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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
17 FEBRUARY 2019

6TH 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

Sermon on the Plain

In the Bible, mountains are often the places where God encounters people, changes their lives and sends them back down to the world with a prophetic message.

Noah's ark settled on a mountaintop (Genesis 8:4, 20-22). Abraham willingly attempted, at God's command, the unthinkable sacrifice of his son Isaac on Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:1-14). While Moses was tending sheep for his father-in-law on Mount Horeb, God spoke to him from a burning bush and commissioned him to save the Israelites (Exodus 3:9-10, 12). God delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Horeb (Exodus 19:18-20). Centuries later, God spoke to the prophet Elijah on the same mountain (1 Kings 19:12).

Jesus' glory is revealed to Peter, James and John on a high mountain (Matthew 17:1-5). Mount of Olives is most associated with Jesus, especially in the final days before his crucifixion, when he would retire there after teaching in the Temple area (Luke 21:37). Jesus completed his ministry on a cross on a hill known both as Calvary and Golgotha (Mark 15:22-25). "Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground." (Luke 6:17)

What goes up must come down. We climb up and after we reach the top, whether it is a mountain summit, top of a sandstone spire, or the end of a bolted sports route, we have to return to the ground, descending to the flat earth below. It is important to remember that you are not off your day's climb until you safely descend to the cliff base.

Isaiah informs us that God's ways differ from ours and that God's thoughts are "higher" than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). God is so radically other, that He cannot be comprehended by man through reasoning power alone. If then God is to commune and communicate with mankind, He must "lower" Himself.

This condescension of God is seen throughout the Bible, indeed, the Bible itself may be understood as a form of divine condescension. It is God's willingness to lower Himself to the level of man that allows for divine revelation, which has allowed man to come to a knowledge of God he could not otherwise possess.

By placing Jesus on a level place, Luke makes Him sensitive to the lowly and poor. Perhaps having Jesus come down to the level place is his way of emphasizing Jesus' ministry to ordinary people in ordinary places. Can you come down from the mountain?

Fr Sudham

Those who have died recently: Daniel Decuseara, Giovanna Amorelli, James Mahony, Ann Hutchinson, Leo & Margaret O'Connor, Violet Flynn, Stanley Dallas

Those who are sick: Teresa Murphy, Ann Greenan, Robin Tobin, Tracey Hartwell, John Delaney, Kathleen Brien, Brendan Howard, Mary Dolan, Bernie Mahon, Claudette Bird

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peggy Corboy, Ben & Margaret McDade, Cecilia & James Lindford, Siobhan Clifford, Patrick Roddy, May McClay, John Sullivan, Augustine (Justine) Daroux, Frank McNaboe, Teresa, Jim & Nora Cafferkey, Johanna & Thomas Maher

Those Baptised: Luisa Antetomaso-Mata, Adler Casimiro Novaes

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,868.61 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for January amounted to £1,629.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Magdala the parish magazine will be on sale after all Masses next weekend 23/24 February 2019.

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, 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 Monsignor Roger know or contact the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

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	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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading:	Jeremiah 17:5—8
Psalm Response:	Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.
Second Reading:	St Paul 15:12. 16—20
Alleluia Verse:	Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Gospel:	Luke 6:17. 20—26

Funeral Notices

The Cremation service of the late Giovanna Amorelli of Hamilton Road will take place at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel on Monday 18 February 2019 at 1:00pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Leo and Margaret O'Connor formerly of Park Avenue will take place on Thursday 21 February 2019 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:30pm

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry welcome you to come to a one day retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 23 February from 11:00am— 5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee available. For details of the full programme please see the poster at the back of the church or telephone Eileen or David Brum on 020 8542 2476.

The Passage. Please support a St David's day concert in aid of the *Passage* at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 1 March 2019 at 7:00pm. The Concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists. Please book online through Eventbrite at <https://passage-saint-david-day-concert.eventbrite.co.uk>. Or visit the *Passage* website at www.passage.org.uk or telephone on 020 7592 1856 or email at info@passage.org.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.

St Patrick's bacon and cabbage celebration will be held on Sunday 10 March 2019 at St Erconwald's Church Hall. Food will be served from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. Doors open at 12:30pm. After lunch there will be entertainment, amongst others by *The Waggle Taggle*, and a raffle with some fantastic prizes. Tickets cost, adults £10, senior citizens and children 12 years and under £6, and they are on sale after all Masses. Reserve a place by contacting the parish office or by emailing wembley3@rcdow.org.uk or by telephone on 020 8904 6031.

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.