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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
JANUARY —MONTH OF
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
7 JANUARY 2018
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
YEAR B

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

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

Chalk It Up

An Epiphany tradition is to chalk markings over the door—carrying out an ancient custom practiced in many homes around the world—to ask God's blessing on our homes and on those who live in it or visit it. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our comings and goings, conversations, work and play, joys and sorrows. So if it arrives in time, I will bless the chalk or you can bless your own 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.

Then mark the lintel of your front door (or the porch step) as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying: "*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen 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 is an acronym for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house," the "+" sign representing the cross and 2018 the year.

Finally, 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. It is also a timely reminder that it is still the liturgical season of Christmas despite the fact that people were throwing out their trees on Boxing Day! With time the chalk will fade but as it does we pray that the meaning of the symbols written for all to see will sink into the depths of our hearts and that Christ will be manifest in every word and action in our homes and our daily lives.

Finally, thank you to all who helped make our church so beautiful and the liturgies so prayerful over the past few weeks. And thanks too for all your kind gifts but also for your prayers and support in the past year: may God bless and reward each and every one of you and your loved ones in 2018. *Fr Kevin, Fr Ashley, Seminarian Tim, & Milo*

Those who have died recently: Mary Hopkins, Vital Giraud, John Gibbons, Una Maguire, Ciaran Mallon, Julian-Lewis Adumua-Bossman, Andrew Heath

Those who are sick: Sandra Ferreira, Josephine Niland, Peter Corcoran, Patrick Ruddy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth & Christopher Doran, Michael Hollowed, John McLarnon, Rose Smith

Parish News

Thank you to everyone who spent so 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. And may God bless you for your generosity—the collection on 24 December 2017 was £1,782.60, on 31 December 2017 it was £1,608.68, and your Christmas offering was £6,652.25 (all excluding standing orders).

First Holy Communion catechists. The worksheets for the next four First Holy Communion sessions are available to collect from the rack in the Sacristy.

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. For more details please take a copy of the flyer which will be 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	7:15pm	SVP Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of St Columba—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 come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late John William Gibbons of Geary Road will take place on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 12 noon followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 1:30pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

St. Rose's Chapel and Prayer Garden 160, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2 6BH. The indoor and outdoor cribs will be open from 8:00am to 6:30pm until 2 February for visiting, prayer and reflection. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reflections will resume on Thursday 11 January from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Basic Counselling Skills for Pastoral Work with Mgr Malachy Keegan. There are some fundamental, basic ways in which one person can engage skilfully and respectfully with another person. It is hugely valuable and important to know these ways and develop these skills. This seminar will offer a basic introduction to the skills of Pastoral Counselling for everyone involved in parish life. Applying these skills will lead to healthier, happier and more fruitful ways of being and working with other people. Dates are 15 January, 22 January, 29 January and 5 February 2018. This is a four session course and participants will be required to attend all four sessions. Places are very limited. Course takes place 7:00pm—8:30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN Suggested donation is £16.00. Registration is required. Please email: livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or alternatively, please leave a message at 020 7931 6078.

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 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.

Annual Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place on Saturday 10 February 2018 at 2:00pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass by the bishops and priests. If you will be attending in a wheelchair, please let the parish office know by 28 January 2018 to ensure that a space can be reserved for you.

SPEC are looking for young people enthusiastic about their faith and willing to share it with others to spend a year living in community with other people their age; in return they receive formation in the faith, training in youth work, and experience of living in a community. For information email spec@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0203 757 2503.