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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
14 APRIL 2019

PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
YEAR C

Mass Times

Monday—Wednesday: 9:30am

Maundy Thursday: 8:00pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross: 11:30am

The Passion: 3:00pm

Holy Saturday:

The Easter Vigil: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday: 9:00am

10:30am

(includes Children's Liturgy)

12:00 noon

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Wednesday:

One hour before
morning Mass

Confessions

Monday—Wednesday:

10:00am—10:30am

7:00pm—8:00pm

Good Friday: 10:00am—11:00am

Holy Saturday: 10:00am—11:00am

Divine Humility

“His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.”

These words from St Paul's letter to the Philippians form the second reading at the Palm Sunday Mass. They very much set the scene for all that we will do during our liturgies of holy Week. They are part of a poem St Paul wrote to the new Christians in Philippi to teach them about Jesus Christ whom they had come to love and worship. They would have been used to understanding gods as powerful beings who seemed to have great authority; many of them worshipped the emperor as a god, with all his political power. Paul reveals to them a whole new understanding of the divine.

Jesus Christ did not cling to his equality with God, rather he became a servant. We will see this made clear for us on Holy Thursday when the priest, following the example of the Lord puts on an apron and washes the feet of the faithful. We will see this made clear when we come to kiss the cross on Good Friday.

Please pray your way through Holy Week. Let the Lord touch your heart during the liturgies. And rejoice with him on Easter Day.

Monsignor Roger

Those who have died recently: Nora Davin, Spencer Hippolyte, Eugene Smith, Josephine West

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Christopher & Elizabeth Doran, Patrick Boland, Kathleen Bradley, Patrick Perkins, William Langan, Juan Escviche, Maurice Scanlon

Those Baptised: Vincent Michael Vilanou

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,147.15 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for March amounted to £1,560.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Offering envelopes are available on your benches today. Traditionally this was your personal gift to all the clergy while the usual envelope goes towards the regular upkeep of the parish.

First Holy Communion 2019. The children are ready to make their First Confession. Parents can bring them to the church between 10:00am and 10:30am or 5:30pm and 6:15pm on a Saturday or can make a separate time with Monsignor Roger or Fr Sudham that suits them better. Come as a family—children will follow your example. Please note that during Holy Week there are additional confessional times.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2019/2020. There are still 36 boxes belonging to existing users yet to be collected. These can be collected from the Parish Office Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm. For those who have already picked up their boxes the new envelopes should now be used. 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.

Holy Week and Easter Week Timetables are available in the racks either at the back of the church or in the side porch.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have not already done so can you please sign the rota on the table at the back of the church indicating your availability for the Holy Week liturgies. We still have spaces which need to be filled on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

Altar Servers. If you have not already done so please sign the rota on the notice board in the sacristy confirming your availability for Holy Week. Also please take a note of the relevant rehearsal times. Thank you.

Church cleaning. To facilitate the polishing of the floors, the church will be closed immediately after 9:30am Mass on Tuesday 16 April and will reopen at approximately 3:00pm. Thank you.

Good Friday Children's Workshop: calling all children and parents to participate in our annual Good Friday workshop on Friday 19 April 10:00am—12 noon. There will be the Stations of the Cross led by the children and parents. All are welcome.

Holy Places Collection. There will be a collection for the Holy Places after the liturgies on Good Friday.

Bishop John Sherrington will be celebrating our first Mass of Easter, the Easter Vigil, and the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20 April 2019 at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday. Please note there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday 21 April 2018.

Repository. Easter and First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, prayers books and rosary sets and many other items are available to purchase from the repository.

Diocesan News

Mass for Migrants. Caritas Westminster would like to encourage the participation of your communities in the annual *Mass for Migrants*, which will be held on Monday 6 May 2019. Celebrating the diversity of London, Kent, Middlesex, Hertfordshire and Essex, the Mass will provide an opportunity to welcome new migrants as well as acknowledging the dedication of their host communities. The Mass this year will take place at Westminster Cathedral at 10:30am, and will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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 26 April 2019.

Volunteering Opportunity. Are you interested in social outreach? Caritas Westminster, the Diocesan social action agency, is looking for Caritas Representatives to help record local poverty and social exclusion projects across different areas of the Diocese. They would also work closely with the Caritas development workers to help respond to those in need in the local area. If you are interested, please email Caritas Westminster at caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk to register your interest.

Readings at Mass

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4—7

Psalm Response: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6—11

Alleluia Verse: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Gospel: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22:14—23:56

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