

## Presbytery

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Tuesday—Friday

10:00am until 2:00pm



## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER —MONTH OF  
THE HOLY SOULS

3 NOVEMBER 2019

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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## 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

When is the last time you climbed a tree? I suspect that for most of the adults reading this it would be a very long time ago. And yet this is just what Zacchaeus does in today's gospel. He was a mover and shaker in his town of Jericho. He was a senior tax collector, which will have made him a very well-to-do man. A lot of people will have known him personally, as they went to him to negotiate their tax bill. They will have been astonished to see this small, bustling man clamber up a sycamore tree.

So, what made Zacchaeus do this extraordinary thing? His was a life which others may have envied, and yet clearly he was looking for something more. He heard about Jesus, he had heard about Jesus' words and his actions, maybe about his openness to all people, and Zacchaeus knew that in Jesus God was speaking. So he climbed a tree.

Zacchaeus has a reputation in Jericho. He is known to be a sinner. And yet it was this man that Jesus calls down from the tree and says 'I must stay at your house today.' And Zacchaeus changed his life. Not because Jesus condemned him, but because Jesus loved him.

Each time you receive Holy Communion ask in your heart that your love for Jesus may grow, and that he may help you set aside what is sinful and embrace his love.

Monsignor Roger.

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Crean, Connie O'Connor

**Those who are sick:** Stewart Samaden, Brendan Howard,  
Lydia Pambakian, Catherine Barrett, Breda Foley, Elfriede Singleton

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr Anthony Slack,  
Tom Mahoney, Kossiwa Agnes, Rev Fr Theophilus Unaifo, Lucrezia  
Lusignani, John O'Sullivan, Joe Kevane, Alberto Chiappetta, Gilda Falcone  
Rosaria Ritacca

**Those Baptised:** Lachlan Balmaceda, Keelan Patrick Redmond

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,923.31 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £1,541.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**The Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. At present, 80 priests are receiving support from the fund after years of dedicated service to God and their parishioners. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs such as ensuring they have a suitable place to live, and regular visits from carers when they are sick. Best of all, you'll help give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. Envelopes will be available on the table at the back of the church. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**Poppies** are on sale in the Repository: wear yours with pride.

**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 next 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. If you have not done so already could parents/guardians please email the parish office at [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk) to confirm servers attendance.

**Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2019.** The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

**Collectors.** Fire Warden Training takes place on Thursday 14 November 2019 at St Joseph's church, 339 High Road, Wembley, HA9 6AG commencing at 7:00pm. We would like as many collectors as possible to attend. If you have not already done so please can you give your name and contact details to the parish office. Please telephone 020 8451 4677 or email [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk).

**Catholic Mothers** have produced a beautiful diary for 2020 which are now on sale in the repository at £19.75 each (which includes a 10% discount). Slightly large than A5 in size there is a planner for each month with an inspirational quote from a female saint. Then it has a week to a page with each day divided into morning,

afternoon and evening sections. Each page has a quote from Pope Francis or a saint across the top and a prayer down the side. The readings for the Sunday Mass are also given to help you share them with your family at home. But that's not all—at the back there is a section with prayers for various occasions and also many traditional prayers which will bring back a few memories. Then there are some wonderful activities you can do with your children or grandchildren on various days like chalking your doors on the Epiphany or making grandparent fridge magnets on the feast of Our Lady's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. And finally there are some lovely seasonal recipes for the whole family to use at different times of the year. With Christmas only 52 days away why not purchase one for your mum or your nan. I'm sure they'll love it.

**Safeguarding in the Church today.** Cardinal Vincent Nichols has issued a letter (copies are available on the table at the back of the church). He has asked us to pray especially for all those who carry the heavy burden of childhood abuse as well as those involved in the current Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse which is currently focussing on the Catholic Church, and to which the Cardinal will give evidence on 6 November as President of the Bishop's Conference.

## Readings at Mass

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Wisdom 11:22—12:2

**Psalm Response:** I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

**Second Reading:** St Paul 1:11—2:2

**Alleluia Verse:** Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

**Gospel:** Luke 19:1—10

## Parish Diary

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| Monday    | 5:30pm—<br>6:30pm | First Holy Communion meeting for parents and children who have registered—Church          |
| Monday    | 7:00pm—<br>8:00pm | Confirmation meeting for parents and children who have registered—Church                  |
| Monday    | 7:00pm            | Prayer Group—Annexe   |
| Wednesday | 8:00pm            | <i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe   |
| Thursday  | 7:30pm            | <i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe   |
| Friday    | 7:00pm            | Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe  |
| Saturday  | 3:00pm—<br>5:00pm | "The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe |