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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH—MONTH OF

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1 MARCH 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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LENT IS HERE

Lent is the season of prayer and penance set apart by the Church to prepare us to celebrate the joys of Easter. It is a time for us to learn to love our souls more than we love our bodies—to grow that which is spiritual in our lives. There are three traditional ways of doing this:

- 1. Pray.** Try to make a little extra time for prayer each day. Maybe just take time out to be still and pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory be. You might be able to come to Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in the church, or pray the rosary quietly at home.
- 2. Fast.** So many of us give up some food for Lent, which is good discipline. To abstain from chocolate or wine or biscuits shows some self-control. There are other things to give up as well—maybe some messaging or computer games, or some TV.
- 3. Give.** With the money you save by giving up some foods, please give generously to the Cardinal's Lent appeal. With the time saved by looking less at the iPhone or computer, you can give time to family and friends.

God bless us all this Lent.

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday: After 6:30pm Mass

Those who have died recently: John Kelly, Philomena Coughlan, Michael Niland, Kelly Conboy, Frank Crooks, Finbar (Barry) O'Shea

Those who are sick: Michael O'Shea, Michael O'Callaghan, Elfriede Singleton, Peter Corcoran

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George & Beatrice Wallis, Noreen Carolan, Alex & Yvonne Lobo, Cirilo Carvalho, Brian Patrick Monahan, Theresa Kilcoyne, Bose Modinatu Yesufu-Eke, Sheila Scanlon, Claudette Bird

Those Baptised: Ileana Belicia Fernandes, Ethan Zain De Oliveira

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,040.95 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for January amounted to £3,351.00. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA. For the last few months a group of adults seeking baptism and confirmation in the Catholic Church has been meeting in our parish, ably guided by Fr Sudham and Margaret Cox. As an important part of their journey into full membership of the Church, they are going to the Cathedral this Sunday afternoon for the Rite of Election. They will be baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them and for their families and supporters.

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, Youth and Evangelisation and the Church's Service in Society. 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. Thank you.

Missio Spring 2020 booklet is now available and can be found on the table at the back of the church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 March 2020. This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn't continue as there wouldn't be enough funding to support it. But we urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. On Friday 6 March, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world's poorest people? Through CAFOD's global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Our Parish CAFOD volunteer will give a talk after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are attached to this week's newsletter. Fast this Friday and give as much as you can in next week's collection.

Creative Arts Festival takes place at the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School and Nursery on Saturday 7 March at 5:00pm—8:00pm. £10 per adult. Festival includes live music

performances, poetry reading, art exhibition and auction, art and crafts stalls, buffet and refreshments. For more information please email conventjesusmarypta@gmail.com.

Adam's EuroJam 2020. Adam, a young parishioner and an Explorer Scout has competed and gained the opportunity to go to EuroJam 2020 in Gdańsk, Poland this summer. As part of this he will be participating in a sponsored 20 mile walk on Saturday 14 March from the Polish Embassy in London to 1st Uxbridge Scout HQ. He is dividing the Lent fundraising from this walk equally between two local charities— St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Special Needs Group and Willesden District Scouts. For details on how to donate please contact his mum, Denise on 07946 615065.

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks' time to take away your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Over the next few weeks please collect your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks. Then before 12 noon on Sunday 15 March 2020 bring them with you when you come to Mass. Not only will you be getting rid of un-wanted clothes/bedding and giving yourself a little more space but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity. *Mary's Meals* feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 12 countries.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late John William Kelly will take place on Thursday 5 March 2020 at 11:30am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:45pm

May he rest in peace

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
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	7:30pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross—Church
Saturday	3:30pm	Lent Study Group—Annexe

Readings at Mass

1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7—9. 3:1—7

Psalm Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 5:12—19

Alleluia Verse: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1—11