my garden". But it isn't mine—the plans were proposed in our *Growing in Faith* brochure four years ago and detailed in every hard and virtual publication since then as a response to Pope Francis' widely publicised global call to keep open the main doors of our churches.

Such an interest in Catholic news, teaching and commentary by any means possible is vital. We have 73 First Holy Communion children but only 27 Confirmation candidates. Over 60% of couples presenting children for Baptism are unmarried. Thus in time only 25% of our adult congregation will have had any form of catechesis since the age of 7. Can you imagine living a full adult life with your Maths or English skills at that level?

Today we celebrate the apostles bursting forth and preaching the Good News of salvation. They were equipped for this after being immersed in Christ's teaching and through their own time in prayer. Hence, any catechesis we can get hold of—be it heard or read or watched—can help us to imitate those in whose steps we claim to follow.

Whatever your preferred mode of communication or language, the truth is out there if you look for it. Begin by returning the unchanging Mass sheet as you leave and taking this regularly updated newsletter home instead. Then dip into the myriad of things on offer herein which could make us the disciples Pope Francis calls us to be. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Reilly, Robert Clare, Leonora Matthews, Anne Mangan, Marie Carpenter, Fr Fred de L'Orme, Tim Guidera

**Those who are sick:** Kathleen Guidera, Kay Westwood, Josephine Niland, Kevin Morrison, George Salvatore Lewsey, Nora Chin, Anton Simon

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Douglas & Annie Doran, Mary Sullivan, Ernest & Catherine Lindford, Peter McMenemy, John McMenemy, Mary Ferguson Carroll, Chu Chin Ooie, Maria Martinelli

**Those Baptised:** Zephan Zikora Nwoga, Ariella Tahira Paz, Kayson Gil De Matos, Namara Gil De Matos, Nancy Mary Margaret Cahillane

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £2,038.14 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Ukraine special collection** last weekend raised £516.62. Thank you for your support and compassion.

**Tea and coffee.** You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks. Do take this opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners.

**Stitch Amazingly** dressmaking sewing workshop for teens and adults will take place at the Library, 95 High Road, Willesden Green NW10 2SF from 10:00am until 1:00pm on 31 May—1 June. Please book now as places are limited. For more information please visit the website at [www.stitchamazingly.co.uk](http://www.stitchamazingly.co.uk) or email [info@stitchamazingly.co.uk](mailto:info@stitchamazingly.co.uk). Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**Tony Thomas** is being ordained priest at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25 June 2016 and will be celebrating his first Mass here on Sunday 26 June 2016 at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**Text Giving.** A new way to support St Mary Magdalen's is available from the Diocese through text giving on your mobile phone. Just text PARISH WILLG to 70800 to donate £5 automatically which will be added to your phone bill. This is an easy way to make offerings or to top-up your regular giving or to give if you're visiting. No more searching your pocket or purse for loose coins either. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Robert Clare of Chaplin Road will take place on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 11:00am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Mary Reilly of Chapter Road will take place on Thursday 19 May at 11:00am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 12:30pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**'Made in God's Image.'** A day workshop, organised by the LGBT Catholics Younger Adults Group (YAG) of the Westminster Diocese, on self-acceptance and reflecting on our journeys. Through input from Mgr. Keith Bartrop, spiritual guide for LGBT Catholics Westminster, and through the sharing of experiences of members of the LGBT Catholics Westminster community as well as group and individual reflection sessions, those taking part will be able to see God's work in their lives and feel encouraged and supported by the Westminster Diocese in being who they are. The day workshop will take place at Mount Street Jesuit Centre on Saturday 2 July from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Suggested donation is £10 which will include lunch. For more information and to register please contact YAG by email [lgbtcatholicisyag@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtcatholicisyag@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.lgbtcatholicisyag.org.uk](http://www.lgbtcatholicisyag.org.uk). Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**Summer Accommodation in London.** Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms cost from £50 per night (including breakfast). Please visit the website at [www.allenhall.org.uk](http://www.allenhall.org.uk) or email [allenhall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allenhall@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Send forth Your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. 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.

## 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
Thursday	4:00pm-4:30pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal in the church. (For those children receiving First Communion on 21 May 2016).
Saturday	12 noon	First Holy Communion Mass
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