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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
29 APRIL 2018
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B

All Change...Again

At Allen Hall on Wednesday a member of staff told me of his recent conversation with a seminarian. "What is going on in the minds of the bishops?" asked the student. "You're making two extremely large assumptions there," replied the priest.

Some years ago, with attendance falling because of people not being catechised that missing Mass on a Holyday of Obligation is as much a mortal sin as missing Mass on a Sunday, three of those solemnities—the Epiphany of the Lord (6 January), the Ascension of the Lord (a Thursday 40 days after Easter), and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or *Corpus Christi* (the Thursday after Trinity Sunday)—were moved to the nearest Sunday. The intention was to enable people to better understand and celebrate the pivotal moments of Christ's life and the Paschal Mystery. Of course this assumed that they went to Mass every Sunday anyway: see the seminary professor's comment above on the dangers of assumptions. It also meant that the Ascension of the Lord, described in the Holy Scriptures (Acts 1:2) as happening forty days after Resurrection, was being celebrated 43 days later. But that's another story. And who am I to judge?

Anyways, the bishops have now decided to restore the Epiphany and the Ascension to their correct days—so for your diaries, 10 May 2018 is now a Holyday of Obligation with Masses at 9:30am and 7:00pm. But *Corpus Christi* will still fall on a Sunday—3 June.

And that particular day has even greater significance this year. As you know there will be a Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September and the bishops have asked us to deepen our understanding of and devotion to Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We already have an enviable tradition of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction here but will be adding to it in the lead up to that feast. Starting on Wednesday 30 May and continuing until evening Mass on Saturday 2 June we will have the Forty Hours—literally 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Two people (or parish groups or classes from our schools) need to sign up to watch and pray for each hour during the day. And at 7:00pm each weekday there will be devotions, a sermon and Benediction.

Then on 3 June we invite all our parishioners—especially the First Holy Communion children in their outfits—to come to the 1200 Mass and join in a procession with the parishioners of Willesden and Kensal Rise through the streets to the Transfiguration.

Do put those days in your diaries, especially the great witness of the Blessed Sacrament Procession. And keep them in your hearts and minds too—just like our bishops. *Fr Kevin*

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: Anne Daly, Bridget Connell, Carmen Gomes

Those who are sick: Valerie Crain, Elenice Ribeiro, Ann Quirke

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vincent & Bridget Doran, Patrick Killian, Rose & Jimmy Phillips, Michael Mulhern, Robert Clare, Patrick Gavahan, Sharon Lynch

Those Baptised: Noah Andreas Fernando Peduru Hewage

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £ 1,788.77 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for March amounted to £1,424.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Priest Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. To date a total of £1,854.98 has been raised. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Gardening Rota. New rotas are available to collect from the rack in the sacristy today.

Mary's Meals will be at our church on the morning of Sunday 6 May 2018 so remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 12 noon. *Mary's Meals* is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on fundraising and 1p on governance.

Pilgrimage to Malta. Our parish will be following in the footsteps of St. Paul on pilgrimage from 9—13 October 2018 to Malta. For more information please take a copy of the leaflet from the back of the church. Closing date extended to tomorrow.

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.

St Mary Magdalen's Willesden Green 1901-1988 by Eric Brentini
Does anyone know where we could get this book to place in the Diocesan archives? If you know please inform Father Kevin or the parish office. Thank you.

Remember your parish with a legacy gift. Please consider making a legacy gift to St Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic Church from your assets after you will no longer need them, no matter how large or small. Many Catholics find this a fulfilling way to pass on their love for the Church, in gratitude to God for blessings received over a lifetime. And whatever we buy with what the donor leaves means that this individual gets a perpetual remembrance at every liturgies at which those items are used. It is a wonderful way to ensure the prayers we all need are said when we stand at the throne of god on Judgment Day.

There are several ways in which you can make a legacy gift: a bequest in your will of a specific amount; a bequest to leave a percentage of your residual estate; designating the Church to receive the remainder of your estate; a gift in your will of a specific item of property to which you have title; a gift of appreciated shares or funds/accounts to which you have ownership. For more information please contact Fr Kevin directly rather than the diocese to ensure your gift stays in your parish.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Anne Daly of Kings Road will take place on Friday 4 May 2018 at 11:00am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 12:30pm.

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Permanent Diaconate: Come and See. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two-hour meeting from 10:00am—12 noon at Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar on 12 May. No booking needed. Wives welcome. For details, contact Deacon Adrian Cullen on 07961 594 725 or Deacon Anthony Clark on 07545 373 548.

Discernment weekends for women considering a call to religious life are an opportunity to share in the sisters' life, with input about discernment and religious life, shared and personal prayer, with time for questions and discussion in the Convent of the Assumption, Central London on 12—13 May (aged 35-55) and 26—27 May (aged 18-35). For details contact Sr Clare Bernadette at vocations@assumptionreligious.org. More details available by visiting <http://assumptionreligious.org/join-us/vocation-events.html>. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The 30th annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Cardinal Nichols will be held from 21—27 July. The theme for this year is '*Do whatever He tells you.*' Direct flights from London Stansted to Lourdes or coach options are available. For details contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 020 7798 9173 or email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	Padre Pio Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour—church
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: You, Lord, are My praise in the great assembly.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in Me, as I make Mine in you. Whoever remains in Me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!