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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
28 OCTOBER 2018

30TH 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

BOGOF—Buy One, Get One Free?

This weekend's title is not strictly accurate given that you don't pay for the newsletter—perish the thought. Rather it refers to the fact that there is an additional letter from Seminarian Robert which some of you might like to take home today.

When Deacon Michael left us just over two years ago to become Father Michael (*no, I can't get used to that either*) and a number of our catechists moved on around the same time, it became impossible to run the children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 Mass on a Sunday. After a couple of failed attempts to recruit new people to pass on the faith in this way I had an idea when Seminarian Robert arrived in September to be with us on Sunday mornings: rather than have him just be around—as vital a part of priestly ministry as this might be—he could help relaunch this. Hence the extra letter any interested parties might like to read and, please God, respond to in a positive way.

In his introduction, Seminarian Robert beautifully points out how each of us participates in every Mass we attend even if, whatever our age, we're not entirely sure what's going on. Or, more likely, what's being said by the parish priest in his homily... Quite rightly he notes that we can't explain every word and every action to every age group present. Therefore, given that we also have a restriction on space because the Annexe is so small, we thought carefully about the age group at which to pitch this.

Children in Key Stage 2 will soon be embarking on their First Communion programme or will have recently completed it. Those in Key Stage 3 are in the same situation with regard to Confirmation. Beyond that level, young people should be well able to understand an adult homily given the adult material to which they are exposed in their daily lives. Hence we're offering this to children in Key Stage 1 only so that they are not left out of the catechetical loop. But this will only work if adults and young people are willing to use simple lesson plans to pass on the great truths of our faith to the next generation. If that could be you, please come and talk to us after Mass or during the week.

On the subject of explaining things better, a kind parishioner pointed out that my suggestion to extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion last week was ambiguous. I apologise for that. So to put it another way, ministers can remain in their benches until the priest has drunk from the chalice. This will allow the congregation an uninterrupted view of the Lord at "Behold the Lamb of God", and will allow you to reflectively participate in this great prayer in stillness before exercising your important ministry. *Fr Kevin*

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

Those who have died recently: Monica Lewis, Anna Hoke, Mary Ivy Emma Catherine

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Enright, Eric, Ann & Stanley Lindford, Kossiwa Tete, Mary-Ann Shea, Kevin Hennessey

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2036.95 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £1,564.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Post Synod Events. Following on from the successful series of events in the lead-up to the Synod on Youth in October, Cardinal Vincent will reflect on events in Rome in Archbishop's House on Tuesday 30th October from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Young adults aged 18-35 are free to attend but must book in advance via email to youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit dowym.com.

Poppies are now on sale in the Repository: wear yours with pride.

Solemnity of All Saints is on Thursday 1 November 2018. This is a Holiday of Obligation when we must attend Mass—not to do so is the same as missing Mass on a Sunday, a mortal sin. There will be Mass at 9:30am as usual and also at 7:00pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Friday 2 November 2018 with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

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 Barrett's Freehouse, Cricklewood Broadway, on Saturday 3 November 2018 at 8:00pm for B.I.A.S. This service helps to get older Irish people benefits or other services that they would not be able to access 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 the nursery. For more information please visit the website at admin@conventinf.brent.sch.uk or telephone the school on 020 8459 5890.

Bethany Bereavement Group Mass, for all those whose funerals have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday 9 November 2018. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

Requiem Mass for all your loved ones buried in St Mary's and Kensal Rise Cemeteries will take place in St Mary's Cemetery Chapel at 11:30am on Saturday 10 November.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. On 30 November, and 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.

APF Mill Hill—Local Secretary, "The Red Box Needs You." Would you like to help the missions by becoming your parish APF-Mill Hill local secretary? The role is on a voluntary basis, with help from other volunteers called promoters. Together you would count monies collected by parishioners in their red boxes, bank it, and ensure members receive their copy of the quarterly *Mission Today* magazine. It really should not entail more than a few hours of volunteering a month. Do not worry—you will not be left on your own as there is an induction pack and plenty of support available from staff working at offices in Liverpool, London and Maidenhead. You would be joining a dedicated team of volunteers and staff throughout England and Wales. In turn you would be fulfilling your own call to mission and have the opportunity to meet many interesting people along the way. If you are interested please let Father Kevin know or contact the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Monica Julie Lewis of Braemar Avenue will take place on
Friday 2 November 2018 at 11:00am followed by burial at
Alperton Cemetery at 1:00pm

May she rest in peace

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour—Church
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

Readings at Mass

First Reading:	Jeremiah 31: 7—9
Psalm Response:	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
Second Reading:	Hebrews 5: 1—6
Alleluia Verse:	I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows Me will have the light of life.
Gospel:	Mark 10: 46—52