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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE—MONTH OF  
THE SCARED HEART OF JESUS  
11 JUNE 2017  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
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

## What's the Point?

This is the often-heard cry of one of my brothers in Christ which is uttered at moments of varying degrees of despair. Mine is generally, "You couldn't make it up" but I'm sure you all have other phrases which you associate with your current parish priest.

And today's point is how incredible it was that so few of you noticed the restoration of the altar rails in our church. This is not meant at all as a criticism but rather a compliment to the company who put them in. Indeed, Lydia and her team spent two years sourcing the marble to replace what was thrown away during the reordering so that the new stone matched that which had been left in place and that which had been put out by the grotto. It was a labour of love and the fruits of it are truly beautiful to behold.

However, they are not there purely for aesthetic reasons. In 2015 the Spanish artist Abel Azcona stole 242 hosts while pretending to receive Holy Communion and then laid them on the pavement in Pamplona as an "installation." If you look at a photograph of him receiving Holy Communion, he takes the host in his hand, turns away from the priest (as so many do), and while making it look as if he is consuming Our Blessed Lord he hides the Body of Christ on his person to use later for sacrilegious purposes.

Due to the actions of Mr Azcona and others with evil intentions towards Jesus, but mainly because out of sheer thoughtlessness the Lord is treated like the contents of a bag of chips to munch as we walk along the street, it is little wonder that priests carefully watch people who walk away without consuming the host. This disturbs that intimate moment with the next person; more worryingly, individuals who are asked to respectfully consume the host in-front of the priest often get annoyed—it is Christ's Body!

Receiving Holy Communion is an intimate encounter between us and Jesus Christ who is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—in that little host. It is not to be rushed and with our altar rails it does not need to be. Yet people still receive and turn quickly away as if there is a queue of people behind them. Please, take your time! Prepare spiritually for this incredible gift as you are waiting there for the priest to come to you. Then spend a few moments in thanksgiving for having become one with Christ before the priest starts to come back along the rail: no-one is going to push you out of the way.

So relish this beautiful moment and take your time as our Communion children have been taught. And please join them at 1200 Mass next week which will be followed by a *Corpus Christi* procession. In that procession is the opportunity for Adoration of Our Blessed Lord. But also at Holy Communion—that's the point of our altar rails. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** Beatrice O'Connor, Ray Sweeney the victims of the London terror attack

**Those who are sick:** David Kane, Elfriede Singleton, Tom Guidera, those injured in the London terror attack

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Maria Goretti Egan, Ellen McLarnon, Thomas Gilgunn, Patrick & Martin Grealish, Sadie & Dan O'Connell

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,803.42 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Cash Counters Rotas** are now available to collect from the rack in the sacristy. Attached to each rota is a cash counters contact list which will enable you to contact another counter should you be unable to cover the date you are required to count.

**Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass** at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, will be held on Monday 12 June 2017 at 11:30am.

**First Holy Communion Children.** Next Sunday 18 June 2017, on the Feast of *Corpus Christi* at 12 noon, 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. Donations of rose petals would be much appreciated on the day. Children should wear their First Holy Communion clothes and please sit at the front of the church on arrival.

**St Anthony's Feast** will be celebrated in Konkani next Sunday 18 June at 3:00pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green.

**Deacon Michael** will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at 10:30am on Saturday 24 June at Westminster Cathedral. Many parishioners have already enquired about a gift for him. Having been a deacon for several years, Michael says that he does not need anything in the way of books, vestments or other items associated with liturgies. However, like many priests, he has mentioned that he would like to have his own chalice—this is an extremely personal thing. Therefore we suggest that any parishioners who would like to get him something contribute towards a collection next week after all Masses so that he can buy a chalice of his own choosing. It will then be a gift in whole or in part from the community which greatly encouraged his vocation. Donations can also be handed to one of the priests or the parish administrator—please mark the envelope clearly. Deacon Michael's first Mass will take place here on Sunday 25 June followed by a reception afterwards either outside the church or at St Mary Magdalen's school hall depending on the weather. All are most welcome. Please sign up on the food and helpers' lists on the table at the back of the church today. Thank you in advance.

**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.

**Confirmation 2017.** Please go to the following link: <http://5661602.tifmember.com/v/photos/westminster/C254840004> to view the Westminster Cathedral Confirmation 2017 pictures. 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 require any further information please contact Simon Drake, via email at [simondrake1967@gmail.com](mailto:simondrake1967@gmail.com), by visiting the website at [www.simondrakephotography.co.uk](http://www.simondrakephotography.co.uk) or Facebook [www.facebook.com/simondrakephotography](http://www.facebook.com/simondrakephotography) or by telephone on 020 8384 0629, mobile 07858 519 771.

## Funeral Notice

The Cremation Service of the late  
Beatrice Doreen O'Connor of Clements Close  
takes place on Monday 12 June 2017  
at 12 noon at Hendon Crematorium

May she rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Day for Life Sunday 18 June 2017.** This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. There will be a 'Vigil for Life' at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17 June, the eve of the *Day for Life*, led by Bishop John Sherrington. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** The Lourdes Medical Team urgently need a Paediatric Specialist who would be able to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23 to 29 July 2017. The pilgrimage may have to turn very young and sick pilgrims away unless the Medical Team has the capacity to support them with the correct care professionals in place. Please contact the Pilgrimage Office or send an email to [lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk) if you know of someone who could be in a position to assist with this essential role.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: To You glory and praise for evermore.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

## Parish Diary

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| Monday   | 7:00pm            | Prayer Group—Annexe  |
| Friday   | 5:30pm—<br>6:30pm | First Holy Communion rehearsal in the church. (For those children receiving Communion on the 17 June 2017) |
| Saturday | 3:00pm—<br>5:00pm | "The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family— Annexe                        |