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## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF  
THE HOLY FAMILY

16 FEBRUARY 2020

6TH 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

## Who will enter the kingdom of heaven?

There are three groups in the Gospel today (Matthew 5:17-37).

1st Group: Whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:19).

In the kingdom of heaven and great in the kingdom of heaven

2nd Group: Anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, (Matthew 5:19).

In the kingdom of heaven but least in the kingdom of heaven

3rd Group: Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20).

Not in the kingdom of heaven and not counted as great or least.

What makes the difference amongst these three groups? One group follows the commands only; you shall not murder (Matthew 5:21), you shall not commit adultery (Matthew 5:27), anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce (Matthew 5:31) and Do not break your oath (Matthew 5:33).

The other two follow the commands and the conscience; anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment (Matthew 5:22), anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart (Matthew 5:28), anyone who divorces his wife makes her the victim of adultery (Matthew 5:31) and all you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one (Matthew 5:37). Jesus says; If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift (Matthew 5:23-24).

God wants the conscience not the outward sign of fulfilling the commands.

Those who act according to the conscience will enter the kingdom of heaven and be counted as least and great.

Fr. Sudham Perera

**Those who have died recently:** P.J. Phelan

**Those who are sick:** Stewart Samaden, Michael O'Shea, Elfriede Singleton, Michael O'Callaghan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sean Donagher, Peggy Corboy, Peter & Daniel Mulhern, Ben & Margaret McDade, Siobhan Clifford, May McClay, Kazimierz Markul, Austine Daroux, John Sullivan, Bernie Hamill, Josephine Delaney, Steven Bougouneau, Josephine Bougouneau, Fitzroy Bougouneau

**Those Baptised:** Keano James Joseph

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £1,630.94 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for January amounted to £3,351.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Magdala Magazine** will be available to purchase after all Masses this weekend.

**Ashford Place.** The monthly collection of non perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place next weekend.

**Ash Wednesday** is on 26 February. The ashes are made by burning the palms from the previous year as a symbol of how quickly we move from acclaiming Christ as our King to turning against Him by our sins. Therefore it makes the symbolism deeper if we make our own ashes so please bring your palms to the church during the week or to Mass next weekend and they will be burned after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 23 February.

**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.

**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.

## Readings at Mass

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 15:15—20

**Psalm Response:** They are happy who follow God's law!

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6—10

**Alleluia Verse:** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:17—37

## Parish Diary

Saturday

3:00pm—  
5:00pm

"The Feast London" - a Catholic prayer meeting of the Light of Jesus Family in the Annexe

## Funeral Notice

Reception of the late Patrick Joseph Phelan will take place on  
Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 7:00pm  
and the requiem Mass will take place on  
Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 11:00am  
followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

May he rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**The Passage** is a Christian Charity working with homeless people. Please support a St David's Day concert in aid of *The Passage* at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster on Friday 28 February at 7:00pm. The concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with guest soloists Claire Jones (harp) and Aled Wyn Davies (tenor) and Guto Harri (Compère). Please book online through Eventbrite at [stdavidsday.eventbrite.co.uk](http://stdavidsday.eventbrite.co.uk). Full details to book are also available on the website at [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk) or by telephoning 020 7592 1856 or email [info@passage.org.uk](mailto:info@passage.org.uk).

**Married Singles Lifestyle** –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates.

*Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This programme has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. 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 telephone/ text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com), or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.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.