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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
15 APRIL 2018  
3RD 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

## How Did You Know?

On 26<sup>th</sup> January every year I celebrate the feast of my namesake 'Timothy'. As you may know St. Timothy was a dear companion of St. Paul and also the first bishop of Ephesus—modern day Turkey. In (2 Tim 1:5) St. Paul introduces and reminds us of Timothy's Grandmother Lois who was described eminent in piety and faith. Though there are 1,975 years between us, St. Timothy and I have a lot in common. This year, I came across a seventeenth century painter Willem Drost who depicted a young Timothy with his grandmother Lois.



I was immediately struck by this image as it was so familiar to my relationship with my own grandmother Joyce who taught me how to pray, took me to Mass and explained the importance of giving thanks and praise to God. I remember reading the Scriptures with her and had I any questions she would be more than happy to answer them in the best way she could.

I owe a great deal to my grandmother with regards to my vocation which I believe is a genuine call from God to serve Him and His Holy Church. Many people have asked and continue to ask me *How did I know?* And I've often said that it was at school when I first thought about priesthood however one could argue the vocational 'seed' was sown by my grandmother during my childhood years.

A call to the Priesthood can seem very daunting – more often than not, many people who answer the call did not wake up one day and figured that it would be a good idea to become a priest. This is true for me, I had aspirations of becoming a teacher and starting a family of my own, I had the 'five year plan' of where I wanted to be and what I wanted to do. With a call to Priesthood, the 'you' often needs to decrease in order for 'God' to increase in the depths of one's heart, mind and soul. Priesthood as I understand it at present asks the questions 'Where, Lord do you want me to be?' and 'What, Lord do you want me to do?' and the response, though not an easy one is, 'Ok, I'll do it' because I trust in Your timing and know that You only want the best for me. A response such as this is undeniably liberating but at the same time leaves one uncomfortably vulnerable.

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI *"The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."* Seminarian Tim

**Those who have died recently:** Beulah Charles, Martin Costello

**Those who are sick:** Valerie Crain, Anthony Poku, Agnes Trimble

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kathleen & Michael McNamara, Molly Ayres, Patrick Bolan, Joseph Ryan, Elizabeth Cunniffe, Michael Tavernier, Hanna O'Reilly

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1444.56 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for March amounted to £1,424.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Knights of St Columba.** Tim Kelleher will be speaking after all Masses this weekend 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.

**First Holy Communion 2018.** Please remember in your prayers our candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21 April, Sunday 22 April and Saturday 28 April 2018. There will be rehearsals for children receiving Communion on 21 April and 22 April on Friday 20 April 2018. The rehearsal for children receiving Communion on 21 April is from 4:30pm—5:30pm and for children receiving Communion on 22 April the rehearsal is from 5:30pm—6:30pm. Children receiving First Communion on 28 April will have a rehearsal on Friday 27 April at 5:30pm. Rehearsals will take place in the church. Simon Drake is the official photographer on the day and can be contacted on 07858 519 771 or 020 8384 0629 or email at simondrake1967@gmail.com or visit the website at www.simondrakephotography.co.uk.

**NB: At 1200 Noon Mass on Sunday 22 April 2018** 13 children will be making their First Holy Communion so there will be an additional 13 families in attendance. The readings will be of the day and the Mass will still fulfil your Sunday obligation.

**Priest Training Fund.** Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the training of men to priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**Ashford Place.** The monthly collection of non perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place next weekend.

**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 19 May 2018. Please make yourself known to Father Kevin who will contact *Missio* to get you started.

**Pilgrimage to Malta.** Our parish will be going on pilgrimage from 9th-13th October 2018 to Malta following in the footsteps of St. Paul. For more information please take a copy of the leaflet from the back of the Church.

## Diocesan News.

**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](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk/apply) or please email the boys' booking secretary Andrew Sinnott or Charles Theisinger at [boysbooking@boscocamp.co.uk](mailto:boysbooking@boscocamp.co.uk) or the girls' booking secretary Gemma O'Flaherty at [girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk](mailto:girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk).

## Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council/Social Events Committee—Annexe
Friday	4:30pm— 5:30pm 5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal in the church. (For those children receiving Communion on the 21/22 April 2018)
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: Lift up the light of Your face on us, O Lord.  
 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as You talk to us.' Alleluia!