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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY

7 OCTOBER 2018

27TH 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

Ad limina

The *ad limina Apostolorum* (“to the threshold of the Apostles”) is the obligation on all bishops to visit Rome, pray at the tombs of Sts Peter and Paul, and give an account of the state of their diocese to the pope every five years. The visit is not merely a pilgrimage but also to show the proper reverence for the Successor of St. Peter, to acknowledge his universal jurisdiction by giving an account of the condition of particular churches, to receive his admonitions and counsels, and thus bind more closely the members of the Church to its Divinely appointed head. (This explanation is paraphrased from *The Catholic Encyclopaedia*, an excellent online source of information.)

So this week and next we publish the statement from the Bishops of England and Wales on their recent *ad limina*. But if you can't wait, full copies are at the back of the church.

“As we end our visit, *ad limina Apostolorum*, we offer these reflections:

On Friday 28 September, we were immensely privileged to share conversation with Pope Francis for over two hours. It was a most remarkable and intimate experience.

We asked the Holy Father for a message which we could bring back to our dioceses, to our priests and people. His message was simple: we are to live the gift of our faith with joy. Joy was his great emphasis. He explained that this joy is rooted firmly in our relationship with Jesus. It is a joy of knowing that He is with us; of knowing the presence of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives, drawing and guiding us towards the will of God; a joy of knowing our Heavenly Father is waiting for us, longing to hold us in His embrace of loving mercy. This is the joy of the faith by which we are to live. He added that this joy is the source of lasting peace in our hearts and lives, no matter our circumstances.

As we spoke with Pope Francis we realised, more and more, that he simply radiates this joy and peace. He is indeed gifted with a unique grace of the Holy Spirit of God.

Even in this time of turmoil, the Holy Father is so clearly rooted in God and blessed by God. His peace is secure. His life is serene. We know, because he showed us his heart. It is the heart of a loving father.

In our turn, we affirmed our deep communion with him and promised him our love, support and prayers. We expressed confidently these sentiments on behalf of all the faithful Catholics of England and Wales.”

to be continued...

Those who are sick: Pat Joe Daly, Pierre Timon, Lorenzo Aureli, Mossie Joy, Julia Egan, Kelly Rice, Margaret Ginty, Darren Dowdie, Henrique Dourado, Lisa Cronin, Peter Corcoran, Elfriede Singleton, Pat Hennessey, Peter Flanagan, Monica Day

Those who have died recently: Glida Pompa, Julienne Bruno, Coral Gouveia

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Whelton, Rose Guarnieri, Rosemari Fagundes, Steve Allan, Alberto Chiappetta, Gilda Falcone

Those Baptised: Klara Sofia Guerrero-Sosinska

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,183.00 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £1,464.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Good Shepherd Company who visited our parish last weekend raised £800 and would like to thank you for your generous support. These monies will help Christian families in the Holy Land to stay there and work there as olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them and 90% of the Christians rely on their sale. Your support will help prevent Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities overseas

Roman Catholic Secondary School, Sixth Form, Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. On 8 October 2018 (for secondary school and sixth form) and on 30 November, 6, 7, 10, 13 & 14 December 2018 (for nursery, infant and primary), Fr Kevin will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice. The bishops of England and Wales have decreed that he can only sign this for those who attend Mass here *every* week and have done so for at least *five* years. Newer/irregular parishioners should bring a letter from their previous/alternative parish. Please telephone the parish office between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, to make an appointment.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has produced postcards so that you can send a message to your MP urging him/her to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23 October 2018. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards are available on the table at the back of the church.

Parish Diary

Sunday	1:15pm— 2:15pm	<i>Oremus</i> —Annexe
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>SVP</i> —Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of St Columba—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

Readings at Mass

First Reading:	Genesis 2:18—24
Psalm Response:	May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.
Second Reading:	Hebrews 2:9—11
Alleluia Verse:	Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
Gospel:	Mark 10:2—16

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Julienne Bruno of Victor Road will take place on Friday 12 October 2018 at 11:30am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm
May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Ministers of the Word. Ongoing formation is essential to the continued exercise of every lay ministry. Ministers already commissioned or appointed in their parishes are invited to take part in two days' training and a day of prayer and reflection. Speakers will be Sister Anne Walsh OP and Sister Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP from the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena of Newcastle, Natal based at Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire. Training starts in October. This programme will be run in two central locations. For full information on dates, times and locations, please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/liturgicalministries/> or email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7931 6078. Registration is required.

Refugees: Where to Start? A Parish Response. Join us for an evening of practical advice on understanding the nature and challenges of the refugee crisis and how parishes, groups and individuals can play their part in alleviating 'the wounds of refugees' as Pope Francis puts it. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be leading the event and will be joined by other organisations including the Jesuit Refugee Service, Enfield Welcome Group, Notre Dame Refugee Service and the Haringey Migrant Support Centre, as well as many others. The event will be held on Thursday 11 October, 7:00pm—9:00pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Tea and coffee will be available from 6:30pm. Please RSVP to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or telephone 020 7798 9030. Alternatively, you can register your attendance on Eventbrite, by searching for 'A Parish Response to Refugees: Where to Start?'

Evening Mass and Service of Healing at Saints Sebastian & Pancras Church, Hay Lane, Kingsbury on Thursday 11 October at 7:30pm. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration and a Healing Service. The celebrant will be Father Claudio Barbut, a priest of the Diocese of Bucharest who is known for his special gift of healing. Father Claudio worked for nine years in the Vatican's *Council for the Family* with Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. He now travels the world giving talks and leading healing services. All are welcome.

Calling all young people 18-30 years old for an evening of prayer and reflection with Cardinal Vincent on Tuesday 30 October 2018 from 7:00pm at Archbishop's House. The Cardinal will share his reflections from the Synod on Youth and there will be an opportunity for further dialogue. The event is free to attend but registration is required by email to youth@rcdow.org.uk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.