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## ST MARY MAGDALEN

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE - MONTH OF

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

YEAR B

7 JUNE 2015

CORPUS CHRISTI

## Forming the Future

St John Vianney—otherwise known as the Cure of Ars—will have a special place in my life in the coming days. A prayer I say each day asks his intercession: “You were steadfast in adoring Christ in the tabernacle. Teach us to draw close in faith and reverence to the Eucharist, to relish the silent presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament.”

At times, things that are readily available—including the Mass—have little priority in our lives and we take for granted that they will always be accessible. It is only when we are partially or totally denied access to something that its importance becomes more apparent. A Chinese dissident was interviewed about the underground Church in his country. For them the luxury of Mass times displayed on a noticeboard, newsletter, website or *Facebook* page, or recorded on an answering machine, gives way to word-of-mouth directions to a secret place of celebration and the routes too are regularly changed to evade the authorities. When this secrecy fails priests and people are jailed or even executed. When asked why they take such risks the man replied simply, “Because it is the Eucharist. We want to be with Christ.”

We would all do well to remember his words as our Sunday obligation gets squeezed out by a million other important responsibilities especially when we consider that for many Catholics there is only one opportunity a week to attend Mass. We are very lucky.

One way of enhancing our spiritual lives here comes from an eminent Cardinal who advocates developing a sense of community by inviting parishioners to be welcomers and helping with some social time after Mass. There are lists at the back of the church if you feel you and/or your family could carry out these roles. Another way of deepening our faith is to pass it on. Some of our First Holy Communion catechists are stepping down after many years of devoted service. Could you give a little time for ten weeks over the coming year to help our children understand, in the words of one four year-old, that, “God is the most important thing because I love Him so much and I want to receive Him in Holy Communion more than anything else in the whole wide world”?

Pope St John Paul II credited his home parish for developing his spiritual life. He said, “God alone, the giver of every grace, knows what goodness and manifold graces I received from this parish community.” In whatever we do, rooted in our own love for Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, may we be generous in passing on those graces we have received and help form the teachers and saints of the future. *Fr Kevin*

## 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

**Those who are sick:** Michael Connell, Mamie Hall, John Cattigan, Peter Corcoran, Alex Jackson

**Those who have died recently:** Cyril Stanley Anderson, Joan Grannell, Michael McGovern

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Goretti Egan, Douglas & Annie Doran, Sadie & Dan O’Connell, Paul Augustine Hynes, Kathleen Higgins

**Those whom we have welcomed into the church through baptism:** Scarlet Elizabeth Arney, Keira Lily Fallon, Desire Sahaloturco

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,833.98 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much and may God bless you for your generosity.

**Cake Sale.** A group of students from the Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College will be selling cakes after the morning Masses today Sunday 7 June 2015. The students are fundraising to travel to Lourdes and volunteer as Redcaps, assisting older and frailer pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage in July.

**The Willesden Green Pioneer Association** wish to thank all the parishioners who supported their annual social on Friday 5 June 2015 at Dollis Hill Social Club. Money raised will be presented to the St Mary Magdalen SVP Society at the *Pioneer* Annual Mass, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, on Friday 12 June 2015 at 7:30pm.

**Xaverian Missionaries** are carrying out their annual mission appeal for 2015 in Westminster Diocese. Next weekend, 13/14 June 2015, Father Kevin Ryan of St Francis Xavier Foreign Mission Society will preach at all Masses. The Xaverians preach and teach; they are channels of the gift of grace, to reconcile people with God. They are involved in social work, community building, health care, and in educational programs in many parts of the world. For more information please visit <http://www.xaviermissionaries.org/>

**St Anthony's Feast** will be celebrated in Konkani on Sunday 14 June 2015 at 3:00pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green.

**The annual summer seaside trip.** There are still some places left on the buses for the annual trip to the seaside run by the parish Special Needs group for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. This year it is on Saturday 20 June 2015. If you know of someone who'd like to come, please contact [steve.mcc@virginmedia.com](mailto:steve.mcc@virginmedia.com) or phone 07802 418 576.

**Thanksgiving Mass.** On Sunday 21 June 2015, at 10:30am, we invite all children who have made their First Holy Communion this year to come to this Mass and participate in a Blessed Sacrament procession and afterwards a small celebration. Donations of cakes and biscuits are most welcome and can be brought to the Annexe from 10:00am. Children can wear their Holy Communion clothes and should please sit at the front of the church on arrival.

**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](mailto:mbreakspear@btinternet.com).

**The Annual Parish Concert** this year will celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The concert takes place on Friday 26 June 2015 at 7:30pm. Admission is free. A retiring collection will be taken for the benefit of *Aid to the Church in Need*. All are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

**Deacon Michael's questionnaire results.** For those of you who missed seeing the questionnaire results at the back of the church, please note that they are now published on our parish website

under the 'News' section. Please visit <http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/>

**Journey in Faith.** Do you know anyone wishing to become a Catholic or just interested in finding out more about our faith? Are you an adult who has not yet been confirmed? Each year we have our *Journey in Faith* series of meetings to bring people into the Church, prepare them for the sacraments or just help them understand the faith more deeply. Please give names/contact details to Father Kevin or Deacon Michael. Alternatively you can call the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

**Tea and Welcomers Rota.** Please sign up today on one, or both, of these rotas which are on the table at the back of the church.

## Diocesan News

**St. Rose's Chapel and Prayer Garden.** A weekly meeting to reflect on the following Sunday's Scripture readings will take place at St. Rose's, 160 Anson Road, Cricklewood, London, NW2 6BH. These meetings will begin on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 3:00pm. At the first meeting dates and times will be negotiated. Everyone is welcome.

**Vocations pilgrimage to Walsingham,** Saturday 20 June 2015. An all-day pilgrimage by coach for those discerning their vocation and for those praying for them. Cost is £15 to cover coach travel. Limited spaces available. For more information and to book a place contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

**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).

## Parish Diary

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

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

- Antiphon: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.
- Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!