

## Presbytery

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**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**MARCH—MONTH OF  
ST JOSEPH**  
**17 MARCH 2019**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**YEAR C**

## The light of Christ.

There are Irish bars in the most unlikely of places. I lived for a while in Valladolid in the centre of Spain, where there were hardly any English speakers, let alone an Irish ex pat community, and yet there were two Irish bars. I am sure they, and similar establishments will be doing good business over this weekend. St Patrick was an extraordinary man. Although the details of his life are rather hazy, it would seem he was born in England, was kidnapped and taken to Ireland, escaped and then returned to Ireland where he fearlessly preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. The light of Christ shining from his words and deeds won many, both powerful and also poor, to the Faith.

The gospel today moves us on from the desert of last week to the top of a mountain, where the face of Jesus shines and in the words from heaven his true nature as the Son of God is revealed. No wonder Peter did not want to leave this holy place. He had glimpsed heaven and it filled him with reverence and awe.

It may seem strange that this glory filled account of the Transfiguration is read to us in Lent. We are tempted to think that Lent is all about gloom. The gospel this week reminds us of the joy which lies at the heart of the gospel. As you fast, pray and give, do not have a gloomy face—let the light of heaven shine in your face as well. 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

## Confessions

Saturday: 10:00am—10:30am  
5:30pm—6:15pm

## Stations of the Cross

Friday: after 6:30pm Mass

**Those who have died recently:** Theresa Kilcoyne, Tracey Hartwell, Spencer Hippolyte, Claudette Bird, Ian Sparrow, Mallika Silva

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Killian, Maureen Anderson, Myles & Eileen Hollowed, Thomas Dias, David Englishby, Peter McHugh, Anthony McDaid, Jimmy Feeley

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,861.46 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for February amounted to £1,509.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Lenten Alms 2019.** This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal fund. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal funds initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the three mission areas of: Marriage and Family Life, enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church; Youth and Evangelisation, supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith; and the Church's Service in Society, putting our faith into action by serving the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about the last of these in particular, and he has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the Diocese. Much of this poverty remains hidden. Many use foodbanks even though there is a wage earner in the family. In addition, to find out about volunteering opportunities, visit [CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk](http://CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk). In the words of Cardinal Nichols: "I hope this Appeal offers you and your family one way in which to observe Lent and to grow in the richness of our response to God's blessings of life and faith." Envelopes are available at the back of church today – you can make a Lenten Gift by placing the envelope in the weekly collection or by placing money in the box at the back of the church. Please be as generous as you can.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day 2019.** Please return your CAFOD Fast Day envelope in this week's collection, or make a pledge to give regularly. If you are a UK taxpayer, please *Gift Aid* your donation so that CAFOD can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

**Planned Giving envelopes** for the new tax year 2019/2020 for existing users are available for collection in the Sacristy after Masses today. Please consider using envelopes or a standing order for your offertory donations, and *Gift Aid* your contribution which benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**The Funeral of the of the late Claudette Bird** will take place on Thursday 21 March 2019 at 12 noon at the English Martyrs church, Chalkhill Road, Wembley Park HA9 9EW followed by cremation at Hendon cemetery at 1:00pm. Mrs Bird was a much loved, long standing teacher at St Mary Magdalen's school who retired in 2001 and was famous for her art work and Christmas models! May she rest in peace.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Monsignor Roger would like to meet with all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday 21 March 2019 at 7:00pm in the Presbytery. Please either email the parish office at [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone on 020 8451 4677 to confirm your attendance so we can cater for refreshments as a thank you for the important ministry you carry out for the parish.

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Ian Sparrow of Lawnfield House will take place on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 11:00am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12 noon

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Theresa Kilcoyne of Yates Court will take place on Thursday 21 March 2019 at 12noon followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:30pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**The Passage** is raising funds through the 'Big Give' from 12 noon Tuesday 19 March until 12 noon Tuesday 26 March to support its work with homeless people moving from Street to Home. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online, matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with *Gift Aid*, with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information please telephone Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1856 or email [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk). You can donate at [www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage2019](http://www.thebiggive.org.uk/thepassage2019).

**'Hour of Prayer for Vocations'** takes place on Saturday 30 March from 4:15pm— 5:15pm in the chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Anne's Home, 77 Manor Road, N16 5BL. All are welcome.

## Readings at Mass

### 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5—12. 17—18

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is my light and my help.

**Second Reading:** St Paul 3:17—4:1

**Alleluia Verse:** From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28—36

## 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
Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross—Church
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe