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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY

14 OCTOBER 2018

28TH 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 (continued)

“We spoke with the Holy Father about the difficulties of fulfilling our role as bishops. In turn he reflected on the importance of prayer and preaching in our lives, and of paternal closeness to our priests and people, with care and with firm justice. He spoke of the encouragement he wishes to give to priests today, who can sometimes feel vulnerable in the face of difficult circumstances, in a critical environment. He spoke, movingly, of the wounds inflicted by abuse and neglect, wounds that wreak such harm in the lives of its victims and in the life of the Church. Wherever they are found, these are wounds in the Body of Christ and are painful to touch. He encouraged us, in our pastoral work, never to neglect even the tiny flames of faith that exist in so many people.

We have been given a warm welcome in our visits to all the departments of the Roman Curia. We were asked to speak freely about our endeavours and problems. In the officials of the Holy See we have found a spirit of true cooperation. Everywhere we have been encouraged and given helpful advice. We have seen clear evidence that the life of the Catholic communities of England and Wales is generally well respected and even admired here in Rome. Our reports of the Eucharistic Congress *Adoremus* have been well received, as has the strength of our compassionate outreach to those in need. Indeed, the leaders of our Diocesan charitable works were present in Rome at this same time, at the instigation of the Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN), and we were able to spend time and pray together. In encouraging this work of outreach, Pope Francis urged us always to walk with those engaged in its projects so as to draw them nearer to the Lord who is the source of compassion and mercy. We know so well that it is from our prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, that the mission of each of the baptised truly springs.

Our visit completed, we have celebrated Mass together in the four great Roman basilicas, at the tomb of St Peter and the tomb of St Paul. We have been embraced by the Successor of Peter, Pope Francis. Our pilgrimage has been richly blessed and we are glad to share the deep encouragement and powerful grace we have received.

Pope Francis commended us to our Blessed Lady, Mary our Mother, reflecting beautifully on her role as the 'untier of knots', a deep devotion in his own life. May she always be at our side. We pray that God bless and strengthen our Pope Francis. May God guide us in all our ways that we may share the joy of our faith and the ways of peace.”

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Those who are sick: Pierre Timon, Lorenzo Aureli, Julia Egan

Those who have died recently: Fr George Dangerfield, Margaret Ginty, Mary Lydon, Jane Naughton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Mulhern, Margaret Lehane, Peggy & Brendan Sheridan, Catherine & William Fitzgerald

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,141.04 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for August amounted to £1,564.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for *Missio*, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by *Missio* which will be available at the back of the church.

Magdala magazine will be on sale next weekend 20/21 October.

St Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group will be holding a fundraising 'Race Night' on Saturday 3 November 2018 at the Willesden Working Men's Club, Villiers Road NW2 5PU, commencing at 8:00pm. The club will be having a fireworks display at 7:30pm and all are welcome to this event as well. All monies raised from the evening will be used to pay for a Christmas lunch and gifts for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. We hope to see you all there. Children are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Brent Irish Advisory Service (B.I.A.S). One of our parishioners, Peter McNamara is hosting a Quiz in *Barretts Freehouse* Cricklewood Broadway, on Saturday 3 November 2018 at 8:00pm for B.I.A.S. The B.I.A.S. service helps to get older Irish people benefits or other services that they would not be able to achieve on their own. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School and Nursery open days will be held on Tuesday 6 November 2018 at 9:15am and 1:45pm for Reception and Thursday 8 November 2018 at 9:15am for Nursery. For more information please visit the website at admin@conventinf.brent.sch.uk or telephone the school on 020 8459 5890.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. On 30 November, 6, 7, 10, 13 & 14 December 2018, 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.

Parish Diary

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

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Margaret Anne Ginty of Heathfield Park
will take place on Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 7:00pm
followed by repatriation to Ireland

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Torchlit Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Willesden will take place on Sunday 14 October 2018 at 7:00pm from the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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.

'What is the point of praying?' A series of evenings on the healing power of prayer with Fr Keith Barltrop on Monday 29 October and Thursday 8 November 2018 from 7:00pm—8:00pm Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. "*Your life is not about you.*" How can prayer and meditation help us live those challenging words of Bishop Robert Barron at the recent National Eucharistic Congress? Today many people seek to escape the prison of the ego by recourse to Eastern methods of meditation or New Age techniques, but what does our own Christian tradition of prayer have to offer us? These two sessions will include times of prayer led by the speaker. Suggested donation is £5. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

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.

Readings at Mass

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7—11

Psalms Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12—13

Alleluia Verse: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel: Mark 10:17—20