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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
MAY—MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
19 MAY 2019
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

“Answer All the Questions”

As the good weather arrives, and we hope stays, even many decades after the event, this sort of weather brings back memories for me of the stress of examinations. I sat my A levels in the great drought summer of 1976, when the sun never seemed to stop shining and the heat in the exam hall became unbearable. Maybe that is why I did not do too well in my A levels (finding more interesting things to do than read text books may not have helped!).

Please pray for our young people as they face their exams. It is such an important time for them, and they really need our prayerful support. Some have already asked me to bless them as they study. Many will be praying that the right question will come up – but maybe the best thing to pray for is the calming of pre-exam nerves and the keeping of a clear head.

St Joseph of Cupertino, who really struggled with his academic studies for priesthood, is the patron saint of those sitting examinations. May he intercede for all who are under this particular stress in the coming weeks.

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: Peter McCarthy, Nancy Dollery,
Nancy Quirke

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ernie & Catherine
Lindford, Mary Sullivan, Martin & Patrick Grealish, Agnes McNamara, Bernadette McHugh, Matthew Croke, Kay Ashton, Helena McGivern, Mary Gorman, Dymphna Lynch, Edmund Lynch

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,153.25 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for April amounted to £1,649.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Priest Training Fund. Today's second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church and are attached to this week's newsletter. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Cleaning and Altar Linen rotas. New rotas are available to collect today from the rack in the Sacristy.

Mary's Meals. With only 1 week to go before *Mary's Meals* will be at our church on the morning of Sunday 26 May please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 12 noon. *Mary's Meals* is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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

Annual Parish Concert 'Signs of the Spirit' takes place on Friday 14 June 2019 at 7:30pm. The St Mary Magdalen's school choir will be taking part along with professional musicians organised by Patricia Rosario. Further details to follow.

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.

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.

Parish Diary

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

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Peter McCarthy
formerly of Riffel Road
will take place on Monday 20 May 2019 at 7:00pm
followed by repatriation to Ireland.

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry welcome you to come to a one day retreat of quiet reflection on Saturday 25 May 2019 at 11:00am – 5:00pm at the Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee available. For information visit the website at www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com or email lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com or telephone 020 8542 2476. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Lourdes Summer Retreat for Young Adults. The Assumption Sisters and Fathers invite young adults in their 20-30s for an English-speaking spiritual retreat in Lourdes, France in the summer of 2019. Dates: Saturday 3 August—Friday 9 August 2019 with talks, prayer, silence, pilgrimage, desert day and spiritual accompaniment. For more information please email youth@assumptionreligious.org. Cost is £300 (£220 for students/low waged). A limited number of subsidised places are available. (Excl. travel - your flight to Lourdes). Register online at <http://bit.ly/retreatlourdes>.

SPEC the diocesan youth retreat centre, offers the possibility of a volunteer year for young adults. The volunteer missionary would live on site in Pinner in the residential community, receive formation and accompaniment in their faith and serve as a retreat facilitator, working with the employed retreat leaders. In particular, any sixth formers who may like to find out more are welcome to attend a day retreat to see what goes on and meet the community. For more information please see www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/or contact spec@rcdow.org.uk.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years old) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or telephone 0161 941 3498.

Readings at Mass

5th Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Apostles 14:21—27

Psalm Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1—5

Alleluia Verse: Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'

Gospel: John 13:31—35