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Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday

10:00am until 2:00pm

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



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
JANUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
5 JANUARY 2020
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
YEAR A

The Epiphany



This is a picture of a mosaic in the Church of Saint Apollinaris in Ravenna, Italy. It was probably made in about AD 500, and may be the first picture of the Wise Men. They are dressed like Persian scholars—I love the leopard print trousers! They are following the star because they were astrologers. We should not place any trust in astrology, but we should rejoice that their wisdom and curiosity brought them to worship Jesus Christ. Let's pray that our example as Catholics may lead our friends and neighbours to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ as well.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: Mary McNamara, Sheila Kelleher, Celine Thomas

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Lawrence Fernandes

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Louis Keleghan, Elizabeth & Christopher Doran, Andrew Heath, Celine Joseph

Those Baptised: Enzo Gabriel Bernardes-Marques

Parish News

Thank you to everyone who spent so much time and effort making the church look so beautiful for our Christmas Masses and to all those who made them such prayerful yet joyful liturgies—there were lovely comments from visitors and passers-by. And may God bless you for your generosity—the collection on 22 December 2019 was £1,950.24, on 29 December 2019 it was £2,303.87, and your Christmas offering was £5,543.74 (all excluding standing orders). Standing orders for December amounted to £3,501.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

First Holy Communion 2020. Please note that the first session for those children who have registered for First Holy Communion, commences on Monday 6 January 2020 at St Mary Magdalen Junior school from 5:30pm—6:30pm (prompt start, sharp finish). Please ensure that the children bring the programme book '*I Belong*' that was provided to them at the introductory meeting.

Brownies/Guides. There are a few vacancies for Brownies/Guides etc. who meet locally. For further details of venue/times etc. please see the poster at the back of the church.

Remember your parish with a legacy gift. Please consider making a legacy gift to St Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic Church from your assets after you will no longer need them, no matter how large or small. Many Catholics find this a fulfilling way to pass on their love for the Church, in gratitude to God for blessings received over a lifetime. And whatever we buy with what the donor leaves means that this individual gets a perpetual remembrance at every liturgies at which those items are used. It is a wonderful way to ensure the prayers we all need are said when we stand at the throne of god on Judgment Day.

There are several ways in which you can make a legacy gift: a bequest in your will of a specific amount; a bequest to leave a percentage of your residual estate; designating the Church to receive the remainder of your estate; a gift in your will of a specific item of property to which you have title; a gift of appreciated shares or funds/accounts to which you have ownership. For more information please contact Monsignor Roger directly rather than the diocese to ensure your gift stays in your parish.

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. he week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

Parish Registration Forms. In line with the new data protection regulations which came into effect on 25 May 2018, revised parish registration forms are available. Can *everyone* who has not yet done so please complete a registration form. Forms can be

found in the racks as you enter the side porch and on each pillar at the back of the church. Completed forms should be handed in at the parish office or posted through the door of the presbytery.

Newsletter. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office by Wednesday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Diocesan News

Caritas Westminster is recruiting at least one Representative for Social Outreach from each parish to help communication between the Parish and *Caritas* to support and grow charitable activities. They will help to display posters and flyers, speak in Masses, learn about new tools and models for social action and share best practice between parishes. If you would like to become a *Caritas* Representative, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years old) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or telephone 0161 941 3498.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm—6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Thursday	7:15pm	<i>SVP</i> —Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of <i>St Columba</i> —Annexe
Saturday	3:00pm—5:00pm	"The Feast London" —a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family—Annexe

Readings at Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1—6

Psalms Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2—3 .5—6

Alleluia Verse: We saw His star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1—12