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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
14 JULY 2019
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

Farewell

My time here at St. Mary Magdalen's has come to an end but what a year it has been. It has truly been a privilege to spend my time amongst you, to be part of your community and to be welcomed by you all. I can honestly say that as each Sunday would come around, I would genuinely look forward to serving at your Holy Mass and it was always with such great joy.

As I reflect on my pastoral experience here there are many special moments that come to mind. I can remember the first day I arrived, I was full of nerves and concerns however, by the way you all welcomed me I knew I was in a very special place and my worries quickly vanished. I was there as you all said goodbye to Fr Kevin and welcomed Monsignor Roger into your parish. Your display of generosity and openness throughout it all was truly inspiring. Then there was Easter, the celebration of the greatest event in history and what a celebration it was! The display of faith and love for Our Lord Jesus Christ was awesome and what an honour it was to share that momentous celebration with you all! Don't ever lose your zeal!

As you may already know I have been involved with the Children's Liturgy which has been the real gem of my experience here. The children were amazing and the help I received was equally amazing. I had so much fun working with the children and they were forever surprising me with the depth of their questions. The one moment that stands out amongst all the rest has to be the day we did the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. I will never forget the reverence in which the children conducted themselves as we went around, and to have their parents join us and interact as well made the occasion all the more special. I think we all experienced something uniquely special that day!

As I now bid you all farewell, let me thank you all one last time. Thank you for welcoming me, thank you for all your support and finally, thank you for being such a wonderful example of the living faith. Keep doing what your doing and above all in the words of St. Paul: "Keep the Faith" Seminarian Robert

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: Frank Doyle, Jennifer Roberts, Ernestine Cuffey, John Lehane

Those who are sick: Fred Arnold Thompson, Charmaine Glenn, Leonard Peltier, John Daroux, Mona Daroux, Esmie Salome Ellington

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stephen Jordan, Jim Hough, Mary & Dan O'Sullivan, Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern, The McGovern Family, Eamonn Carley, Sarah & Sean Murphy, Esmenia Hufana, Ellen McCarthy, Myrtle Henry

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,683.71 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for June amounted to £1,495.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sea Sunday 2019. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Welcomers' Rota. New rotas are now available to collect from the rack in the sacristy.

Patronal Feast of St Mary Magdalene will be celebrated here on Sunday 21 July 2019. After 12 noon Mass there will be a party for all parishioners to celebrate this feast. Please sign up on the food and helpers' lists on the table at the back of the church today. Thank you in advance.

Special Needs Summer Raffle 2019. The parish Special Needs Group are holding a summer raffle. First prize—£100 cash donated by *M.P Moran Ltd*; second prize—£50 *Marks and Spencer* voucher; third prize—Meal for two at the *Claddagh Ring*, Hendon, including bottle of wine, plus many more wonderful prizes. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a summer and Christmas party for local people with learning disabilities. Raffle tickets will be on sale at all Masses next weekend 20/21 July and the following weekend 27/28 July. Tickets cost £1. All winners will be announced in the Annexe or outside the church, weather permitting, after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 28 July 2019.

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 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.

Safeguarding Representative. The parish is looking for a suitable candidate to volunteer and join Claudia, our current PSR (Parish Safeguarding Representative) to form a larger and stronger safeguarding team. Safeguarding background where possible is preferable but this is not mandatory. A bit of time availability and knowledge in computer use are necessary. If interested please contact Kathleen the parish secretary who can provide you with

the PSR role description. The appointment is subject to DBS clearance, completion of *EduCare* safeguarding online training, and a full day induction at Vaughan House in Victoria (Diocesan central offices). Thank you.

Church cleaners/Cash Counters. If anyone can spare some time to join our existing volunteers and help clean the church or help count the weekly collection please do let Monsignor Roger know or telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677.

Goodbye and Thank you

This is Seminarian Robert's last weekend with us in the parish. On your behalf, I would like to express our thanks to him for all that he has done in the parish over the last academic year. Robert has given unstintingly of himself and has taken on every task that has been assigned to him with great energy. I know all those involved in the Children's Liturgy at the 10:30am Sunday Mass are especially appreciative of him. We wish him well with his formation and pray that he will go from strength to strength in the years to come. As you pray for him, please pray that more men may answer God's call to serve the Church as priests.

Mgr. Roger and Fr Sudham

Diocesan News

The Passage. Please support the excellent work which *The Passage* does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The *Passage* annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Friday 19 July, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Tickets are £45 each, and include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196> or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL, or please telephone 020 7592 1856, email tickets@passage.org.uk. It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of *The Passage*. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Parish Diary

Monday

7:00pm

Prayer Group—Annexe

Readings at Mass

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10—14

Psalms Response: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 1:15—20

Alleluia Verse: The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Gospel: Luke 10:25—37