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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL—MONTH OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
28 APRIL 2019
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church"

(Apologeticus, Chapter 50).

It was a blessed Easter Vigil that I celebrated with the Sinhala community in Leicester. I was tired, but filled with a lot of happiness returned to London at midnight. Around 5:30am my mobile phone started ringing. I was in a deep sleep and I just ignored it and turned the other way and continued sleeping. The mobile phone kept on ringing and ringing. It was unusual and strange as if compelling me to answer. I looked at the screen and it was from my mother. I answered anticipating her Easter wishes as she always did. It was a nightmare.

"Our parish church is blown-up with people inside"

Those words are still haunting in my ears. They have blown-up my church. We as Sri Lankans have the experience of thirty years of bloodshed. I was brought up in a social context of fear, suspicion and anger. At least for a decade we had a peaceful time rebuilding my mother land. There was a slow but a steady process of reconciliation. The powerful link between the Tamils and the Sinhalese was the Catholics. There were both Sinhalese and Tamil Catholics which is the powerful channel of peace.

'They' blew-up that very channel of peace. The first words of Jesus after the resurrection to his disciples are, 'peace be with you.' Now is the time, rebuilding that channel of peace. I saw how they are trying to restore their life back gathering up the bits and pieces left behind.

I know we can do it and our faith is strong. We will come back and retaliate for sure with the best possible weapons. We will massacre them with patience. We will destroy them with understanding. We will slaughter them with forgiveness. We will blow them up with Love. Because we follow Jesus.

Fr. Sudham

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,
(includes Children's Liturgy),
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: Victims of the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka, Moira Mawn

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Killian, Vincent & Bridget Doran, Molly Ayres, Michael O'Toole, Robert Clare

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,771.77 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for March amounted to £1,560.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sri Lankan Appeal. Following the tragic events in Sri Lanka last weekend our prayers and sympathy go to all who have been affected by this in any way. There will be a collection after all Masses today to support the work of the Church in assisting those in need. Thank you, Monsignor Roger.

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

Johanna Doody and Family would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given them support, expressed their sympathy and sent Mass cards, flowers and visited their home following the recent death of their brother James. Many thanks to Monsignor Roger for celebrating the funeral Mass. Thank you all so much, your kindness is greatly appreciated. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Sunday 4 August 2019 at 10:30am.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation. Please remember in your prayers Elizabeth Eliarda and Nelson Neto who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, and Erika Saluzzo who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 12 noon Mass today.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2019/2020. There are still 27 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.

Repository. First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards, prayers books and rosary sets and many other items are available to purchase from the repository. The repository is open before and after all Sunday Masses including the Saturday Vigil.

Newsletter/Order of Mass leaflet. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy Hour—Church
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

Diocesan News

Who cares? Responding to the cry of the Earth. *Caritas* Westminster invites you to an evening of practical suggestions for how your parish can respond to the environmental crisis on Wednesday 29 May 2019 from 6:30pm until 8:30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. There will be contributions from local and national organisations including *CAFOD*, *CaFE*, the *Felix* Project and more. To get your free ticket please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7931 6077 or search the event title on Eventbrite.

Prayer Within a Busy Life takes place on Saturday 1 June 2019 from 11:00am—4:00pm led by Chris Chapman at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH, website pathwaysto-god.org, telephone number 020 7495 1673. Many of us find it difficult to fit times of prayer into daily life - especially when demands of care for others, or of work are great, or when the pattern of each day is different, lacking a regular structure. This day will explore ways of weaving prayer in and out of daily activities so that even within the most taxing of days there are points of prayerful meeting, conversation and rest.

The Caritas Volunteer Service will be holding its annual Volunteers' Fair showcasing volunteering opportunities from across the Diocese. Those attending will have the chance to chat with different charities and find out more about their work and the roles available and hear talks and testimonials from different organisations. The event will be on Saturday 8 June, from 1:00pm—3:00pm, at St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA. To get your free ticket please email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, telephone 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on Eventbrite.

Physics and Mathematics Undergraduate Summer Internship Programme 2019. The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School will be running a four-week Physics and Mathematics Internship Programme over the summer term 2019. Offering undergraduate university students the opportunity to be placed in a number of schools in West, East and North London. Participants will receive a £300 per week bursary for the four week programme, a total of £1200. For further information and an application form please go to: BIT.LY/CVMSINTERNSHIP2019.

Readings at Mass

2nd Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Apostles 5:12—16

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:9—13. 17—19

Alleluia Verse: Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Gospel: John 20:19—31