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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
24 FEBRUARY 2019

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

Be Compassionate as your Father is Compassionate.

I am no good at social media. How it works is quite beyond my brain, and so I only hear about it from what I read in the newspapers. It seems that many people find it very useful and enriching to their lives, but it does also lay before people the chance to be extremely cruel and libellous about others. I wonder how you would feel if somebody you knew started to insult you and tell all sorts of lies about you on social media. I think you would consider them to be your enemy. Maybe this has actually happened to you. The words of the Lord in the gospel today must penetrate our hearts, must make us look at ourselves and our thoughts, and, praying before the Lord, ask for the grace to forgive our enemies.

At the beginning of the Year of Mercy Pope Francis wrote in his Bull *Misericordiae Vultus*: "...Jesus affirms that mercy is not only an action of the Father, it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are. In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. At times, how hard it seems to forgive! And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge are necessary conditions of living joyfully."

Jesus teaches us today 'Do not condemn and you will not be condemned yourselves'. Let us pray that this week we may show the merciful face of God to all whom we meet.

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: Daniel Decuseara, James Mahony,
Ann Hutchinson, Cleto Zanutelli.

Those who are sick: Robin Tobin, Tracey Hartwell, Mary Dolan, Bernie Mahon, Nina Smith

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter & Daniel
Mulhern, Fr Mick Lally, Denis O'Connor, Brian Patrick Monahan

Those Baptised: Ide Barnes

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £ 1895.20 (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 this weekend.

Magdala the parish magazine will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Ash Wednesday is on 6 March. The ashes are made by burning the palms from the previous year as a symbol of how quickly we move from acclaiming Christ as our King to turning against Him by our sins. Therefore it makes the symbolism deeper if we make our own ashes so please bring your palms to the church during the week or to Mass next weekend and they will be burned after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 3 March.

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
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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Samuel 26:2. 7—9. 12—13. 22—23

Psalm Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: St Paul 15:45—49

Alleluia Verse: Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son.

Gospel: Luke 6:27 — 38

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Ann Hutchinson of Young Court, Willesden Lane will take place on Monday 25 February 2019 at 11:00am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late James Francis Mahoney of Beldanes Lodge, Hawthorn Road will take place on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 11:00am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

May they rest in peace

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.

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.

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.