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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
8 APRIL 2018
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
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, 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

It's Always Easter

On Thursday's *Today* programme John Humphreys said that Easter was "pretty much over." He couldn't be more wrong—the season continues until Pentecost and today is the last day of the Easter Octave which means it is still Easter Sunday. Hence we refer to the "today" of the Resurrection in many of the prayers at Mass.



In the Gospel readings for this time we constantly meet the Risen One on that great day with His disciples.

One of the most moving stories

is that of the disciples fleeing to Emmaus. Christ accompanies them in their desolation and explains the Scriptures to them that foretell His death and Resurrection. But it is only when He breaks and blesses the bread and gives it to them at supper that they recognise Him: it is only in the Mass that they see Him clearly.

In the painting of this the disciple at the front is ready to jump out of his chair with excitement at seeing Jesus. The one at the back is throwing his arms up in amazement. This picture forms part of our First Holy Communion programme. We ask the children "Are we like that at Mass when Jesus is truly with us—His Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine? We should be just as happy." And they are.

Are you that joyful each Sunday? Pope Benedict said, "At Mass...it's always Easter." And if that core of our faith doesn't thrill you there might be a problem. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: Mary McGovern, James Corrigan, Pam Morrow

Those who are sick: Valerie Crain, Tony Glanton, Homer Harris, Andrew Mondessir

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Jordan, Agnes Cleary, Ronnie McClay, Kathleen Bradley, Patrick Perkins, Pat Ferguson, Olivan Bernard

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £5,469.60 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for March amounted to £1,424.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. New rotas are available for you to collect from the rack in the sacristy.

APF—Mill Hill require a local secretary for our parish. Local secretaries are the 'engine room' of APF-Mill Hill's work. Each parish benefits from having a dedicated lay volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. APF is one of the four branches of *Missio*, the Pope's very own mission charity. Our Holy Father has given *Missio* the responsibility of supporting missionaries and young parishes in developing countries. Incredibly there is 40% of our Church around the world where parishioners struggle even to feed their own families, let alone give to their church. Local secretaries look after the Red Box Members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine *Mission Today*. The Red Box can be found in 200,000 homes across England and Wales and plays a vital role in the universal mission of the Church. Our volunteers have the full support of the *Missio* team who will help at every stage and answer all queries. A training day will be taking place on the 19 May 2018. Please make yourself known to Father Kevin who will contact *Missio* to get you started.

First Holy Communion 2018. There will be a meeting for parents on Monday 9 April in the school while the children are in their First Holy Communion class. A later meeting will also take place at 7:30pm in the church which will be a repeat of the earlier meeting. A list detailing your child's name and First Holy Communion date will be available at the meetings. Any amendments should be annotated on the list. The First Holy Communion photographer, Simon Drake, will be at the meetings. Simon can be contacted on 07858 519 771 or 020 8384 0629 or via email at simondrake1967@gmail.com or by visiting the website at www.simondrakephotography.co.uk.

Knights of St Columba. Tim Kelleher will be speaking after all Masses next Sunday to appeal for new members for the *Knights of St Columba*. Members of the organisation will also be available to speak to at the back of the church after every Mass.

Confirmation 2018. Recommended books as Confirmation gifts are available to order from CTS via the parish office. The parish office is open from 10:00am until 2:00pm, Tuesday to Friday. Alternatively please telephone on 020 8451 4677 or email willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk for more information.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love has no end.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see Me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Mary McGovern of Essex Road will take place on Monday 9 April 2018 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden Cemetery at 12:15pm.

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News.

Parish Cleaner—Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone Parish. A part-time cleaner is required to maintain high levels of cleanliness within the presbytery and premises of Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone parish. Please submit application to humanresources@rcdow.org.uk. Closing date: Monday, 16 April 2018. Interview date: Thursday, 19 April 2018.

'Hour of Prayer for Vocations' takes place on Saturday 28 April 2018 from 4:15pm—5:15pm in the chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, London N16 5BL. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

SVP St John Bosco Camp offers children 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 21 July to 4 August 2018 and the girls' camp runs for one week from 4 August to 11 August 2018. Please note that the boys' camp age range is 8 to 13 while the girls' is 9 to 12. Children are accepted for one week only. Suggested camp donation is £145 per week. Applications can be completed online at www.svpboscocamp.org.uk/apply or please email the boys' booking secretary Andrew Sinnott or Charles Theisinger at boysbooking@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls' booking secretary Gemma O'Flaherty at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm—6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
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Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Monday	7:30pm—8:30pm	First Holy Communion parents' meeting at St Mary Magdalen's church (for those unable to make earlier meeting at school)
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	<i>Knights of St Columba</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe