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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY —MONTH OF  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
14 JANUARY 2018

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B

## God Is Never Wrong

We all know that Jesus had twelve disciples who later became the twelve apostles, save Judas who was replaced by Matthias (Acts 1:26) after he committed suicide. We know too, that Jesus if He so desired could have found 'better' candidates to be His followers, men who were more dependable, invariably loyal and wholeheartedly trusted in His timing and the Father's will. However we must also remember that our thoughts are not God's thoughts and our ways not God's ways (Is 55:8-9), thus one could never fully comprehend Jesus' choice in selecting His first disciples.

Today's gospel ends with our Lord giving Simon, the brother of Andrew a new name: *Cephas* meaning rock. Peter's track record thereafter is one which lacks consistency and conviction; the name 'rock' implies stability and dependability, qualities which Peter does not often portray. Of course, Jesus who is the Son of God did not get it wrong as Peter became the first Pope and in the end gave His life for the Church, crowned as a martyr and apostle of Christ and through his death gave glory to God. The gospel mentions that "Jesus looked hard at him"; one could assume that Christ knew then and there the man Peter was to become and the great asset he would later be.

On the one hand Peter can be used as an example of how *not* to be a disciple based upon the times where he fell short or missed the mark. On the other hand, he can give us hope and encourage us to lead holy and saintly lives—a life which is not beyond us but within our grasp despite our downfalls.

The Gospel should move us to go beyond ourselves, to go deeper than what can be seen on the surface – only then will we be challenged and grow in wisdom and holiness. It can be said that Simon at that moment in time felt unworthy to be called 'rock' – little did he know that he would live up to his new name given by Christ. We may not see it now, nor may we see it in a year's time, but in the words of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next."

May you who read this be inspired by the example of St. Peter who despite his many shortcomings, followed Christ to the end—even to death on a cross.

*Seminarian Tim*

## 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 have died recently:** Julian-Lewis Adumua-Bossmann, Bridie Scanlon, Pauline O'Mahoney, Tom Deegan, Una Maguire, Mary Hopkins, Catherine Reade, Violet Crooks

**Those who are sick:** Ann McCandless, Carmel Murphy, Joan McEvoy

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sean Hendry, Pat Hegarty, Eoin Leavy, Louis Keleghan, Frank Donnellan, Michael Doyle, Vital Giraud

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,542.73(excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Tea/Welcomers' Rotas.** New rotas are now available for you to collect from the rack in the Sacristy.

**White Flower Appeal.** The Society for the *Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)* will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. *SPUC* is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Day of Recollection for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers** takes place on Saturday 17 February 2018. This day aims to provide the time and space to reflect on the importance of proclaiming the Word of God worthily and an opportunity for all to deepen their love of the Blessed Sacrament especially those who are Extraordinary Ministers. If you are unable to attend please make sure you speak with our Seminarian, Tim. For more details please take a copy of the flyer at the back of the Church.

**School Places Available.** St Mary Magdalen's RC Junior School Linacre Road Willesden Green NW2 5BB currently has some spaces in Year 3. If you are interested in a school place for your child, please telephone the school office on 020 8459 3159.

**Parish Database.** Can *everyone* who has not yet done so complete a new parish registration form. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter the side porch and on each pillar at the back of the church. Completed forms should be handed to the parish office or posted through the door of the presbytery.

## 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	8:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council—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: Here I am, Lord! I come to do Your will.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late  
Una Maguire of Chambers Lane  
will take place on Monday 15 January 2018 at 11:30am  
followed by cremation at  
Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel at 1:00pm

The Reception of the late Mary Hopkins of Faith Court  
will take place on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 7:00pm and the  
Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 19 January 2018  
at 11:00am followed by burial at  
Paddington Old Cemetery at 12:30pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**New Year's Resolution: Make a Difference with CAFOD.** Make 2018 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 us: email [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 020 8449 6970 to find out more and book a place on our *CAFOD* information session on Saturday 20 January from 10:00am to 12:30pm at St Mary Moorfield's Parish near Liverpool Street EC2.

**Divine Mercy Apostolate** run by Marian Fathers is organising the Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 27 January 2018 from 11:00 am—4:30 pm at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, Southwark, London SE1 6HR. For more information please contact Divine Mercy Apostolate—Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY or telephone 020 8 998 0925, email [info@divinemercy.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercy.org.uk) or visit the website at [www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk](http://www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk). Please also see the poster at the back of the church which details the devotional programme for the day.

**Do you want to become a teacher?** The Cardinal Vaughan School (on behalf of the RB TSA alliance) will be holding an Initial Teacher Training Recruitment Fair on 1 March 2018 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. This will be an opportunity to meet with a number of schools and alliances across London, offering a variety of School *Direct* teacher training and recruitment opportunities. There will be experts on hand to speak to you regarding suitability and the possibility of financial incentives and bursaries. The fair will be held at The Cardinal Vaughan School, 89 Addison Road, W14 8BZ. If you are interested in attending this event, please email [brooksh@cvms.co.uk](mailto:brooksh@cvms.co.uk) or register at [https://rbtsa\\_tickets.eventbrite.co.uk](https://rbtsa_tickets.eventbrite.co.uk)