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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
MAY—MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
26 MAY 2019
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR C

A month has passed

It has being a month since my beautiful country faced a terrible terror attack. The Catholic minority community suffered a lot, losing many lives and facing life changing injuries. A lot has happened since then. It was a real test of our Catholic faith, demanding to put into practice what we preach.

Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. (Matthew 18:21-22).

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35).

I am surprised and delighted by the way my people reacted. Actually there was no reaction at all by the Catholic community against the Muslim community in Sri Lanka. It was a great example of their unprecedented forgiveness.

I, as the Chaplain of the Sri Lankan Catholics in the UK, express my sincere gratitude to Mgr. Roger Reader, Kathleen Reddington the parish administrator and all the parishioners for coming forward to help the victims of the Easter Sunday attacks. Every single penny of what you all have raised will be allocated to the account specifically setup to help the families and individuals who have lost their loved ones in the attacks carried out at St. Sebastian’s Church- Katuvapitiya and St. Anthony’s Shrine – Kochchikade. The monies raised will be going to *Caritas* Colombo towards a Psycho-Social Pastoral Programme for the traumatized victims of the Easter Sunday attacks in order to be in solidarity with them and to be of support in rebuilding and empowering their lives.

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto me”.
(Matthew 25:40)

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 whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Carmody
Those Baptised: Meliza Almeida, Thaaragan Thomas Jenibert

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,022.82 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for April amounted to £1,649.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sri Lankan Appeal. The sum of £2,014.45 was raised by the Parish. We also received a private donation of £2,000. The total sum of £4,014.45 will be sent to *Caritas Colombo* towards a Psycho-Social Pastoral Programme for the traumatized victims of the Easter Sunday attacks in order to be in solidarity with them and to be of support in rebuilding and empowering their lives. Thank you for your thoughtful and kind donations.

Priest Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

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

Mary's Meals will be at the church this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows). Please bring all your bags before 12 noon. Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks—four full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you. A representative from *Mary's Meals* will give a short talk after all Masses today.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2019. Please go to the following link: <https://5661602.tifmember.com/v/photos/75243fmc> to view the First Holy Communions and Confirmation pictures. Pictures will be available to purchase until the end of June. There will be a £10.00 discount when buying over £30.00 which will be available till the end of May. If you require further information please contact Simon Drake via email simondrake1967@gmail.com by visiting the website www.simondrakephotography.co.uk or mobile 07858 519 771. Please talk to Monsignor Roger if you would like some help with the cost of your pictures.

Ascension, Holyday of Obligation, Thursday 30 May. Masses will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

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. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend 1/2 June and the following weekend 8/9 June. Tickets will cost £7 in advance and £10 on the evening.

APF Mill Hill—Local Secretary, "The Red Box Needs You." Would you like to help the Missions by becoming your parish APF-Mill Hill Local Secretary? The role is on a voluntary basis, with help from other volunteers called Promoters. Together you would count monies collected by parishioners in their Red Boxes, bank it and ensure members receive their copy of the quarterly *Mission Today* magazine. It really should not entail more than a few hours

of volunteering a month. Do not worry you will not be left on your own, there is an induction pack and plenty of support available from staff working at offices in Liverpool, London and Maidenhead. You would be joining a dedicated team of volunteers and staff throughout England and Wales. In turn you would be fulfilling your own call to Mission and have the opportunity to meet many interesting people along the way. If you are interested please let Monsignor Roger know or contact the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

Diocesan News

Retreat Days for Parish Lay Ministers of Holy Communion and of the Word with Sister Karen Marguerite OP and Sister Anne Walsh OP, takes place on Saturday 8 June 2019 at the Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD23 4EE. Or on Saturday 15 June 2019, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Both days begin at 10.00am and end at 3:00pm. Suggested donation £15 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffees/Teas are available. Register with livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voicemail on 020 7931 6078. Please indicate which venue you are registering with.

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday 15 June 2019 from 10:45am—6:00pm at the Church of Our Lady, Mother of the Church, 2 Windsor Road, Ealing Broadway London W5 5PD. The main speaker will be Sister Brieghe McKenna OSC. To register and for more information please contact Marian Fathers, Divine Mercy Apostolate, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY or telephone 020 8998 0925, email at info@divinemercury.org.uk or visit the website at www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols takes place from Saturday 20 July until Friday 26 July 2019. The Lourdes theme for 2019 is "*Blessed are the poor*". Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details.

Readings at Mass

6th Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Apostles 15:1—2. 22—29

Psalm Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10—14. 22—23

Alleluia Verse: Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Gospel: John 14:23—29

Parish Diary

Monday

7:00pm

Prayer Group—Annexe