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

The Baptism of the Lord

The river Jordan is not the most impressive of rivers, and on the day I saw it, it looked rather more like a stream than a river. Yet, it was here that Jesus Christ came to be baptised by his cousin, John. It was a decisive moment for Jesus. The young craftsman from a small Galilean village would never again be seen in the same way. At the river Jordan there is a revelation of just who Jesus is: he is the beloved son of the Father, the favoured one. From this moment on, the hidden years are left behind as Jesus begins to open up the mystery of the love of God for us all.

At the general audience in Rome last Wednesday Pope Francis gave everyone a task to do when they got home—to discover the date of their baptism. We all know our birthday, but for many of us the date of our baptism is buried away deep in a drawer. Mine is 15 February 1959, I discovered. It would be good to celebrate the anniversary of our baptism, and especially for parents to celebrate with their children, maybe by lighting the baptismal candle. The day of our baptism is when our true nature is revealed as children of God, called to serve him.

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: Mgr Anthony Stark, Mary McNamara, Leah Misir, Christopher Walsh, Ngulula Tshiyoyi, Victoria Banjo

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Norma Cambran, Sylvia Roberts, Elfriede Singleton, Monica Lynch, Peter Corcoran, Michael Redmond

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jean Edinborough, Michael Hollowed, Sean Hendry, Anthony Chalissery, Frank Donnellan, Delia Peltier, Alfred Cuff, Michael Doyle

Those Baptised: Samantha Ellie Leah Mweru Mwage, Leon Sebastian Sanchiz Mateo

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1740.74 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for December amounted to £3,501.00. Thank you for your generosity.

White Flower Appeal 2020. This weekend we are making an appeal on behalf of the *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)*. Their mission is to save lives of unborn children and to protect women from abortion. Tragically the threats facing unborn children in our country today are great. Since the Abortion Act was passed in 1967 more than nine million babies have lost their lives as a result of abortion and now there is the danger that things will get even worse. On 21 October 2019 a new abortion regime was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland, abortion is now permitted for any reason up to 24 weeks and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now want to introduce this in England and Wales. *SPUC* will fight to stop this by doing what they do best. You can help to stop this getting worse by signing the card you will be given as you leave church today which asks the Prime Minister not to allow pro-abortion legislation to pass through Parliament. Please fill in your postcard today and post it to *SPUC*. They will be presented to No 10 on your behalf. Your support today to the appeal will mean that every donation of whatever size will help to save babies lives. Thank you on behalf of *SPUC*.

Confirmation 2020. Please note that the first session for those candidates who have registered for Confirmation commences on Monday 13 January 2020 at St Mary Magdalen Junior school from 7:00—8:30pm (prompt start, sharp finish). All candidates should bring the 'YOUCAT' programme books that were provided to them at the introductory meeting.

St Mary Magdalen's RC Junior School, Linacre Road NW2 admission application deadline for a Year 3 place for pupils starting in September 2020, is Wednesday 15 January 2020. Please submit your Supplementary Forms to the school office by 3:00pm and ensure your online e-admissions is completed by 11:59pm.

Lent Group. The Diocese of Westminster have organised a lent course which we would like to hold here during Lent on a Saturday afternoon. The course will require us to purchase books. Could you please telephone or email the parish office if you are interested in attending so that the correct number of books can be ordered. We would need to know no later than Wednesday 15 January 2020. Thank you.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm—6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm—8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Ngalula Leonie Tshiyoyi will take place on
Thursday 16 January 2020 at 11:00am
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:30pm
May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Concert: 'A Celebration of Irish music, poetry and dancing' hosted by the Irish Chaplaincy on the eve of St Brigid takes place at St James' Church, Piccadilly W1J 9LL, on Friday 31 January 2020 at 6:30pm. Tickets are £10 (£12 on the door) from the website at www.eventbrite.co.uk/ (search for Irish Chaplaincy, London). Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? *Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The programme is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about '*Retrouvaille*', or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 28, 29 February and 1 March 2020 please telephone or text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email retrouvail-leukinfo@gmail.com or visit the website www.retrouvaille.org.uk Please see the poster at the back of the church.

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.

Readings at Mass

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1—4. 6—7

Psalm Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34—38

Alleluia Verse: The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Gospel: Matthew 3:13—17