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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**JUNE—MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
17 June 2018
11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

Virgin Snow

Don't worry, this is not a sneak preview of the latest forecast from the Meteorological Office. Mind you, with the dry weather we're having and the many references to trees, plants, farming and horticulture in today's readings a bit of rain wouldn't go amiss.

Rather I refer to the excitement of trudging through snow which no-one else has walked on. Doing that brings a sense of wonder but at the same time a feeling of having destroyed something quite beautiful when you look back at your footprints. And I feel rather like that at the moment with regard to the readings last week and today.

You see there are 33 sets of readings given for the Ordinary (green vestment) Sundays of the year. But when you deduct from the 52 Sundays in the calendar year the special ones (Advent, Christmastide, Lent, and Eastertide, plus Trinity and Pentecost Sundays, *Corpus Christi* and a couple of others each year when Holydays of Obligation or really major feasts fall on a Sunday) you are left with only 30 Ordinary Sundays to celebrate. Therefore it is possible that a couple of Sundays (especially around this time) may rarely get celebrated. And that is precisely the case at the moment—in 19 years as a priest I have never preached on the readings for the 10th and 11th Sundays in Ordinary Time.

Many of you are probably saying that is because I was on holiday (again). I suppose that could be true. But the probability that I've always been away for these two weeks every three years (the readings are in a three-year cycle) six times in a row is tiny. Whatever the case, we are being presented with selections of the Word of God which, unless we are able to go to Mass during the week, we don't ever hear. And they are a unit.

Last week we probably "heard" that we are Christ's mother/sister/brother, reinforcing the infantile understanding that Baptism primarily makes us members of God's family. What He actually said was that anyone who does God's will is a member of His family. By definition, if we don't do His will (revealed through the Scriptures and the Church) then we're outside of that family. And of course we exclude ourselves because not doing that will is a sin which is contrary to the purpose of the grace we received in Baptism.

In today's Gospel, Christ speaks of the growth of the Kingdom on earth, the sower being the Father and the seed His Word, His will. Thus, if there is no growth in our lives it's because we are ignoring that seed in us. It's simple: unfulfilled? Stagnating? Going backwards? How much attention are you giving to God's Word and will in your life? Just as we can't pick and choose our own family, neither can we be selective of His commandments and remain part of His family. I bet this virgin snow isn't so pretty now. *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: Andrew Mondesir, Annetta Cole, Anne McMahon, Rose Fonteneau

Those who are sick: Valerie Crain

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Timothy & Catherine Kelleher, Etta Tireney, Owen & Ellen Murtagh, Cardinal Basil Hume

Those Baptised: Kaiden-Simba Idris Andrew Jones, Leia Al Ahmadih

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,650.67 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for May amounted to £1,539.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Cash Counters Rota is now available to collect from the rack in the sacristy.

Day for Life is celebrated today Sunday 17 June 2018, and this year will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person's life. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written a letter which provides additional information and preparations for 'Day for Life'. Please see this letter on the notice board at the back of the church. If you wish to make a donation for 'Day for Life', you can do this at www.dayforlife.org/ donate or by cheque payable to 'CATEW' and post it to Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. To make a legacy to benefit 'Day for Life' please contact the Bishops Conference on 020 7901 4838.

St Anthony's Feast will be celebrated in Konkani this Sunday 17 June at 3:00pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green.

Annual Parish Summer Concert takes place on Friday 22 June 2018 at 7:30pm. Our theme this year is 'Heart Speaks to Heart' and features young violinists from the parish, singers from the Royal College of Music and The Royal Academy, and St Mary Magdalen's school choir. It is organised by Patricia Rozario and Mark Troop. Please come and enjoy it—all are welcome.

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

Comboni Missionary Sisters will be making an appeal at all Masses next weekend to support their work. The sisters are 'Women of the Gospel', called and consecrated by God for evangelisation in the world, particularly to the people of Africa. For more information visit the website at www.comboniane.org.

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School, Linacre Road NW2, Summer Fair takes place on Friday 29 June, 5:00pm—8:00pm.

Special Needs Summer Raffle 2018. The parish Special Needs Group will be holding a summer raffle. First prize—£200 cash donated by *M.P Moran Ltd*; second prize—£100 cash; third prize—£50 cash, plus many more wonderful prizes. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a summer barbeque for local people with learning disabilities. Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses 30 June/1 July 2018. Tickets cost £1 per strip. All winners will be announced in the Annexe after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 8 July. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Confirmation 2018. Please go to the following link: <https://5661602.tifmember.com/v/photos/wg/C293143404/westminster-cath-edited> to view the Confirmation pictures. For further information please contact Simon Drake via email simondrake1967@gmail.com by visiting the website www.simondrakephotography.co.uk or Facebook or by telephone on 020 8384 0629 or mobile 07858 519 771.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Andrew Mondesir of Rosemary House will take place on Friday 22 June 2018 at 11:00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Right to Life. Shortly the abortion lobby plan to bring a very radical change to the abortion law before Parliament. They have been very clear about what they want—abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth. If their campaign succeeds, abortion will be legal right up to the day that the baby is due. Babies will be able to be aborted for any reason whatsoever. The current law, as it stands, will be completely dismantled. Help is required to defeat these proposals and MPs need to get emails from their constituents to show that there are pro-life people in their constituency who care about the way their representatives vote on these issues. Please click the link below to get on board and receive action alerts <http://eepurl.com/dvg1Lj>.

The Pursuit. What does it mean to find happiness in today's world? Is anything true, good or beautiful? A day for Year 11, 12 and 13 school leavers about life and faith and the search for more takes place on Saturday 23 June 2018 from 10:00am—9:00pm at the Centre for Youth Ministry, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, HA5 3EP. The cost is £20 with lunch and dinner included. Registration is required. Please visit the website at dowym.com/events/the-pursuit/youth@rcdow.org.uk.

Vincentian Volunteers. Are you aged between 18 and 35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you ever thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community? If the answer to these questions is yes, then become a Vincentian volunteer—living in community, serving the needy in our society and living out your faith practically. Spend a year that will change your life. If you would like to find out more please visit the website at www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: It is good to give You thanks, O Lord.
Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!