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MAY - MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8 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

Archbishop Borys Gudziak of Ukraine writes...

“Pope Francis calls Catholics in Europe to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine where millions endure an undeclared war dragging on for two years which has claimed almost 10,000 lives. Tens of thousands are injured, hundreds of thousands traumatized.

Despite an official ceasefire the war continues. The number of casualties and refugees has only increased. There are 1.7 million internally displaced people and a million refugees in neighboring countries. Half a million do not have basic food and hundreds of thousands do not have access to safe drinking water. Nearly two million remain in areas where Ukrainian and international agencies cannot freely conduct humanitarian activity. We can only guess what they are actually experiencing. These numbers are not mere statistics. Behind each figure is the tragedy of a person or an entire family.

Ukraine is emerging from a legacy of foreign totalitarian rule. During the horrific twentieth century Ukrainian Churches were outlawed, peasants killed by artificial famines, and the political, cultural, and social life of the people was devastated by genocidal and colonial policies. The country was a main theater for world wars waged by foreign powers. As a result up to 15 million people were killed.

To heal such historical trauma is extremely difficult. Corrupt post-Soviet governments manipulated a fearful population. The pilgrimage from fear to dignity—God-given dignity—is a long, winding one. Step by step, Ukrainians have moved forward making great sacrifices for the values at the foundation of European civilization. During the Revolution of Dignity (2013-14) millions of citizens and all of the country’s Churches and religions were together, peacefully defending the dignity of the human being, democracy, and Ukraine’s association with Europe despite ongoing opposition and persecution.

Yet even now, the spirit, the hope, and the faith of the ordinary people remain strong. Despite their suffering, Ukrainians believe that God has not forsaken them. Indeed, He has not forgotten them. But in this world the Lord works with human hands. Pope Francis, who for two years has repeatedly spoken about the injustices in Ukraine calling for peace, dialogue, and respect for international law, summons us to concrete solidarity.

To this end, the Holy Father has asked us to conduct a special humanitarian collection. For Pope Francis this gesture of charity alleviates material suffering and manifests moral solidarity of the entire Catholic Church in Europe with the people of Ukraine.

See the suffering of others. Open your hearts! Become the hands of the Lord!”

May the Lord bless you for your response to the Holy Father’s appeal.

Fr Kevin

Those who have died recently: Leon Brumant, Mary Reilly, Robert Clare

Those who are sick: Tim & Kathleen Guidera, Kay Westwood, Anton Simon

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Phil McGovern, Rose & Jim Phillips, Patrick Cleary, Juan & Vivencia Gutierrez, Carmelina Cadavid, Mary Gorman, Dymphna Lynch

Those Baptised: Thomas Binder

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,057.84 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Ukraine special collection will take place after all Masses this weekend. Pope Francis has appealed to Catholics in Europe to undertake a collection in their churches for humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The purpose of this collection is to show support and compassion to victims of this all but forgotten war that continues unabated in the east of the country.

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.

First Holy Communion 2016. Please remember in your prayers our candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14 May, Sunday 15 May and Saturday 21 May 2016. There will be a First Holy Communion rehearsal for those children receiving Communion on the 14 May and 15 May on Thursday 12 May 2016. For children receiving Communion on 14 May rehearsal is at 4:00pm until 4:30pm and for children receiving Communion on 15 May rehearsal is at 5:00pm until 5:30pm. Children receiving Communion on the 21 May will have a rehearsal on Thursday 19 May at 4:00pm until 4:30pm. Rehearsals will take place in the church. Martin Breakspear is the official First Holy Communion photographer and he can be contacted on 07905 827 194 or 020 8907 9741.

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.

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.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. 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.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Leon Robert Brumant of Wharton Close will take place on Wednesday 11 May 2016 at 11:00am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 1:00pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

The May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, home of the Door of Mercy for North West London, takes place this Sunday 8 May 2016, beginning at 3:30pm from the Shrine Church, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Come and join and continue to celebrate the Year of Mercy and claim Our Lady's prayers. Nearest station is Willesden Junction on the Bakerloo and Overground Line or bus routes 18,187,206,220, 226,228, 260, 266 & 487. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Spirit in the City is a Catholic Festival of Mercy in the West End of London which takes place from the 1—4 June 2016. There is a programme of prayer, talks, and celebrations in Notre Dame de France and an all day festival in Leicester Square gardens on Saturday. For details please visit www.spiritinthecity.org or telephone 020 7440 2663. For the full programme please visit www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016.

Caritas Westminster volunteer evening takes place on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at the Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. Refreshments provided. The volunteer evening is a chance for the Catholics in London and Hertfordshire to find out about volunteer training and opportunities in the Diocese of Westminster. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk by Tuesday 31 May, to advise if you have any dietary or access requirements.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm-6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen 's Junior School
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Thursday	4:00pm-4:30pm 5:00pm-5:30pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal in the church. (For those children receiving Communion on the 14/15 May 2016)
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>St Vincent De Paul</i> Society meeting in the Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	<i>Knights of St Columba</i> meeting in the Annexe
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