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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
DECEMBER—MONTH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8 DECEMBER 2019
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A

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

I'm sure that many drivers, when they catch sight of a police car in their rear mirror, immediately look at the speedometer even if they know they are well within the limit. Just the presence of the traffic police can make you feel guilty or under judgement even if you are driving at a sedate 29 mph.

Judgement is one of the great themes of Advent. It is one which, I think, could make us feel uneasy, but I want to explain it in terms of the love which God has for each of us. In our gospel today we hear the word 'repent' and that goes hand in hand with judgement. Repentance means that we are judging ourselves, that we are trying to see ourselves from God's angle, revealing our sins and repenting of them.

We say we believe in judgement whenever we recite the Creed, and we may have a picture of God with a charge sheet in front of him as he ticks off all the bad things we have done and the good things we have not.

Scripture and the way Jesus showed mercy to sinners tell us that God will not ignore the sin, but that he loves the sinner. As you prepare for your Christmas confession, remember that God loves us even, and maybe especially, when he sees the truth about us.
Monsignor Roger

Those who have died recently: William O'Rourke, John Joyce, Elizabeth Murphy

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Margaret Costello, Norma Cambran, Sylvia Roberts, Michael O'Shea

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Benny Kilcoyne, Agnes & Anthony McDermott, Stephen Moriarty, Noel Coleman, Pat Liston, Maureen Hennessy, John Murphy, Olga Daly, Vitale Giraud, Fr Gerry Roche

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,774.36 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for November amounted to £2,882.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Roman Catholic Nursery, Infant, and Primary School

Applications. On 9, December and 4 January 2020, 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 between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday, to make an appointment.

Children's Nativity Play. This will take place within the 6:00pm Vigil Mass (First Mass of Christmas) on Tuesday 24 December 2019. We are looking for as many children as possible to take part and all are welcome. We also need parents/carers to help prepare the children for the play. Rehearsals will take place in the church on Friday 20 December at 4:00pm and Tuesday 24 December 2019 at 4:30pm. Please leave your details with the parish office if you can assist in any way. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020. Leaflets giving the times of Masses and other services over this period are now available in the racks at the back of the church or in the porch.

Christmas Rotas. If you have not already done so Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and readers should indicate their availability on the lists at the back of the church today. Servers should check with their parents and then indicate their availability on the list in the sacristy. Thank you for your ministry throughout the year.

Crib Offering 2019. This Christmas our crib offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide family support, emergency grants and mental health services for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

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). With Christmas only 17 days away why not purchase one for your mum or your nan. I'm sure they'll love it.

Repository. Advent calendars, Advent candles, wreaths, cribs, Christmas cards, Mass bouquets, Christmas story books, church art calendars, cribs, candles, selection of cards to suit all occasions and religious items are on sale now in the Repository. The Repository is open before and after all Sunday Masses including the Saturday vigil.

What happens if you go into hospital? In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that on entering hospital you indicate that your details or those of your relative are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you or your relative would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

Funeral Notices

The Funeral Service of the late William Joseph O'Rourke will take place on Monday 9 December 2019 at the East Finchley (Marylebone) Cemetery Chapel at 1:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late John Edward Joyce will take place on Friday 13 December 2019 at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Golders Green at 12:30pm

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

St. Roses, 160, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2 6BH. On Saturday 14 December from 10:00am to 3:00pm, there will be a day of reflection and prayer led by the Dominican Sisters, with the theme of: "*Come and Journey through Advent with Mary.*" A light lunch will be provided. On Thursday 19 December there will be the last Holy Hour at St. Roses for 2019. It will conclude with a Carol Service and some refreshments.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 14 December 2019 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10:00am—5:00pm) to prepare for Christmas, with teaching, silence, prayer, confessions and Mass. Retreat takes place at Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Please register at youth@assumptionreligious.org or telephone 020 7361 4755. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Vinnie Packs. The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. We invite parishioners to donate £3.50 for each pack. Donations can be sent to Vinne Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Natwest, sort code 60-60-04, account number 46088237. Thank you.

Readings at Mass

2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1—10

Psalm Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails

Second Reading: St Paul 15:4—9

Alleluia Verse: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1—12

Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe