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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
JUNE—MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
23 JUNE 2019
CORPUS CHRISTI
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

'The Bond of Blood'

To make meat halal or permissible, an animal or poultry has to be slaughtered in a ritual way known as Zibah or Zabihah. The Qur'an gives following underlined injunctions. All the flowing blood (al- An'am 6:145) must be drained out of the carcass, as blood is forbidden. To make it readily comprehended halal is somewhat like Jewish kosher.

But whenever you wish, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your gates, according to the blessing the LORD your God has given you. Those who are clean or unclean may eat it, as they would a gazelle or deer, but you must not eat the blood; pour it on the ground like water. (Deuteronomy 12:15-16).

Therefore I say to the Israelites, 'None of you may eat blood, nor may any foreigner living among you eat blood. And if any Israelite or foreigner living among them hunts down a wild animal or bird that may be eaten, he must drain its blood and cover it with dirt. For the life of all flesh is its blood. Therefore I have told the Israelites, You must not eat the blood of any living thing, because the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it must be cut off (Leviticus 17:13-14).

The word "nefesh" (translated here as "life") refers to the life force in human and animal circulatory systems. The text emphasizes the relationship between blood and life in every way possible: the "life of all flesh – its blood is its life" – that is, life contains the blood; the "life of all flesh is its blood" – life is in a creature's blood; and, the "life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11) – the blood contains life.

In John 6:53–57, Jesus says, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body. Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you (Matthew 26:26-27).

When we drink His blood and eat His body we become like Christ. We become another Christ. Blood is the bond and the relationship with Jesus and it is the livewire that connects all of us to God the father. The eternal blood of Jesus, which speaks better things, will never lose its power and life.

This is the cup of that new covenant, and as we drink it, let us follow all God's word, especially that word of love, returning love for hate, good for evil, transforming our world by sharing with Jesus when he is lifted up, and draw all people to God, making the reign of God happen. That is what we commit ourselves to as we celebrate this Eucharist, and especially when we drink from the cup, the cup of the new covenant and the blood of Jesus.

Fr. Sudham

Those who are sick: Miriam Barron, Stewart Samaden

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antony Winston Netto, Faustino Rego, Mary Jo Regan, Jonathan Munroe, Samuel Shaw, Eileen Riordan, Michael Antony Valiyathil

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,862.70 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for May amounted to £1,606.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Parish Concert which took place on Friday 14 June raised a magnificent £1,435.20 for the NEHEMIAH Project a charity which provides housing for people once they are released from prison. Thank you to all those who supported the concert and to all the talented performers and our social committee who made this such a wonderful event.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12 noon Mass today 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 this weekend.

Magdala magazine will be on sale after all Masses this 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.

Pioneers' Annual Mass will be celebrated on Friday 28 June 2019 at 6:30pm on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) appeal takes place next weekend. Father Frank Nolan will be coming to preach the appeal. "The Missionaries of Africa" (The White Fathers), are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the church in Africa, and above all else to help build up leadership of the churches.

St Anthony's Feast will be celebrated in Konkani on Sunday 6 July at 3:00pm in St Mary Magdalen's Church, Willesden Green. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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.

Altar Servers. Would all altar servers please complete their details on the form on the notice board in the Sacristy. This is so we can get an updated list of current servers together with your contact information. Thank you.

Church cleaners. If anyone can spare some time to join our existing volunteers and help clean the church please do let Monsignor Roger know or telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677, Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School Linacre Road NW2 5BB currently has spaces in Years 4 and 5. If you are interested in a space for your child, please contact the Admissions Officer on 020 8459 3159 to arrange a viewing of the school.

Readings at Mass

Corpus Christi

First Reading: Genesis 14:18—20

Psalms Response: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23—26

Alleluia Verse: I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Gospel: Luke 9:11—17

Parish Diary

Monday	6:00pm	First Holy Communion Catechists meeting—Presbytery
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Tuesday	8:00pm	Finance Committee meeting—Presbytery
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe