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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
JUNE—MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
16 JUNE 2019
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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The mystery of the music.

One of my first experiences of failure was when I was nine years old. I had sat an exam at the Royal College of Music in the Theory of Music. I loved music, and my parents made sure that there was a lot of music all the time at home, although my mother preferred Bach while, at that age, I enjoyed the Beatles. Sadly, my love of music did not help me pass the theory of music exam. It was all about how music works, about the length of notes, the key a composer used and the speed at which the music should be played. Basically it was about how the black notes on the page can turn into some of the most sublime art humans have ever made.

So, for me, and for many of us, music remains a mystery. Those of us who were able to come to the parish concert last Friday found our hearts and minds lifted to God as we heard great performances from professional musicians but also from our children and young people. But how it works is a mystery for most of us.

The blessed Trinity is, of course, the greatest mystery there is. We invoke it each and every day whenever we begin to pray “In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” There are theologians who can go a long way to explaining the mystery of the Trinity (and I did pass those exams!), speaking of One God in Three Persons, of One Substance. I know this is how God is. But maybe we should just bask in the mystery of the Trinity, and the love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for each and every one of us.

Monsignor Roger Reader.

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: Ernestine Cuffey, Jennifer Roberts,
Francis Charles

Those who are sick: Elfriede Singleton, Peter Corcoran, Miriam
Barron, John Daroux, Mona Daroux, Leonard Peltier, Ethel Cuff, Char-
maine Glenn

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Costello,
Geoff Charles

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,923.16 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for May amounted to £1,606.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Father Kevin Jordan. Cardinal Nichols has appointed Fr Kevin to be the Parish Priest of Our Lady's, St John's Wood. We offer him our prayers and all good wishes on his appointment.

Breda and Sean Hough and their families wish to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards, Mass cards and messages of support following their recent bereavements. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers Rotas. New rotas are now available to collect from the rack in the Sacristy.

Cash Counters Rotas. New rotas have now be emailed to all counters. Paper copies are available from the Parish Office.

Convent of Jesus and Mary Language College. At the end of 10.30am Mass today, a representative from the college will speak briefly about their school.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 23 June, the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*, from the church to the Grotto of Our Lady outside the church. All the children who made their First Holy Communion this year are invited to attend in their First Holy Communion outfits to give thanks.

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

Magdala magazine will be on sale after all Masses next weekend the 22/23 June.

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.

St Mary Magdalen's School Summer Fair takes place on Friday 28 June from 5:00pm—8:00pm. BBQ and bar, cake sale and bake off, craft stall, games, raffle, tombola and much more. We hope to see you there.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 21 September 2019 led by Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the pilgrimage this year is "Blessed are the poor, for the Kingdom of God is theirs." We recall the words of his Holiness Pope Francis in his Message for the XXVII World Day of the Sick 2019 when he encouraged us to live in solidarity with the poor as modelled by Jesus Christ. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage is close to the Feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham. As always this will be a time of special grace and blessing for all Pilgrims and their loved ones. We have booked a coach with Willesden and Cricklewood Parishes which will leave St Mary Magdalen's church, Willesden Green parish at 7:00am, pick up at Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden parish at 7:30am, and arrive back at

approximately 8:00pm. The cost is £21 per adult and £15 per child which includes a £5 Diocesan pilgrim levy. If you would like to go, please hand in at the parish office or post through the inner Presbytery door for *each* pilgrim 1.) their name, 2.) their contact details, 3.) the contact details for a next-of-kin, and 4.) the full fare. Seats will be allocated as applications and monies come and your seat will only be confirmed once payment has been received. Seats are limited so please book your seat early.

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. For 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.

Diocesan News

Day for Life is celebrated today Sunday, 16 June 2019. *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. For more information please visit the website at www.dayforlife.org. *Day for Life* reflection cards are available from the table at the back of the church.

Talk on St Thomas More takes place on Tuesday 25 of June at 7:30pm, 'Pilgrim to Willesden and Martyr to Truth' by Andrew Hogan in the parish hall of Our Lady of Willesden. Questions and answers and refreshments to follow. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

A Concert of Sacred Music takes place on Saturday 29 June at 1:30pm, featuring the Children's Choir and the Shrine Singers at Our Lady of Willesden. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Readings at Mass

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22—31

Psalm Response: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 5:1—5

Alleluia Verse: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Gospel: John 16:12—15

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe