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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
20 OCTOBER 2019

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Canonisation of Saint John Henry Newman

It was such a privilege to have been in Rome last weekend for the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman. I would like to thank Fr Sudham for keeping everything going here while I was away. There was an amazing atmosphere in the Eternal City. There were so many ways to celebrate our new saint, but three in particular come into my mind.

The first is People. Wherever I went in Rome, I ran into people I knew. So many had made the pilgrimage in order to celebrate this new saint – the first English saint to ‘have kept his head on’ for several centuries. St John Henry was not a martyr for his faith, his holiness rather shone through his writings and above all through his friendships and care of those in need. I know he would have been so pleased to see friends reunited in celebration of his becoming a saint.

The second is Prayer. There were quiet moments of prayer throughout the weekend – just dropping into a church and spending time in front of the tabernacle. There were grand moments of prayer – the Mass of Canonisation with all the dignity such an event deserves – tens of thousands coming together to pray the Mass. There were moving moments of prayer, such as when we gathered at the Basilica of St Mary Major and sang both, off by heart, and from the heart, the beautiful prayer and hymn ‘Lead Kindly Light.’

The third is Peter. St John Henry made the journey from the Church of England to the Catholic Church, to be in communion with the successor of St Peter - the Pope. It was a painful journey for him, and involved the sacrifice of many friends and roles. But it brought him great peace. Pope Francis spoke very movingly about our new saint, and quoted these wonderful words, which each one of us should take to heart, urging us to be kindly lights to the world: “The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming.”

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: Mary Crean, Rose Hennessy

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Pam Goble, Brendan Howard

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Browne,
Mary Ivy Emma Catherine, Mary Carroll McMenemy, Frances Delaney,
Jacqueline Montaigne, Festus Sumoila Yesuku, Omoregie Yesuku, Rose
Glanton, Antonio Joao Fernandes

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,077.91 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £1,541.00. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4 October 2019. Our parish raised £833.38 which will mean that more families around the world will receive life-changing support. Thank you for your generosity.

World Misson Sunday. This Sunday is World Mission Sunday when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for *Missio*, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support will help brave missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by *Missio* which are available at the back of the church.

Magdala magazine will be on sale next weekend 26/27 October

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

Sunday 10:30am choir will be holding an open rehearsal for all interested singers and musicians on Saturday 26 October 2019 at 3:00pm in the church. We will be learning a new Mass setting and preparing for Advent. All are welcome.

The Funeral of the late Rose Hennessy will take place at the Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road. Reception into church on Wednesday 30 October 2019 at 6:00pm and the Requiem Mass takes place on Thursday 31 October 2019 at 12:15pm followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery Fortune Green Road. Rose was a parishioner of St Mary Magdalen for over fifty years, she is survived by her husband John, son James and three grandchildren.

Solemnity of All Saints is on Friday 1 November 2019, a Holy day of Obligation when we must attend Mass—not to do so is the same as missing Mass on a Sunday, a mortal sin. There will be Mass at 9:30am as usual and also at 7:00pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Saturday 2 November 2019 with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020. The first meetings for children and parents who have registered will be in the church on Monday 4 November 2019 at either 5:30pm-6:30pm for First Holy Communion, and 7:00pm- 8:00pm for Confirmation. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for this Sacrament to consider putting themselves forward.

Bethany Bereavement Group Mass, for all those whose funerals have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Friday 8 November 2019. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

Bishop's Visitation. Bishop John Sherrington will be coming to our parish on the weekend of 9—10 November. He will be at all our Masses and is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible after Mass.

Altar Servers. When Bishop John Sherrington visits our parish on the weekend of the 9/10 November he would like to meet with all of the altar servers on Saturday 9 November at 7:30pm in the Sacristy. It would be lovely if you could all be there. Could parents/guardians please email the parish office at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk to confirm servers attendance.

St Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group will be holding a charity 'Race Night' on Saturday 16 November 2019 at the Rising Sun, 25 Harlesden Road, Willesden Green, London NW10 2BY commencing at 7:30pm. All monies raised from the evening will be used to pay for a Christmas lunch and gifts for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities. We hope to see you all there. Children are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Diocesan News

Padre Pio Prayer Group. On Friday 25 October 2019 at 7:30pm at St Agnes church, Cricklewood Lane London NW2 1HR there will be a Mass of healing in honour of St *Padre Pio*, rosary and blessing with the relic of St *Padre Pio* and anointing of the sick. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Readings at Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17:8—13

Psalm Response: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading: St Paul 3: 14—4:2

Alleluia Verse: May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Gospel: Luke 18:1—8

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