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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER—MONTH OF
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER
22 SEPTEMBER 2019

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

*'As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards
of God's varied Grace' - 1 Peter 4:10*

This weekend we launch our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask *all* parishioners to *prayerfully* reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many, varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him.

Today, please take an appeal newsletter. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today.

Please make this beautiful prayer part of your daily prayer during this time.

Saint Mary Magdalen, you have been pardoned by Jesus, whom you have loved much, show us the way of true conversion and purity of heart.

Out of love, you have followed Jesus to serve him: teach us how to give our lives freely for our brothers and sisters.

You found yourself close to the cross of Jesus, with Mary and John: obtain for us the grace of faith and hope in our troubles.

On the morning of Easter, you received the commission to announce the Resurrection, to Jesus' disciples; help us to believe that love is stronger than death, that love triumphs over all.

Saint Mary Magdalen, pray for our parish here in Willesden Green and pray for us!

Monsignor Roger

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: Maureen O'Shea, Jimmy Cunniff,
Patrick Costelloe

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jimmy Sheehan,
Catherine Dyra, Margaret Butler, Monica & Pam Morrow

Those Baptised: Conor John Cahillane

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,054.43 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for August amounted to £1,621.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020. All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above) and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above) next year (2020) will need to obtain an application form which will be available after Mass from Monsignor Roger. Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only. Fully completed application forms including Baptismal certificates, need to be returned to the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday between 10:00am and 2:00pm, no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 1 October 2019. Application forms cannot be accepted without the required documentation. There will be introductory meetings for children and parents in the church on Monday 4 November 2019 at 5:30pm—6:30pm for First Holy Communion, and 7:00pm—8:00pm for Confirmation. First Holy Communion Masses will be in 2020 on: Saturday 2 May at 11:00am, Sunday 3 May at 12 noon, and Saturday 9 May at 11:00am. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for these sacraments to consider volunteering.

Coffee morning in aid of the Macmillan nurses takes place on Friday 27 September 2019 from 10:00am until 12:30pm in the Annexe at St Mary Magdalen's church, Willesden Green. We are joining the UK Wide organised Coffee Morning to support the great work carried out by this organisation. They support cancer sufferers both in the home and in hospital. I am sure there is not a family locally who has not been touched by this disease. Please join in our efforts to support them and please bring along a friend and neighbour. If you are unable to come but would like to make a donation please place any monies in a envelope marked clearly 'Macmillan nurses' and post in the inner Presbytery door of Clergy house. Thank you.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications. On 3, 7, 8, 17 and 29 October 2019 Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those who attend Mass here every week and have done so for some years. Newer parishioners should bring a letter from their previous parish. Please telephone the parish office this week between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday, to make an appointment. Appointments will take place in the Sacristy, so please come into the church, not Clergy House, and take a seat on one of the front pews. Please bring with you a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for. The form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese of Westminster website at rcdow.org.uk. Please complete the top half of each form before your appointment. Thank you.

Newsletter. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends.

Are you an adult coming to Mass but not baptised/Confirmed/ made your First Holy Communion?

In the Autumn we will begin a programme called the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, which is to help people who have maybe missed out on some sacraments when they were young, or who are not Catholics at the moment and who wish to receive the sacraments and come fully into the Catholic Church. No dates have yet been settled for this RCIA programme. If this interests you, please contact Monsignor Roger by email to find out more. Registration will happen in September. You may know someone who would be interested in this— please ask them to get in touch.

Diocesan News

Catholic Voices Academy: 'Communicating Newman.' Soon-to-be St John Henry Newman is being canonised on Sunday 13 October 2019 in St Peter's, Rome. To help celebrate and prepare for this momentous occasion in the life of the UK Church, *Catholic Voices* is hosting an 'Academy' to look at the life and legacy of Newman. Join us on Thursday 26 September at 7:45pm—9:00pm at Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount St, Mayfair, W1K 3AY. We will hear from Jack Valero (Press and media officer for the Canonisation) and Fr Marcus Holden (Popular speaker and Newman presenter). Free admission, but places are limited; to attend please register by emailing: info@catholicvoices.org.uk or register on at eventbrite.co.uk.

Apostleship of the Sea/ Stella Maris Mass. Holy Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, London W1B 5LZ at 7:00pm on Thursday 26 September, or at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7HY on Tuesday 1 October at 12:30pm. It is an opportunity to pray for all those who work at sea. For more information please contact roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or telephone 07887 893763 or visit the website at <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/stella-maris-masses-2019>.

Readings at Mass

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 8:4—7

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Second Reading: St Paul 2:1—8

Alleluia Verse: Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Gospel: Luke 16: 1—13

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm— 5:00pm	"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe