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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

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY

9 FEBRUARY 2020

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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If you google Antique Salts you will find pictures of amazing little works of art, usually made out of silver. They were made of precious metals, because for many centuries salt was very expensive and almost a luxury item in its pure form. Ordinary people could not afford to buy pure salt, so they used rock salt with many impurities which they would float in a bag in soups and stews and reuse until it became tasteless.

Thus, when Jesus says 'You are the salt of the Earth' he is actually saying to his followers that they are of the greatest importance and value. Salt was crucial to life in hot climates as it was needed to preserve meats in the days before 'fridges. The followers of Jesus would have been seen by many as insignificant, immoral or just a waste of space—they were not from the 'best' parts of society. As so often Jesus turns the values of the world on their head.

We do not have the power to change the world at a single stroke—only a few politicians can do that—but think for a moment where you make a difference in your own community, or in your family, or in the life of this parish. I'm sure many of you do this, and as such you are the salt of the earth.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: P.J. Phelan, Lydia Salerno

Those who are sick: Stewart Samaden, Michael O'Shea.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: The McGerty Family, Cecilia & James Lindford, Patrick Brendan Coogan, Bernie Hammill, Robert Kennedy.

Those Baptised: Joshua Wannakuwatte Waduge Fernando

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,985.83 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for January amounted to £3,351.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Rotas. A new rota is available today from the rack in the Sacristy.

Altar Linen Rotas. A new rota is available today from the rack in the Sacristy.

Magdala Magazine will be available to purchase after all Masses next weekend 15/16 February 2020.

Gift Aid Tax 2018/2019. The parish was able to claim £12,441.87 in *Gift Aid* from the HMRC for the last tax year. We are only able to claim *Gift Aid* on your weekly donations if you pay by standing order or planned giving envelope and have signed a *Gift Aid* declaration. *Gift Aid* was set up by the government to support charitable organizations, such as our own parish. If you are a UK tax payer, we can add 25p to every £1 that you donate, reclaimed from the tax you have already paid. It does not matter which tax bracket you belong to, as long as the tax you pay is more than the amount we claim back. If you wish to *Gift Aid* please contact Kathleen in the parish office. Also if anyone has signed a *Gift Aid* declaration and is no longer paying tax please do let Kathleen know. Thank you to all for your continued support and generosity in whatever way you give.

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.

Readings at Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7—10

Psalm Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1—5

Alleluia Verse: I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13—16

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
Thursday	7:15pm	SVP—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Knights of St Columba—Annexe

Diocesan News

CAFOD information afternoon takes place on Wednesday 12 February at 2:30pm—4:00pm. **CAFOD** will be hosting a supporter's information afternoon with guest speaker, Christine Allen, Director, who has first-hand experience of **CAFOD**'s work overseas. Come and hear how **CAFOD** is helping communities, thanks to your support. Meeting will take place at **CAFOD**'s Volunteer Centre, 1st Floor, Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 4HE. Bookings required and taken on 020 8449 6970 or via email at westminster@cafod.org.uk.

A Celebration of Family on Valentine's Day. On Friday 14 February at 7:00pm—8:30pm an evening of worship takes place at English Martyrs Church, Chalkhill Road, Wembley Park HA9 9EW. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

SPEC Catholic Leadership Retreat takes place at the **SPEC** Retreat Centre on Saturday 7 March 2020 to explore what it means to be a young Catholic leader. With guest speakers including Dame Mary Richardson, Brendan Thompson of Catholic Voices, Mark Besford of Young Christian Workers, Mike Roche of Alpha UK and others, and will cover topics such as resilience, how to use time effectively, where our identity comes from and how to impact our peers. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more details.

Peter's Way of the Cross performance at Westminster Cathedral takes place on 12 March 2020 at 7:30pm. Free event. Donations to Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage most welcome on the night.

Beginning Experience Weekend. A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3—5 April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please telephone Freda on 01322 838 415 or Maura 01322 551 503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 30 May 2020 at 3:00pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details to the parish office: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) no later than Friday 27 March 2020.

The SVP are distributing 11.500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, *Pavement* magazine, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to **SVP** or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.