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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH SEPTEMBER—MONTH OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

2 SEPTEMBER 2018

22ND 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

Monday—Friday:  
One hour before  
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am  
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday (Holy Hour):  
7:00pm—8:00pm

## Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am  
5:30pm—6:15pm

## The Lion Has Landed

If the vexillographers (!) who designed the Sri Lankan flag had used an eagle then the title would have made sense. But they used a lion. So it will have to do to welcome Fr Sudham to the parish. He's saying the 10:30am and 6:30pm Masses today but you'll all get a chance to meet him properly soon. And he's made himself right at home, having a long-overdue clear out of the Sinhalese chaplain's rooms and taking to the day-to-day running of the parish like a duck to water. We are truly blessed to have him here.

We have also had quite an influx of new practicing Catholic families and additional members of already well-known resident families from as far afield as Goa, Romania, France and Basildon. There are also new faces who have lived here for a while asking about Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion and priests' references for schools. You are all most welcome and I look forward to getting to know you better and then helping you mark great milestones in your spiritual and temporal lives in due course.

Doesn't it seem a long time since the feast of St Mary Magdalen when Bishop Sherrington celebrated a beautiful Mass and we had a marvellous party in the grounds afterwards? Thank you to all who made it such a fabulous day. But it was also tinged with sadness as we bade farewell to Seminarian Tim. Now back at the seminary in the fourth year of his studies he has graduated from philosophy to theology. And at his own request Tim is gaining pastoral experience at St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney, a wise and natural step after his great ministry to the sick and housebound of Willesden Green.

Yet while we all miss him, part of a "successful" time in a parish is legacy. Next month we will start to sing some new Mass settings which Tim has already run through with the 12:00 noon choir. And while our altar servers still have that sharpness after his superb training of them they will soon be dressed (correctly) in cassocks and cottas thanks to his negotiating a good deal and a lot of work with the tape-measure.

However, while we always need adults to help with counting and cleaning and anything they can offer, I wonder too where are our new altar servers? Yes, what you "do" in the parish doesn't help you or your child get a place in a Catholic school anymore, but surely that's no reason not to volunteer? And altar serving is not only helping the priest but a great privilege: indeed, it was once described as being "Christ's page at the altar".

How could you not take advantage of this honour of being so close to the Lord?

So welcome [back] and God bless you one and all: may each of us respond to Pope Francis' call to spread the "joy of the Gospel" in any and every way we can. *Fr Kevin*

**Those who are sick:** Pat Joe Daly, Joseph Nwog, Pierre Timon, Lorenzo Aureli

**Those who have died recently:** Justin Joseph, Betty Mulhearn, Robert Quinn, Bartholomew McGee

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kitty and Andy Costello, John Guckian, Maria Margarida Lopes, Jeremiah Quinlan, Jeremiah John Scanlon

**Those Baptised:** Elizah' Lee Jane Reid-Casimir, Kaliyah Tearisa Rose Reid-Casimir

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,760.86 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for July amounted to £1,670.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**New Rotas.** Readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, church cleaners, welcomers and altar linen rotas are available to collect today from the rack in the Sacristy.

**Padre Pio Group** Mass and rosary takes place at St Mary Magdalen's church, Willesden Green, on Thursday 6 September 2018 at 8:00pm. All are welcome.

**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 focus 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. We have booked a coach jointly with Willesden Parish which will leave the church at 7:00am, pick up at Willesden parish at 7:30am, and arrive back at approximately 8:00pm. The cost is £25 per person which includes a £5 Diocesan pilgrim levy. If you would like to go, please hand in at the parish office for *each* pilgrim 1.) their name, 2.) their contact details, 3.) the contact details for a next-of-kin, and 4.) the full fare. Seats will be allocated as applications and monies come and your seat will only be confirmed once payment has been received. Please talk to Fr Kevin if you would like some help with the cost.

**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 which can be found in the racks in 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 presbytery door.

**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.

## Parish Diary

Sunday	1:15pm— 2:15pm	<i>Oremus</i> —Annexe
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	Padre Pio Group—Church
Friday	7:00pm	Hoy Hour—Church
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Justin Joseph of Chandos Road will take place on Friday 7 September 2018 at 11:00am followed by cremation at West London crematorium at 12:45pm

May he rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Kerala Floods: an SVP Appeal.** As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. The *St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)*, are doing great work helping the victims of the flood. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030, or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala Appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

**Mary's Meals Day** takes place on Sunday 16 September 2018, 2:00pm—4:45pm at the Irish Cultural Centre, 5 Blacks Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9DT. Come along to celebrate the work of *Mary's Meals* as they bring together those who share their vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. You'll hear from the founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow as well as speakers from the countries where they work. To book your free place please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk/marysmealsday](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/marysmealsday) or telephone 020 7221 5745.

**The History of the Poppy.** A talk from the Royal British Legion takes place at the Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise, London NW10 3HT on Tuesday 2 October at 10:30am. All are welcome so please do come along and join in for a fantastic talk, tea, coffee and biscuits. No booking needed.

**The Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College (CJM)** are welcoming Year 5 and 6 students and their parents to an Open Evening on Thursday 11 October, 3:30pm—6:30pm and our Open Mornings (by appointment) on 12,16,17 and 18 October (9:30am and 11:00am). The Convent is a happy, thriving and successful school, rooted in the gospel values within a warm, supportive and nurturing community. It is now the only all-girls' school in Brent. Working in partnership with St Mary's University as the first and only Catholic Research School and with Steinway Pianos as the first state funded Steinway School, the girls' academic and creative education is supported and developed to a high level. Parents and girls currently in year 5 and 6 are strongly urged to visit.

## Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!