

## Presbytery

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## Parish Office

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Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday

10:00am until 2:00pm



**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
JUNE—MONTH OF  
**THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**2 JUNE 2019**  
**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YEAR C**

## 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

## Searching for Hope

If you visit the hill in Jerusalem where the Ascension of the Lord traditionally happened, you will not find much physical evidence of this great event. A modern day CSI team would be hard pressed to find any clues, but I think such a search would miss the point of this amazing event at the end of Jesus' ministry on earth. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century we are obsessed by details, and maybe our over-scientific minds find the biblical account of the ascension of the Lord into heaven hard to comprehend.

I would urge you to see beyond this CSI approach to faith in order to understand better the great truth which the Church celebrated last Thursday. Our predecessors in the faith were neither stupid nor gullible when they meditated on the events in the life of the historical Jesus. I think they just found it easier to see through from the physical to the spiritual than we do.

The truth of the Ascension lies in the fact that at the very heart of God is One who took on our human nature. At the very heart of God there is One who laughed and smiled, who wept and suffered, who loved and forgave, as all human beings do. This should give us all great hope – it should raise our eyes from earth to heaven, as one of the Missal prayers teaches us: we pray 'that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.'

Don't look at the ground searching for clues – look heavenward searching for hope.

Monsignor Roger

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Nicky Englishby,  
Timothy & Catherine Kelleher, Brigid Boland, Leroy Lewis

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,756.06 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for April amounted to £1,649.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Mary's Meals.** Gerrard Mc Mahon, London Fundraising Coordinator of *Mary's Meals* is delighted to advise that last Sunday the parish managed to give 149kg of unwanted clothes. There were also cash donations of £389.51, making a total contribution of £464.61. *Mary's Meals* is extremely grateful for your support. The amount raised will feed 33 children who will not only get fed one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but they will get an education too.

**First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2019.** Please go to the following link: <https://5661602.tifmember.com/v/photos/75243fmc> to view the First Holy Communion 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](mailto:simondrake1967@gmail.com) by visiting the website [www.simondrakephotography.co.uk](http://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.

**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. There will be a retiring collection for the NEHEMIAH Project a charity which provides housing for people once they are released from prison

**New Altar Servers Training** takes place on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 5:30pm in the church. We particularly need additional servers for our Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. All new servers who have received their First Holy Communion are most welcome to attend and take part in this important ministry.

**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. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

**Parish Registration Forms.** In line with the new data protection regulations which came into effect on 25 May 2018, revised parish registration forms are now available. Can *everyone* who has not yet done so please complete a registration form. Forms can be found in the racks as you enter the side porch and on each pillar at the back of the church. Completed forms should be handed in at the parish office or posted through the door of the presbytery.

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

## Diocesan News

**World Communications Day 2019** takes place today Sunday 2 June. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications. Pope Francis reminds us that "God is not Solitude, but Communion; because love always communicates."

**Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry** invite you to a seven day retreat at Mem Soares (House of Peace) Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal on Thursday 5 September 2019— Wednesday 11 September 2019. The week includes the following: full board (three meals a day), one day excursion to Fatima, visit to historical local town of Castelo De Vide, Mass at Portalegre Cathedral, Rosary at the Blessed Chapel of Our Lady of Penha, Castelo De Vide. Visit to lakes situated in the National Park and on the last day visit to Lisbon: St Anthony's birthplace and Lisbon Cathedral. The cost will be £640.00. For further information and to book please email: [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com) or telephone David or Eileen on 020 8542 2476. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**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](http://www.dowym.com/spec/volunteer/or) contact [spec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk).

## Readings at Mass

### 7th Sunday of Easter Year C

**First Reading:** Apostles 7:55—60

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 22:12—14. 16—17.20

**Alleluia Verse:** I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

**Gospel:** John 17:20—26

## 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