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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY - MONTH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
YEAR B  
24 MAY 2015  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

## 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

## Do You Know the Way to...?

On Thursday we had a St Mary Magdalen Junior School governors' meeting. The dedication that is shown by such a wide variety of people in supporting Miss Nowicka and the rest of the staff in their duty of teaching our young people how best to make a responsible contribution to our society rooted in the fundamental truths of our Catholic faith fills me with awe. But as with all people in a school environment my mind wandered (briefly) and at one point I caught sight of a home-made signpost in the corner. It showed the way to various different places: Narnia, the Emerald City, the Hobbit Shire, Hogwarts and so on. Each was a fictional literary destination where goodness and truth triumph over evil and error. But which path to take? Is one better than another?

On this feast of Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power on the apostles in the Upper Room followed by the first *en masse* declaration of the wonders of the Incarnation. Hence it is often called the birthday of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists the seven gifts of that Holy Spirit which we receive in the sacraments, particularly Confirmation—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord (*CCC 1831*). Some of these stand alone and we can easily identify when they might be used in our lives. But wisdom, understanding and knowledge are all-too-often blended into one sort of vague thought-process. Perhaps we should look at them individually. Knowledge means being aware of what is right and what is wrong. Understanding refers to the implications those facts will have on the direction we could take. Wisdom is the application of those unshakeable truths in our lives in the decision to choose that path which best leads to holiness.

Over a pizza on Tuesday with our Confirmation catechists—another group of unsung heroes and heroines who pass on the faith to the next generation—we discovered a mutual love of the cinema and particularly of films that are not so mainstream. One such film shown on television this week was *Robot and Frank*. Set in the near future where Frank suffers from dementia, he is provided with a robot to lift him out of his dissolute life-style. At first he rebels preferring to wile away his days with little purpose. But eventually succumbing to the robot's efforts to eat well and stimulate his brain, his awareness and engagement change and ultimately his whole life finds a new meaning. And yet all the time the robot insists that he (the robot) is not a real person.

Neither is the Holy Spirit such a person but a Divine person of the Blessed Trinity. His promptings may challenge us but by following them, what Christ came to bring us—the fullness of life—will be realised. Just trust those signs to lead you there safely. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who are sick:** Michael Connell, Patricia Napoleon, Carmen Vasco, Michael O'Callaghan, Kathy Doyle

**Those who have died recently:** Joseph Kilbane

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Agnes McNamara, Gilbertha Giraud, Philip McGovern, Michael & Bridget McCarthy, Thomas Carmody, June McGrath, Agnes Fennessy, Josie McManus, Mary Kathleen Ashton

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £2,177.01 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

**Repository.** There is a selection of First Holy 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.

**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 this weekend. Tickets cost £5.00 and everyone is welcome.

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

**St Mary Magdalen's Wednesday Club** meets weekly in Kings Hall from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. All are welcome.

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion photographs** taken by the photographer Martin Breakspear will be available to view/purchase in the Annexe on Sunday 21 June 2015 between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Martin can be contacted on 07905 827 194 or 020 8907 9741 or email mbreakspear@btinternet.com.

**Parishioners with planned admissions into hospital.** There are leaflets at the back of the church for those parishioners who are expecting to be admitted into hospital. The leaflet explains the importance of asking ward staff to contact the Catholic chaplain, introduces the Sacrament of the Sick (with a suggestion that your parish priest anoints you before you go into hospital) and provides you with an "identity card" in the event you are admitted unconscious.

**Parish Newsletter.** Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Thursday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul Society</i> meeting in the Annexe

## 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!

## Diocesan News

**Sion** are hosting their 'D Weekends' (Discipleship Weekends) on 5-7 June 2015 in Brentwood, or 12-14 June at Ampleforth Abbey. There are still some spaces available for anyone who wants to join either event. These events are for school years 7-9, and are an opportunity to spend time with other young people exploring their faith and having fun. The cost has been fixed at £70. The D-South weekend is closer to us in Westminster, so a summary of the event, as well as an online booking form, can be found at <http://www.sionyouth.org.uk/d-weekend-south.html>. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Multi-Faith Pilgrimage for Peace** with Hounslow Friends of Faith on Saturday 6 June 2015 in Hounslow. Please book in advance by 1 June 2015. For further details contact Jon Dal Din, Westminster Interfaith, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Telephone 020 7931 6028/07527 758 729 or email [jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk). For further details please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Divine Mercy Apostolate** run by the Marian Fathers and Mgr. Keith Barltrop, National Coordinator for *Divine Mercy*, invite you to join the 6<sup>th</sup> National *Divine Mercy* Pilgrimage to Walsingham, on Saturday 6 June 2015, 11:00am till 5:00pm. All are welcome. No registration is needed. For more information please contact *Divine Mercy Apostolate*, Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London, W13 0EY or telephone 020 8998 0925, or email [info@divinemercury.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercury.org.uk) or visit website at [www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk).

**CAFOD Pedal Against Poverty** on Sunday 7 June 2015. *CAFOD* is looking for people from our parish to take part in our annual family-friendly sponsored cycle ride in the Lee Valley Country Park, North London/Hertfordshire. Ride either 10 or 19 miles, with all money raised going to help the world's poorest communities. The ride is suitable for nearly all skills and abilities, and costs £6.00 per rider to register. Register online at <http://pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk>, contact *CAFOD* Westminster on 020 8449 6970, or email [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk).

**Spirit in the City festival** welcomes *Saltmine Theatre's* production of 'Three Witnesses' - a remarkable play based on the Gospel of St Luke for its London premiere at Notre Dame de France church on Wednesday 10 June 2015 at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £7.00 and can be booked online at [www.bit.ly/3wtickets](http://www.bit.ly/3wtickets) or telephone 020 7440 2663, or email [info@spiritinthecity.org](mailto:info@spiritinthecity.org) or visit website at [www.spiritinthecity.org](http://www.spiritinthecity.org).

**SVP St John Bosco Camp** offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. The boys' camp runs for two weeks during the summer holiday from 25 July to 8 August 2015 and the girls' camp runs for one week from 8 August to 15 August 2015. Please note that the boys' camp age range is 8 to 13 while the girls' is 9 to 12. For further details and for application forms log onto [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk).