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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
JANUARY - MONTH OF  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
8 JANUARY 2017  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
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

## Do It Yourself

In his pastoral letter for the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, the Cardinal spoke of family devotions. A beautiful Epiphany tradition is to chalk and scrawl markings over the door, carrying out an ancient custom practiced in many homes around the world. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, and in our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

I will bless the chalk or you can do it with your family at home:

*V. Our help is the name of the Lord: R. The maker of heaven and earth.*

*V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:*

*R. From this time forth for evermore.*

Let us pray. Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark the lintel of your front door (or your front porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying: "The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and sixteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen." As well as being the names of the three magi, CMB also abbreviates *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house," the "+" sign representing the cross and 2017 the year.

Then offer the following prayer: "Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen."

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and homes. With time the chalk will fade but as it does we pray that the meaning of the symbols written will sink into the depths of our heart and that Christ will be manifest in every word and action in our homes. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** James Conroy, Kathleen Tierney, Canon Charles Acton, Canon John McDonald

**Those who are sick:** Margaret Duffy, Stewart Samaden, Soney Mority, Tim Kelly

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Amy Mulvoy, Louis Keleghan, Michael Hollowed, John McLarnon, Cy Cheng, Ena Rosario, Elizabeth & Christopher Doran, John Wallace, Ann Moore, Joe Duffy, Celine Joseph

## Parish News

**Thank you** to everyone who spent much time and effort making the church look so beautiful for our Christmas Masses and to all those who made them such prayerful yet joyful liturgies—there were lovely comments from visitors and passers-by. Thank you too for your generosity—the collection on 18 December 2016 was £2038.95 and your Christmas offering was £6247.53 (both excluding standing orders). And thank you also for your kind and thoughtful gifts to Fr Daya, Milo and me and above all for your prayers and kindness. May God bless you throughout 2017.

**White Flower Appeal.** The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)* will be holding its annual appeal after all morning Masses today. In 2017 *SPUC* is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967 *SPUC* Has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in *SPUC's* historic campaign to win legal protection for unborn children. Please be as generous as you can to help *SPUC* and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

**Please note** that on Wednesday 11 January and Wednesday 18 January there will be no Exposition before Mass and the church will not open until 9:00am. Thank you for your understanding.

**Repository.** Church art calendars, the new Westminster Year book, and many other items are on sale now in the Repository.

## Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm-6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP —Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: All nations shall fall prostrate before You, O Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw His star as it rose and have to come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

## Diocesan News

**New year's resolution: make a difference with CAFOD.** Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help our sisters and brothers working to overcome poverty around the globe. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others in your local area? Or maybe you are a good communicator who would enjoy speaking in churches or presenting assemblies and workshops in schools? Please get in touch with *CAFOD* by email on [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 020 8449 6970 to find out more and book a place on an 'Understanding *CAFOD*' information sessions on Saturday 28 January in Stratford E15 and Saturday 4 February in Waterloo SE1. The Stratford session has limited places so please contact *CAFOD* early if this is your preferred session.

**Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes**, on the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11 February at 2:00pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, please let the Parish Office know by 29 January 2017 to ensure that a space is reserved for you. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**Flame 2017** is the largest National Catholic Youth event of the year, taking place in the SSE Wembley Arena on Saturday 11 March 2017. The Arena will be filled with over 10,000 young people from across the country, receiving faith-filled inspiration from world class speakers, double Grammy winning worship leaders and culminates in a time of Adoration led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The day is open to anyone who is aged 10 and above, up to young adult. Tickets are £15. For more details please visit the website at <http://dowym.com/events/flame-2017/>. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, Saturday 24 July 2017—Sunday 30 July 2017, is once again looking to recruit volunteers to help on this pilgrimage next summer. Every year, the Diocese of Westminster takes a pilgrimage to Lourdes in the French Pyrenees. They bring a large number of sick pilgrims to Lourdes and rely on the help of people like you to care for them. If you are aged between 16 and 18, you can serve as a 'Red Cap', helping people in wheelchairs and taking part in the processions and many other tasks. Please contact Katrina Lavery at [katri-na.lavery@clovershipping.com](mailto:katri-na.lavery@clovershipping.com). If you are over 18, your help would be very much appreciated as a St Frai Helper. Some of our sick pilgrims in most need of support and medical care stay in a hospital-like building called the Accueil St Frai. It is well-equipped for their care and they are looked after by a team of doctors, nurses and volunteers. The role of a St Frai helper is to support the nurses and provide the sort of care for which you don't need a medical qualification. If you're interested in helping in the St Frai in Lourdes, email chief helper Nick Leonard at [westminsterstfrai@gmail.com](mailto:westminsterstfrai@gmail.com). Serving on a pilgrimage, in any capacity, is a hugely rewarding experience and an opportunity to make a very positive difference in the lives of the people we care for.