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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE—MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
18 JUNE 2017
CORPUS CHRISTI
YEAR A

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am,
6:30pm

Saturday: 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: 5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday: 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

Saturday: 5:30pm—6:15pm

Not a Gift of the Holy Spirit

I've been a hospital chaplain on three occasions in 18 years of priesthood—at Chase Farm, in the Army with 256 Field Hospital, and now at Willesden General.

In the first case, back in the early 2000's, as I walked onto the ward, the staff would hand me the admissions folder to look through and see who had declared themselves as Catholic so that I could go and introduce myself. In the second case, as the saying goes, "There are no atheists in a foxhole" so that was even easier. Now, at Willesden General, with the slow turnover of patients, the staff (and other patients) tend to learn through conversations who is of our faith and gently nudge me in their direction.

Sadly, with all the pressures on the *NHS* today and the speed with which people move in and out of wards and hospitals, that close relationship is hard to develop and staff often don't know to which religion their patients subscribe. Moreover, priests are no longer given access to patients' records so a printout of all the Catholics is not available even to the official hospital chaplain. Instead, the individual or their families must make it known that they or their relative or friend wishes to see the representative of the Catholic Church. Hence, many of our own parishioners come out of hospital wondering why they never saw a priest. Now you know why, and you will also understand the title of this week's *bons mot*—psychic powers are not among the gifts of the Paraclete.

As we celebrate *Corpus Christi*, to avoid being without our Lord if you are hospitalised, ensure on admission that the staff know you wish to see the chaplain immediately or even carry a little card saying this. That way the Sacraments can be given promptly and your movements tracked and passed on to the next establishment's team. Moreover, remember that those Sacraments are for the *living* not the dying and certainly not the dead: they bring healing, pardon and peace which are as integral to getting well physically, mentally and spiritually as anything the medical profession can offer—so don't delay. Indeed, why not approach Fr Daya or me *before* you go in for elective treatment and we can anoint you—fortify you with the Rites of Holy Mother Church—in advance.

Similarly, when you come out, or if you are just struggling to leave your home, let us know if you are unable to go to Mass. Recently I have discovered three parishioners who used to attend Mass weekly and who have been housebound for three months.

As we have seen this week, we never know when we might be hospitalised and need a priest. So please, don't assume "someone" told us or that somehow we will just "find out". Privacy rules are wonderful, but they mean, sadly, those days are gone. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Ray Sweeney, all those killed in the North Kensington fire

Those who are sick: David Kane, those injured in the Grenfell Tower tragedy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hannah, Patrick & Dan Collins, Kathleen Higgins, Eileen Riordan

Those Baptised: Dinis Damakoski

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,214.08 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College Lourdes Appeal cake sale on 28 May raised £252.23. The students extend a big thank you for your generous support in their fundraising.

Collection. This weekend after all Masses there will be a collection for the victims of the fire at Grenfell Tower which will be shared between *Caritas* Westminster and the *Catholic Children's Society*, who are both present in the community providing assistance to individuals and families. You can also give via the following link <http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations/donate.asp?dtype=single&id=49> In the meantime, we join our prayers with those of the Cardinal who said, 'We pray for all the residents of Grenfell Tower. I pray particularly for those who have suffered injury, those who have died, and all the residents who are left without a home, and the entire community that has been affected. Once again in our city we witnessed the heroic efforts of our emergency services who responded so quickly. I thank them and all who have offered spiritual and practical assistance for all they are doing to help the victims of this devastating fire.'

Pioneer Annual Mass takes place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday 23 June 2017, at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

Deacon Michael will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at 10:30am on Saturday 24 June at Westminster Cathedral. His first Mass will take place here on Sunday 25 June at 1200 noon followed by a reception afterwards outside the church or at St Mary Magdalen's school if the weather is bad. All are welcome to both. Please sign up on the food and helpers' lists on the tables at the back of the church today. If you wish to contribute towards Deacon Michael's chalice as an Ordination gift from our parish please hand your offering in a marked envelope to a priest.

Saturday 24 June. There is no morning Mass. There are no morning confessions as both priests will be at the Ordination.

Magdala magazine will be on sale next weekend.

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

Annual Parish Concert takes place on Friday 30 June at 7:30pm in the church. As always it will be a wonderful occasion but this year will have added poignancy as we unite ourselves with all those affected by the disaster at Grenfell Tower and the terrorist atrocities in our capital. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection to aid the victims of the fire as detailed above.

Special Needs Summer raffle 2017. The parish Special Needs Group will be holding a summer raffle. First prize—£200 cash donated by *M.P Moran Ltd*; second prize—SDS drill donated by *Discount Builders Supplies*, High Road, Willesden; third prize—£100 *Marks and Spencer* voucher, plus many more wonderful prizes. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a summer seaside trip for local people with learning disabilities. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the 1/2 July or by contacting Kathleen on 020 8451 4677. Tickets cost £1 per strip.

Please see the poster at the back of the church for more details.

First Holy Communion 2017. Please go to the following link: <http://5661602.tifmember.com/v/photos/22592nvf/C256584604> to view the First Holy Communion pictures from Saturday 10 June and Sunday 11 June. You can buy directly from the site should you wish. Online images for 6x9 inch prints are £11.00 plus p&p. There is a £10.00 discount for customers who spend more than £30.00 i.e. three pictures is £23.00 plus p&p. If you any require further information please contact Simon Drake, via email at simondrake1967@gmail.com, by visiting the website at www.simondrakephotography.co.uk or Facebook www.facebook.com/simondrakephotography or by telephone on 020 8384 0629, mobile 07858 519 771.

Accommodation. Two people are looking for accommodation. Non-parish-based references can be provided and the parish does not take responsibility for any agreements entered into: Young violin professional/ teacher and parish reader looking for a single studio flat or rented accommodation in flat or house for around £500 from July. 'I am also happy to share it with friendly, tidy and like-minded Christians. I am very tidy and take responsibilities seriously'. Please contact me on ad.sevcikova@gmail.com. Thank you. And Darota, the presbytery cleaner, is looking to rent a two bedroom flat in the area. Please contact the parish office if you can help her and her son.

Diocesan News

ECHO is a retreat for young adults aged 16-25 years old. It is an opportunity to explore the beauty and depth of what the Church teaches about what it is to be human, and how you can be happy. **ECHO** is inviting you to join them in a journey to discover more of who you were made to be. There will be live music, sports, art, time for questions, time for prayer, time to learn and lots of good food and conversations. Ever wondered what you were made for? Want to live 'fully alive'? Join to find out what **ECHO**es in your heart. For more information email rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk or visit the website at <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe