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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**JULY—MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS**
1 July 2018
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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

Everything is Gift

Every year since I started my formation to become a priest, I have made a retreat. It is usually around the same time, towards the end of the academic year around July, though the location of it does change year in and year out.

During my retreat given by a Vincentian in Barcelona warmly hosted by the Claretian Sisters, he started his first conference with the words, "Everything is gift". He gave examples of the gift of life, of the senses, of particular abilities and talents and so on and concluded that indeed everything is gift because it was given by God, who is Life itself and Who created the heavens and the earth.

This was just under four years ago though it has remained with me ever since. Our second reading today is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. In it he reminds the community of believers that Christ became poor so that we could become rich and he encouraged them to be generous in their giving, of their charity, but particularly in the work of mercy.

This coming week I will make my retreat for the year – it will be a great opportunity to relax, unwind and prayerfully reflect on the year that I have had with you. Most of my week—as some of you may know—consists of visiting the sick and housebound. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and have found it both humbling and a great privilege to bring Christ to others in Word and in the Blessed Sacrament. I will miss it but I pray that the experiences gained from these visits will go with me as I continue in my formation and please God will see me through the priesthood.

St. Mary Magdalen is fortunate to be so well organised, efficient and coordinated. I was impressed by how efficiently the parish runs—much credit to Fr. Kevin and Kathleen—but also to the many teams of volunteers who give so generously of their time and make an invaluable contribution to the upkeep of the parish which is, lest one forgets, your home.

My time here is coming to an end but I trust that those of whom I have visited over the last year will have someone come and visit them when I depart. So, dear Extraordinary Ministers, please consider offering an hour or so to visit one or more of our sick and housebound during the week so that this corporal work of mercy which as Extraordinary Ministers you are all called to, may continue into the foreseeable future and beyond.

Remember everything is gift. "Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required." – Luke 12:48.

Seminarian Tim

Those who have died recently: Sheila Fitzharris

Those who are sick: Valerie Crain, May Gallagher

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cornelius O'Neill, Samuel Shaw, Myrtle Henry

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,568.93 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for May amounted to £1,539.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

The Annual Parish Concert which took place on Friday 22 June raised a magnificent £690.81 for *Mary's Meals*, the registered charity which sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education. Thank you to all those who supported the concert and to all the talented performers and our social committee who made this such a wonderful event.

Special Needs Summer Raffle 2018. The parish Special Needs Group are 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 this weekend or please contact Kathleen on 020 8451 4677. Tickets cost £1 per strip. All winners will be announced in the Annexe or outside the church, weather permitting, after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 8 July. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

The Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School and Nursery warmly invites you to the annual Summer Fair. This year's Summer Fair will be a Garden Party theme in honour of the Head Teacher Mrs O'Higgins' retirement. It will be held on Saturday 7 July 2018 between 12 noon and 3:00pm. All are welcome to this incredible fundraising event. Please come along and ask friends and family too. The event includes: live music, face painting, seed planting craft stall, party bags stall, games, children's clothes stall, flower garland craft stall, kids' tombola, raffle, afternoon tea, Brazilian barbecue, auction, bar, jewellery stall, traditional sweets stall, cupcake decorating, selfie garden bench, bottle tombola.

Seminarian Tim. As he says in the editorial, Tim is on retreat this week as his year with us comes to an end. Next week I will write about his massive contribution to the parish and there will be a retiring collection to thank him for all his hard work. I am sure you will be generous to a poor seminarian. And if you're away you can donate via the parish office labelling your donation *PTF*.

Magdala the parish magazine will be on sale next weekend.

Ashford Place. After years of taking your non-perishable food items to Cricklewood monthly, Sean Fox is standing down from this role. We are most grateful to him for this ministry to those in need. If you would be willing to make this monthly run with a few bags of food please let Fr Kevin or the Parish Office know.

Parish Registration Forms. In line with the new data protection regulations which came into effect on 25 May 2018, revised parish registration forms are now available. Can *everyone* who has not yet done so please complete a 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.

Diocesan News

The Passage. Please support the excellent work which *The Passage* does for homeless people in central London by attending *The Passage* Annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey, on Friday 13 July 2018, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are £45 each and include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. There will be a raffle and charity auction. Tickets are available from Eventbrite passage-garden-party-2018.eventbrite.co.uk or telephone *The Passage* on 020 7592 1856. It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of *The Passage*.

Marriage and Family week at Walsingham takes place from 11—17 August and is a week of fun, friendship, prayer and renewal. For further information please visit www.walsingham.org.uk.

Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress. The National Eucharist Congress is fast approaching. You are invited to join the Church in England and Wales at Liverpool on Saturday 8 and/or Sunday, 9 September. Saturday is the highlight of the Congress. Bishop Robert Barron will address the Congress; Cardinal Nichols will give a reflection and lead us in Adoration and Benediction. (There is a fee of £40 for the Saturday to cover the costs of the Congress.) On the Sunday there are Masses in the Metropolitan Cathedral and a large outdoor Blessed Sacrament procession. Many other events and a Youth Congress will supplement the official programme. Tickets can be booked online until 31 July at <http://unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/> For information, contact adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>. The Cardinal has produced a short video to promote the Congress which can be found at <https://youtu.be/Fp7E0tjXitl>.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Tuesday	7:15pm	Special Needs Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm— 8:00pm	Holy Hour—Church
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I will praise You, Lord, You have rescued me.
 Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!