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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
23 FEBRUARY 2020

7TH 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

One of the saddest things I had to do when I worked as the Chaplain at Feltham Young Offenders was preside over the funeral of a young man who had been in the prison for some fairly minor offences, but after he was released was stabbed to death in a turf war over drug dealing. His mother told me that there would be lots of his friends there, and she asked me to implore the young people not to go out and seek revenge for the death of their friend. She had no hatred in her heart, only a desire that there should be no more violence.

The words of the gospel today challenge us at every level of our lives. The words of Jesus raise huge questions for us—when should we forgive, when should we go the extra mile, when should we turn the other cheek? The violence in our world is so centred on revenge, whether it's within families and communities or nations and religious and ethnic groups. And we have to remember that violence can be as emotional as physical.

How can we love our enemies? Jesus is not asking us to 'fall in love' with them—he is asking us desire what is good for them as much we desire what is good for us. Pray this Lent that you may learn to love your enemies wherever they may be. Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: Michael Quinlan, John Kelly

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Mick Lally, Denis O'Connor, Sheila Curran, Augustine (Justine) Daroux, Bose Modinatu Yesufu-Eke

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,707.54 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for January amounted to £3,351.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Crib Offering 2019 has raised a magnificent £976.26 in offerings which 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. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday—the start of Lent. Please join us outside after the 12 noon Mass when your palms will be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Masses on Wednesday 26 February 2020 will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm when ashes will be distributed. Don't forget to do something extra as well as giving things up during Lent—perhaps a weekday Mass or pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays after 6:30pm Mass. Happy Lent!

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

Lenten Alms 2020 collection will support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas, Marriage and Family Life: enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. Youth and Evangelisation: supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. The Church's Service in Society: putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table, even though they may be in work. Sadly, poverty is deepening across our Diocese and more people are turning to foodbanks for help. For children who get free meals at school, the holidays can be a time of hunger because the family budget doesn't stretch to cover three meals a day. One initiative the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal supports is school holiday clubs, where children can have fun, and prepare and eat a healthy meal during the school holidays. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today. You can make a Lenten Gift by placing the envelope in the weekly collection or by placing money in the box at the back of the church. Please be as generous as you can. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

MS Society Fundraising Event organised by one of our parishioners, will take place on Saturday 29 February in *Angies 3*, Willesden. There will be an Elvis tribute act, a disco, plus raffle. Entry is free and donations gratefully received on the night. Our parishioner writes "This charity is close to my heart as over 100,000 people in the UK are living with MS like myself. It is a unpredictable neurological condition that affects how people move, think, see and feel. This charity is dedicated to supporting everyone whose life is affected by MS, they provide a MS helpline, grants for home adaptations, mobility aids, education training and produce a wide range of information leaflets." All are welcome to this free event. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

Diocesan News

Guidance on Coronavirus. Advice regarding Coronavirus has been issued by the Bishop's conference. A summary of the advice and practical steps which parishes can take to limit the spread of the virus can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church along with an NHS poster. The full guidance can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>

Settlement Scheme for European citizens. All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in Solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

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) by Friday 27 March

Readings at Mass

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1—2. 17—18

Psalm Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16—23

Alleluia Verse: If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38—48

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	Stations of the Cross—Church
Saturday	3:30pm— 4:30pm	Lent Study Group—Annexe