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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY—MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
5 MAY 2019
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

That Monday morning feeling.

I wonder how many of you wake up on Monday mornings with a skip in your step as the working week begins again? Maybe it depends on the sort of work which you do. Some work is so boring and repetitive that only good thing about it is that it puts food on the table and a roof over the head. Other work can, of course, be very stimulating and rewarding.

I know very little about the life of a fisherman, but with a bit of imagination we can assume that it is a mixture of the routine and the boring with maintenance of nets and boat, and also the joy of the good catch and the money that will bring or the disappointment of no fish and the resultant uncertainty.

It is into this world that Jesus appears in our gospel this Sunday. It is tempting to romanticise the lives of the fishermen who became apostles, but their work was real work, and it is in this context—in neither the Temple nor the Synagogue—that Jesus appears to them.

These are among the closing verses of John's gospel and they take us into the ordinariness of simple daily living. It is here that Jesus appears, and it is here that we will find him in our own lives. 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,
(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: John Murphy, Pip Williams, Simon Payne, Ramon Valenzuela

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Douglas & Annie Doran, Rose & Jimmie Phillips, Patrick Cleary, Phil McGovern, Patrick Gavahan, Josephine Niland

Those Baptised: Canrick Xavier Monteiro

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,638.00 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for March amounted to £1,560.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2019/2020. There are still boxes belonging to existing users yet to be collected. If one of these boxes belongs to you please kindly collect it from the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Any boxes still remaining after Friday 10 May 2019 will be deleted from the register. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2019. Please remember in your prayers our candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11 May, Sunday 12 May and Saturday 18 May 2019. There will be rehearsals for children receiving Communion on 11 May and 12 May on Friday 10 May 2019. The rehearsal for children receiving Communion on 11 May is from 4:30pm—5:30pm and for children receiving Communion on 12 May the rehearsal is from 5:30pm—6:30pm. Children receiving First Communion on 18 May will have a rehearsal on Friday 17 May at 5:30pm. Rehearsals will take place in the church. Simon Drake is the official photographer on the day and he can be contacted on 07858 519 771 or 020 8384 0629 or email at simondrake1967@gmail.com or visit the website at www.simondrakephotography.co.uk.

NB: At 1200 Noon Mass on Sunday 12 May 2019 19 children will be making their First Holy Communion so there will be an additional 19 families in attendance. The readings will be of the day and the Mass will still fulfil your Sunday obligation.

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.

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.

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

Diocesan News

March for Life UK takes place on Saturday 11 May 2019. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. The day will start at 9:30am—1:30pm with an indoor festival called 'LifeFest19' which will involve amongst other things; inspiring speakers, live music, children's activities, educational stalls, workshops and prayer (to attend this you need to book online or telephone). March starts 2:00pm (no booking required). For more information please see poster at the back of the church or visit the website at marchforlife.co.uk or telephone 07773 501 721 or 07885 505 116.

CAFOD. Do you have public speaking skills? Want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD wants to recruit volunteers in the Westminster Diocese to promote its work for justice and development. We are looking for volunteers with public speaking skills and the ability to work with, and co-ordinate, small teams of volunteers locally. To find out more, why not book a place on our volunteer day on Saturday 11 May? The meeting will be held in our offices near Lambeth North tube station. Please telephone Tony on 020 8449 6970 or email tsheen@cafod.org.uk for further details.

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden NW10 9AX takes place on Sunday 12 May 2019 at 3:30pm. Preacher: Fr Martin Plunkett. Come and join hundreds of other pilgrims as they pray the Rosary in procession, giving witness to our Faith, our love for Mary, and our intercession for our city and country at this time. Willesden Junction Bakerloo Line and Overground. Bus routes 18, 187, 206, 220, 226, 228, 260, 266, 487. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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 pathwaystogod.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.

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Friday	4:30pm—5:30pm 5:30pm—6:30pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal in the church. (For those children receiving Communion on the 11/12 May 2019)
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —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

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Apostles 5:27—32.40—41

Psalms Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11—14

Alleluia Verse: Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Gospel: John 21:1—19