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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
JUNE—MONTH OF  
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
24 June 2018  
THE NATIVITY OF  
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

## Mass Times

Monday—Thursday:  
9:30am

Friday: 9:30am & 7:00pm

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

## Buses

Years ago you used to wait ages for a bus and then two came at once. It's a bit like that today. After weeks of me droning on we have a Comboni sister giving a missionary appeal and an unexpected pastoral letter from the Cardinal. A double whammy of relief.

Daniel Comboni was born in Italy in 1831 and knew at an early age that he would be a priest and a missionary. Thus in 1854 God called him to Africa and Daniel answered with all his heart and soul. There he not only devised a plan to bring the Good News to people who had never heard it, but also to prepare Africans to evangelise their own people. This was revolutionary at the time and his motto, *Save Africa with Africa*, captures the essence of the trust he had in the grace of God working in and through local converts.

Named the first bishop of Central Africa in 1877, Daniel continued his faithful ministry until, at the age of 50, worn out by his work and plagued by fever, he died. But not before founding the Comboni Missionary Sisters who today live out their founder's charism in 42 countries across five continents alongside his Verona Fathers.

When St Daniel Comboni was canonised in 2003 his vision became an inspiration to all those who have a heart for mission. Hence his sisters are still primarily concerned with evangelisation but also social development, healthcare, education, use of mass media, youth ministry, justice and peace, and promoting the integrity of creation.

So while we will support the Comboni Missionaries, the Cardinal's letter asks to pray for our new priests about to be ordained and all our parish priests. He states that their lives may not be "as dramatic nor full of public conflict as the life of St John Southworth," but that they do need our spiritual intercession. St John's feast is on 27 June and his body lies in our Cathedral as he kept the true faith alive in our city during the Reformation. Indeed, he was martyred for this. So too were St John Fisher (the only bishop to state that King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage was wrong) and St Thomas More (the patron saint of politicians who died "the King's good servant but God's first") and whose joint feast we celebrated on Friday. What a lot of faithful "buses" coming along at once!

Pray for the Comboni missionaries—may they be as tireless as their founder in preaching the Gospel. Pray for your priests here—like St John Southworth may they resolutely bring the Faith and the sacraments to those entrusted to their care. And pray for our Cardinal and bishops—whatever the cost, may they speak the truths of Christ's Church and avoid the charge levelled by St John Fisher at his weak brother bishops before his martyrdom—"The fort is betrayed even by those who should have defended it." *Fr Kevin*

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Patrick Miscampbell OSB, Annetta Cole

**Those who are sick:** Valerie Crain, May Gallagher, Esperanza Cano, Maria Cristancho, Grace Fincham, Colin Edwards

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Jo Regan, Jonathan Munroe

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,669.74 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for May amounted to £1,539.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Comboni Missionary Sisters** will be making an appeal at all Masses this 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](http://www.comboniane.org).

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

**Ss Peter and Paul, Holyday of Obligation, Friday 29 June 2018.** Masses will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

**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 or please contact Kathleen on 020 8451 4677. 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](mailto:simondrake1967@gmail.com) by visiting the website [www.simondrakephotography.co.uk](http://www.simondrakephotography.co.uk) or Facebook or by telephone on 020 8384 0629 or mobile 07858 519 771.

**Readers, Cleaners and Cash Counters.** Thank you for undertaking these important ministries in our parish. In line with the new data protection regulations which came into effect on 25 May 2018, please could all those serving as readers, cleaners and cash counters complete and sign the lists on the table in the sacristy. You can read our full privacy policy on [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy) or on our parish website at [rcdow.org.uk/parish/willesdengreen](http://rcdow.org.uk/parish/willesdengreen) or on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

## Funeral Notices

The Reception of the late Annetta Cole of High Road, Willesden, will take place on Thursday 28 June 2018 at 5:30pm and the Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 29 June 2018 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden Cemetery at 12 noon

May she rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Hour of Prayer for Vocations** takes place on Saturday 30 June from 4:15pm—5:15pm in the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, N16 5BL. All are welcome.

**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](http://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*.

**Resonate.** "The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives," said Pope St John Paul II. *Resonate* is the Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry's primary event for young adults. There is a shared meal, an opportunity to build community, and a chance to explore our faith. The next *Resonate* for 18—35 year olds is on Friday 29 June 2018 from 7:00pm—9:00pm at the Centre for Youth Ministry, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, HA5 3EP. This event is free.

**Garden Retreat** in the beautiful grounds of Rosary Priory and the Niland Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE, with Sr Laurentia Carroll OP and Sr Anne Walsh OP on Tuesday, 10 July from 10:00am—3:30pm. Nourish your soul and your senses. Please bring a packed lunch (tea/coffee provided) and waterproofs. Suggested donation is £14. Registrations welcome at [nilandcentre@gmail.com](mailto:nilandcentre@gmail.com) or telephone 020 8950 4000.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** The 30th annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent takes place from 21—27 July 2018. The theme for this year is 'Do whatever He tells you'. Direct flights from London Stansted to Lourdes or coach options are available. For further details please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka on 0207 798 9173 or email [lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk).

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: I thank You for the wonder of my being.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before Him. Alleluia!