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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY

3 FEBRUARY 2019

4TH 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

Do You Know What a *SEID* is?

Last Tuesday I braved the horrible weather of driving rain mixed with sleet to go to Wembley. This was nothing to do with football (not my strong point) but to be present at the opening of a *SEID*. No, I hadn't heard of one of these either until a few weeks ago, but I think it is something which is incredibly important and also something of which the Catholic Church in our diocese of Westminster can be proud.

The *SEID* is Social Enterprise Ideas Development, and is part of the social innovation and enterprise strategy of *Caritas Westminster*. The Social Club next to St Joseph's Church in the centre of Wembley has been transformed into a hub, a suite of offices, meeting rooms and social space for people to come together who want to move away from unemployment to starting their own business projects. It is a space where people can access such necessities as desks, bespoke business support, high speed Wi-Fi and computers and printers. There are many people with the talent for setting up a new project but who lack confidence in things like business planning, accounting and marketing. The *SEID* will provide them with practical support and mentors to help them along the way. This project is inspired by the teaching of the Church about the dignity of human work, and that this is a key part of our service to the community around us. I was very pleased that the leader of Brent council, Mr Muhammed Butt, was present at the opening, alongside Cardinal Nichols – a visible sign of church and community working together.

Today we have heard the beautiful hymn to love in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Love indeed lies at the heart of our faith, and it can take many forms. I am sure that what *Caritas Westminster* has undertaken in Wembley is a sign of the practical love which must inform all that we do in the name of Jesus Christ.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Teresa Murphy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget McNulty,
Maureen Jarmulowicz, John Boland, John O'Donoghue, Lucita Benoit

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,811.93 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for December amounted to £1,604.00. Thank you for your generosity.

White Flower Appeal for *The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)* raised £176.20. Thank you.

From Father Kevin. "Thank you to everyone who contributed to the celebrations in thanksgiving to God for seven wonderful years with you in Willesden Green - those who made the church look so beautiful, those who made the liturgy so prayerful, those who made the party afterwards such a joyful feast, and all of you for your generous gifts and kind messages of thanks for my ministry among you. May God bless you and your loved ones. Please pray for me as I shall pray for you. Fr Kevin."

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists' (Teachers') Worksheets for the remaining sessions have been emailed to you. Paper copies are available to collect today from the rack in the sacristy.

The Blessing of St Blaise on throats will take place at the 9:30am Mass on Monday 4 February 2019.

Parish Registration Forms. In line with the new data protection regulations which came into effect on 25 May 2018, revised parish registration forms are now available. Can *everyone* who has not yet done so please complete a registration form. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter the side porch and on each pillar at the back of the church. Completed forms should be handed in at the parish office or posted through the door of the presbytery.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	5:30pm- 6:30pm	First Holy Communion parents meeting at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	8:30pm— 9:30pm	First Holy Communion parents meeting at St Mary Magdalen's church (for those unable to make earlier meeting at school)
Monday	7:00pm— 8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

Diocesan News

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour with Jesus to mark St Valentines Day takes place on Friday 15 February 2019 at 7:00pm at the Roman Catholic church of St Joseph's 339 High Road, Wembley HA9 6AG. '*Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love*' Pope John Paul II. For further details please see the poster at the back of the church.

St Scholastica's Retreat Open Day takes place on Saturday 16 February 2019. The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm. For more information please see the poster at the back of the church or telephone the warden, Deacon Seán Duffy on 01844 344 437 or email info@stscholasticas.co.uk.

Permanent Diaconate Come and See. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting from 10:00am to 12 noon at Vaughan House, Victoria on Saturday 2 March 2019, St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green on 6 April 2019, or Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar on 11 May 2019. No booking needed. Wives welcome. For details please telephone Deacon Adrian Cullen on 07961 594 725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373 548.

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place from Saturday 20 July until Friday 26 July 2019. The Lourdes theme for 2019 is "*Blessed are the poor*". Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years old) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or telephone 0161 941 3498.

Readings at Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4—5. 17—19

Psalm Response: My lips will tell of your help.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Alleluia Verse: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Gospel: Luke 4:21—30