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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
10 FEBRUARY 2019

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

‘Here I am, send me.’

I am very much enjoying my visits to both the First Holy Communion preparation classes and to the Confirmation group. It does the heart good to see the children so keen to learn, and also to see the commitment of the catechists who are teaching them. Last Monday I asked the young people who are making their confirmation this year to listen particularly closely to the first reading at Mass this weekend. It is a most dramatic one, coming from the sixth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah. From a young age, it caught my attention, with its vivid description of the vision of the prophet which he witnessed in the Temple in Jerusalem. The seraphs, the smoke, the chorus of Holy, Holy, Holy fired my imagination.

At the heart of the vision is the call of Isaiah. He knows that the Lord is calling him to proclaim the truth of the Lord to the people of Israel, whether or not they wanted to hear it. Not surprisingly, Isaiah felt unworthy and unable to do this. ‘I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips’ he protests when the Lord calls him.

His is purified by the seraph and then hears the Lord say ‘Whom shall I send?’ – and Isaiah says simple yet profound words ‘Here I am, send me’

I reminded the young people preparing for confirmation that they will be called on to echo the words of Isaiah as each one boldly says ‘I am here’ at the beginning of the confirmation Mass. The young people have a vocation to serve the Lord as they affirm their faith in confirmation. We all have a vocation to serve the Lord as we live out the promise we made at confirmation. Let each one of us say boldly in answer to the Lord’s call ‘Here I am, send me.’

Monsignor Roger

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

Those who have died recently: James Mahony, Ann Hutchinson

Those who are sick: Teresa Murphy, Ann Greenan, Robin Tobin

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: McGerty Family,
Dolores Kane, Patrick Brendan Coogan, Neville Bryan, Robert Kennedy

Those Baptised: Marissa Fernandes, Valfilo Savio Martins

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,791.69 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for January amounted to £1,629.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Remember your parish with a legacy gift. Please consider making a legacy gift to St Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic Church from your assets after you will no longer need them, no matter how large or small. Many Catholics find this a fulfilling way to pass on their love for the Church, in gratitude to God for blessings received over a lifetime. And whatever we buy with what the donor leaves means that this individual gets a perpetual remembrance at every liturgies at which those items are used. It is a wonderful way to ensure the prayers we all need are said when we stand at the throne of god on Judgment Day.

There are several ways in which you can make a legacy gift: a bequest in your will of a specific amount; a bequest to leave a percentage of your residual estate; designating the Church to receive the remainder of your estate; a gift in your will of a specific item of property to which you have title; a gift of appreciated shares or funds/accounts to which you have ownership. For more information please contact Monsignor Roger directly rather than the diocese to ensure your gift stays in your parish.

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
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1—8

Psalm Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading: St Paul 15:1—11

Alleluia Verse: I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Gospel: Luke 5:1—11

Diocesan News

Mary's Meals 'Double the Love' Campaign. From now until 1 March 2019 the UK government will match donations up to £2 million. It is an amazingly simple opportunity to change the lives of chronically hungry children in Zambia with a daily meal in school. So, any funds raised between now and 1 March will be doubled. For more information or to donate online please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk.

St. Rose's Chapel and Prayer Garden 160 Anson Road NW2 6BH, On Monday 11 February 2019 on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary at the beginning of every hour starting at 1:00pm and ending at 4:30pm. Please come at any time and pray for our families and all the sick.

Scripture from Scratch - A Journey Through Lent with the Gospel of Luke with Sr Anne Walsh OP. These five sessions explore the Sunday Readings of Lent, inviting us to open our hearts to God's Word in preparation for Easter. Sessions are on Thursdays 14 and 28 February, the 14 and 28 March, and 11 April 2019 from 7.30pm—9:30pm. Refreshments from 7:00pm. Suggested donation is £5 per session. Sessions takes place at the Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. For further information please visit the website at www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programme-of-events or email nilandcentre@gmail.com.

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. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 16 February from 11:00am—4:00pm at St Francis de Sales Church, 729 High Road, Tottenham London N17 8AG. For more information please contact the Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers at 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY. Telephone 020 8998 0925, or email at info@divinemercury.org.uk or visit the website at www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

'Embraced'. Caritas Westminster invites you to an afternoon highlighting opportunities for volunteering and befriending in a variety of ways. We have brought together some of the things that happen around the Diocese with and for people with learning disabilities. The day will have testimonies, showcases of work already being done and a chance to learn more about learning disabilities and catechesis. The event will take place on Saturday 2 March, from 2:00pm—4:30pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 373 Bowes Road, London, N11 1AA. Refreshments will be available from 2:00pm. Please RSVP by emailing caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, or telephone on 020 7798 9030 for your free ticket. Alternatively, you can register your attendance on Eventbrite, by searching for 'Embraced'. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.