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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
8 JULY 2018
14TH 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

The Boy Done Good

No, I'm not referring to Jordan Pickford or Eric Dier but Seminarian Tim. It is now 14 months since the seminary asked us to have him for his extended pastoral placement and over a year has passed since we first met to discuss what he would do. At that time Tim was coming to a parish with two priests. When he arrived, with Fr Gemunu's visa problems, Tim found himself as the only spare pair of hands. Thus, on one of his first days here, we opened the church, exposed the Blessed Sacrament, had Benediction and Mass, did 30 minute teaching sessions with three of our junior school's classes, saw a family about a funeral, convalidated a wedding—and then we had lunch. I well recall his look as he asked, "Is it always like this here?" He now knows it is and lovingly revels in it.

Hence there was no time for settling-in—his Communion round to the sick began and he has become a much-loved part of the lives of many of our housebound parishioners and the patients and staff at Willesden General Hospital. The door and phone needed to be answered without admitting that he didn't always understand the question never mind know the answer. Yet within a month he was the only "priest" here for four weeks (I had delayed my summer holidays and retreat to allow the Sri Lankan chaplain to settle in) and when I returned the few things Tim had not dealt with were those that only a priest could handle. Now he copes with anything or at least prepares the groundwork.

Tim also had to take-on and volunteered for other responsibilities—planning and running the pilgrimage to Walsingham and our *Corpus Christi* procession; writing and editing the newsletter; focussing our hearts and minds in the bidding prayers; being the sacristan; producing orders of service for major feasts; teaching the Faith to classes in our schools; improving the appearance and standards of our altar servers and developing the older ones; running Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage classes and other sessions such as input on *Adoremus*; comforting the bereaved and helping them plan a loved one's funeral as well as presiding at some services; learning new music with our choirs; preaching—the list is endless. Tim put his heart and soul into these ministries and more and you have taken him to your hearts—little wonder he has been a sponsor for both infant and adult Baptisms and teenage Confirmation: what a legacy.

In all this activity Tim has been a joyful presence whose focus is clearly, though prayer, on the Lord's will. The seminary are delighted with his dedication and formation this year—and we should be too. So be as generous today as Tim has been—you can give at any time labelling your donation *PTF*. You—and I—shall miss him very much. *Fr Kevin*

Those who have died recently: PJ Danford, Margaret Henry

Those who are sick: Valerie Crain, May Gallagher, Peter Corcoran, Elfriede Singleton, Tom Kinahan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr John Power, Peter Mangan, PJ Mulhern, Patrick & Mary Anne McGovern and deceased members of the McGovern Family, Edgardo Galicia, William Dyra, Mick O'Brien, Aleksandra & Kazimierz Markul

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,982.43 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for May amounted to £1,489.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Comboni Missionary Sisters appeal recently raised a total of £906.70. Thank you.

Magdala, the parish magazine, will be on sale this weekend.

Special Needs Summer Raffle 2018 prize draw will be take place in the Annexe or outside on the lawn (weather permitting) after 12 noon Mass today Sunday 8 July 2017. Raffle tickets will still be available to purchase up until the draw. If you have purchased raffle tickets please join us to see whether you are a lucky winner. A list of winners will be posted at the back of the church next weekend. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a summer barbeque for local people with learning disabilities.

Mass of Thanksgiving is taking place in the church for the years of service of Mrs Teresa O'Higgins (Headteacher of the Convent of Jesus and Mary RC Infant School and Nursery) and Mrs Marian Finnegan (long serving member of staff of the Convent of Jesus and Mary RC Infant School and Nursery) on Wednesday 11 July 2018 at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

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 in at the parish office or posted through the door of the presbytery.

Planned Giving Envelopes. Can all parishioners that are using envelopes please ensure they are using the ones for the current tax year 2018/2019 which are light green in colour. If you do not have these please contact Kathleen in the parish office on 020 8451 4677. Thank you.

Newsletter/Order of Mass leaflet. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Order of Mass leaflets should be returned to the racks either at the back of the church or in the side porch. Thank you.

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: Our eyes are on the Lord till He show us His mercy.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Diocesan News

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.

The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin from 21—26 August. This gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray, and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk, and visit the World Meeting of Families website www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry invite you to a seven day retreat at Mem Soares, Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal from Thursday 6 September—Wednesday 12 September 2018. The cost will be £620.00 to include the following: return scheduled flights with T.A.P. Portugal (London Heathrow—Lisbon); return coach transfers from airport to retreat house; full board (three meals a day); a one day excursion to Fatima; excursions to the historical local town of Castelo De Vide; Mass at the Cathedral of Portalegre; visit to Blessed Chapel of Our Lady of Penha, Castelo De Vide; visit to lakes situated in the National Park and on the last day a visit to Lisbon, St Anthony's birthplace and Lisbon Cathedral. Please secure your booking now to make sure you get a place. Email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com or visit the website www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com. For more information please telephone David or Eileen on 020 8542 2476 or see the poster at the back of the church.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 22 September 2018 led by Cardinal Nichols and the auxiliary bishops. The theme of the pilgrimage this year will centre on the World Meeting of Families in Dublin and the forthcoming Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. The pilgrimage also takes place close to the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham and a special blessing for families and the family home will be given in Walsingham. If you would like to attend please either email the parish office at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 8451 4677 with your name, email address and telephone number so we can get an idea of numbers before booking a coach.

Irish Chaplaincy, based in Camden, is looking for new trustees to help in its ongoing work of supporting Irish prisoners, travellers and seniors in Britain. If you are interested please contact eddie.gilmore@irishchaplaincy.org.uk.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe