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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY SOULS

4 November 2018

31ST 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

Don't Tell Your Mother...

When I think back to past Christmas Days and the opening of presents, mum would often end up surrounded by several gift boxes of *Boots* “natural” soaps and perfumes. We didn't have much imagination, but at least we all bought different flavours.

I'm sure all you readers are much more thoughtful than us, but as there are only 51 days to Christmas here is a suggestion. *Catholic Mothers* have produced a beautiful diary for 2019. Slightly large than A5 in size there is a planner for each month with an inspirational quote from a female saint. Then it has a week to a page with each day divided into morning, afternoon and evening sections. Each page has a quote from Pope Francis or a saint across the top and a prayer down the side. The readings for the Sunday Mass are also given to help you share them with your family at home.

But that's not all—at the back there is a section with prayers for various occasions and also many traditional prayers which will bring back a few memories. Then there are some wonderful activities you can do with your children or grandchildren on various days like chalking your doors on the Epiphany or making grandparent fridge magnets on the feast of Our Lady's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. And finally there are some lovely seasonal recipes for the whole family to use at different times of the year.

Catholic Mothers are kindly reserving 24 diaries for us until 1 December at £16 each (which includes a 20% discount). A sample copy is available for you to see in the repository and if you'd like one for your mum or your nan just sign up on the list and pay then or drop your money into the presbytery during the week. I'm sure they'll love it.

...But Do Tell Your Mother...

Catholic Mothers is a Facebook group or can be found at its website <http://catholicmothersuk.wixsite.com/home>. It aims to help all Catholics have the same loving nature as Our Lady and so to follow her Son and His Church's teachings more faithfully. I do encourage you to look at it and follow them as well as our parish page.

And by the way, mums, dads, older brothers and sisters, grandparents, *et al*, don't forget Seminararian Robert's' letter last week about restarting the children's Liturgy of the Word. Lots of people were delighted that we plan to get it going again. But we only had one new volunteer catechist we need at least four. So—it's over to you now. *Fr Kevin*

Those who are sick: Pierre Timon, Lorenzo Aureli, Julia Egan, Teresa Mahon, Nancy Dollery, Kathleen Forde, Tanya Silva

Those who have died recently: Anna Hoke, Anunsiacion Valenzuela, Jamie Valenzuela, Crisanto Ogatis, Marie Ivy Emma Catherine

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Anthony Slack, Edward & Ann Ryan, Theresa McGovern, Ann Hewitt, Joe Kevane

Those Baptised: Onila BK Rodrigo, Tanisha Rodrigo, Rayon BK Rodrigo

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,169.10 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £1,564.00. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Sick and Retired Priests' collection. Next week our parish will take up a second collection to support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donations help ensure that these priests, having followed their vocation and given their lives to the Church, are cared for and supported when they are sick and when they retire. The Sick and Retired Priests' Fund helps cover the medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests, as well as helping them in an emergency. They have been here for us; let us be there for them. Donation leaflets are available in your bench today. Please take one home, read about this important work, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

St Mary Magdalen Parish Prayer Group has raised £425.00 and sent the money to the Sisters of Charity of St Vincent De Paul, Mill Hill. The money will be used by the sisters to help support their missionary work in Ethiopia. To all our members and supporters—thank you for your very generous support.

Requiem Masses at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. The Bi-Annual Concelebrated will be on Monday 5 November 2018 at 11:30am. Father Kevin will also be celebrating a Requiem Mass on Saturday 10 November 2018 at 11:30am at St Mary's Chapel, Kensal Green for all the loved ones of parishioners who are buried there, in Kensal Rise Cemetery and in the West London Crematorium Gardens.

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 email via 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.

Remembrance Sunday, 11 November 2018. The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

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.

Diocesan News

What is the Point of Praying? A series on the healing power of prayer with Fr Keith Barltrop begins on Thursday 8 November, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7931 6078.

Formation for Parish Ministry for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word. The *Wonder of the Eucharist*: Saturday 10 November 2018, 10:00am—3:00pm and *Understanding the Word we proclaim*: Saturday 24 November 2018, 10:00am—3:00pm. Both sessions will take place at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. For bookings telephone Agency for Evangelisation on 020 7931 6078 or email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk.

'Slaves in our City.' Caritas Westminster is hosting an evening raising awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery in our communities. Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be joining us to introduce the evening which will focus on the issue of human trafficking and modern slavery, the response of the Church, and practical actions you can take as a parish community. Speakers include the Metropolitan Police, the Santa Marta Group, the Medaille Trust, and Caritas Bakhita House. The event will take place on Thursday 22 November 2018, from 6:30pm—8:30pm, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street), London, W1K 3AH. Refreshments will be available from 6:00pm. Please reply to caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call on 020 7798 9030 for your free ticket. Alternatively, you can register your attendance on Eventbrite, by searching for 'Slaves in our City.'

World Youth Day 2019: Bursary Available. The next World Youth Day takes place in Panama in January 2019. The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults from ages 18-35. If any young people in the parish are interested in joining the pilgrimage, they are invited to contact youth@rcdow.org.uk. Bursaries of up to 50% of the cost are available. Spaces are limited.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	<i>Knights of St Columba</i> —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:	Deuteronomy 6: 2—6
Psalms Response:	I love You, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading:	Hebrews 7: 23—28
Alleluia Verse:	Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life.
Gospel:	Mark 12: 28—34