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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY —MONTH OF  
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
27 JANUARY 2019

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C

## 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 Apples that Changed the World

**The first fall.** Biblical Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and committed the original sin. They fell from the grace of God and all the sufferings started from that day onwards. Not only Christians but also Jews and Muslims believe in the story. The Bible says that Eve ate the apple in the Garden of Eden and this was the cause for the fall of humanity. Another interesting fact is that the Bible never mentioned the word apple. The book of Genesis in the Bible says that Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The word for evil in Latin is 'malum'. The same word is used for apple in Latin. Hence apple in Latin is evil.

**Slavery entered.** Slavery changed its forms and continues to harm people in every country in the world. Whether they are women forced into prostitution, men forced to work in agriculture or construction, children in sweatshops or girls forced to marry older men, their lives are controlled by their exploiters, they no longer have a free choice and they have to do as they are told. They are in slavery.

**The Second fall.** Steve Jobs was the co-founder, the chairman and the chief of Apple until his death. Apple's iPod, iTunes, iPhone and iPad changed the entire world. Now no one can think of a world without these gadgets. We will feel handicapped without this equipment. Steve was the force behind these technological innovations. The recent explosion of iPhones, Androids and other smart-phones has provided people with the ability to access the entirety of the internet on the go and at any given moment. Cell phones are constantly being improved by expanding upon their functionalities, which in turn increases the likelihood of overuse and addiction.

**Slavery entered.** Cell phone addiction has been linked to an increase in sleep disorders and fatigue in users. Using your cell phone before bed increases the likelihood of insomnia. Bright light may decrease sleep quality. Smartphone use could increase the amount of time it takes to fall asleep. Light emitted from the cell phone may activate the brain. Depression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder are other psychological effects. Offline relationships may suffer as a result of neglect in favor of excessive cell phone and social media use. Research has found that college students who use their cell phones the most are more likely to feel anxious during downtime. The iPhone XI is coming out soon. You do not really need one, but we are lining up to buy Apple's latest product. Of course, Apple is not the only one guilty of this. The HP laptop I am using to write this article was made in the same way. As is the Samsung smartphone I used to tweet this article after it was published. But Apple is the most glaring example that our need for shiny new gadgets perpetuates atrocities.

**The year of the Lord's favour.** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour (Luke 4:18-19) Father Sudham

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Adrian Walker, Patrick Normoyle

**Those who are sick:** Teresa Murphy

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** David English, Francis Benoit, Paul Carr

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,727.89 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for December amounted to £1,604.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Ashford Place.** The monthly collection of non perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place this weekend.

**St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School Linacre Road NW2** currently has spaces in Year 4 and Year 5. Please contact the school office on 020 8459 3159 if you are interested in a place.

**Funeral of the late Josephine Kenny formerly of Doyle Gardens** is to take place at the Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip. Reception is on Monday 28 January 2019 at 8:00pm and the Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

**Crib Offering 2018.** This Christmas our crib offering will be donated to the *Catholic Children's Society* to provide family support, emergency grants and mental health services for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

**What happens if you go into hospital?** In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that on entering hospital you indicate that your details or those of your relative are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you or your relative would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

**Parish Newsletter.** Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Wednesday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm— 8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

## Readings at Mass

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2—6. 8—10

**Psalm Response:** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Corinthians 12:12—30

**Alleluia Verse:** The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1—4, 4:14—21

## Diocesan News

**Concert in Aid of SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless.** Alexander Armstrong will be performing at a fundraising concert in aid of SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless alongside renowned soprano, Miranda Heldt, actor Alex Macqueen and the 'Choir With No Name' on Monday 4 February at 7:00pm at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets cost £30 and are available by typing 'Vinnie Packs' in the "Looking for" section on the Eventbrite website [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk). Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**'The struggle for social and environmental justice in the Brazilian Amazon'** talk takes place on Wednesday 6 February at 2:30pm at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre at the Catholic Church of Christ the King, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE. The Amazon rainforest produces one third of all rainfall on our planet and a fifth of our oxygen. Indigenous communities are at the heart of the struggle to protect this precious resource for us all, but they are facing unprecedented threats to their lives, homes and livelihoods. This volunteer meeting from 2:30pm—4:00pm will include an opportunity to hear a first-hand account of our work to defend indigenous rights and the Amazon in Brazil. Please email contact Tony Sheen at [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) for further details or to book a place.

**Faith Matters Question Time.** The next FMQT takes place at Farm Street on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 6:45pm on the topic of 'Violent Crime in London: What Can Be Done?' The main presentation will be given by Barry and Margaret Mizen of the 'For Jimmy Foundation', with responses by Fr Michael Holman SJ and a representative of the Legatum Institute. Suggested donation of £10 on the door. To book and for more information please email [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7529 4829. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 8 June 2019 at 3:00pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details to the parish office: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) no later than Friday 31 May 2019.

**The Catholic charity FACE** is currently recruiting a Chief Executive Officer to oversee and lead its development in the UK. It presents a unique opportunity for an experienced charity executive who has broad experience in middle/senior management in the charity or public sector, and who has already headed up a major donor-trust-foundation function within a national charity, to rise to a leadership role of a national branch of a major international faith-based charity. The recruitment pack, as well as links to the recruitment process, may be accessed via: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/fellowship-and-aid-to-the-christians-of-the-east-face-/chief-executive-officer/614064?tsId=6>