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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
MARCH—MONTH OF
ST JOSEPH
15 MARCH 2020
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR A**

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

CORONAVIRUS

We have received a notice from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales advising that we are now moving to stage 2 of the guidelines regarding the coronavirus. We have been asked to implement these changes with immediate effect:

1. The Host to be given on the hand only.
2. The physical sign of peace suspended.
3. Holy water stoups emptied.
4. Public veneration of relics and the Cross on Good Friday will not be by kissing or physically touching them.
5. The most vulnerable (elderly, people with weakened immune systems and long term conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease) to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home.
6. Use of shared hymn books ceased. Hymn sheets to be provided at 10:30am and 12 noon Masses. Newsletters to be taken home and not put back for other parishioners to use.
7. Everyone attending Mass to sanitise their hands as they come into church with their own sanitisers as at present we are unable to source sanitisers.
8. Everyone to maintain good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings.
 - a. The best way of protecting us from spread is still for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus.
 - b.
 - i. Catch it - sneeze into a tissue.
 - ii. Bin it – bin the tissue.
 - iii. Kill it – wash your hands with soap and water.
 - iv. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.
9. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending Mass, public events, or confession if symptomatic (they may have an ordinary cold but equally it is important to ensure a precautionary approach). There is a leaflet on the table at the back of the church to take home with you should you need to self isolate. It is not a sin to miss Mass under these circumstances.
10. All confessions will be heard in the Lady Chapel, not confessional, please queue on the front benches in the main church.
11. Regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly.
12. Collection baskets not to be passed around. Collection will take place after Mass with a collector at each exit.
13. Ministers of the Eucharist to sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion. This is done anyway as a matter of course.
14. When visiting parishioners at home, wash hands before giving the Sacraments. No pastoral visits to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends.
15. Visits to people in care homes or hospitals should follow advice from the staff on infection control.

For updated advice please visit the Diocesan website at rcdow.org.uk/news/advice-regarding-coronavirus.

Monsignor Roger

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,866.98 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for February amounted to £3,037.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Alms 2020. Our Lenten Alms this year will go to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, which – like last year – includes a focus on food poverty. Sadly, more people are turning to foodbanks for help and one new initiative you can support is the opening of school holiday clubs where children can come to prepare and eat a healthy meal. If you have not done so already, please pick up a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet at the back of the Church for more information. Please read and pray for its aims, and if you can, please give generously. Please place your Cardinal's Lenten appeal donation envelope in the weekly collection or place money in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year 2020/2021 are available for collection in the Sacristy after Masses today. There will also be boxes available for anyone who requested one as part of our recent 'Planned Giving' appeal and as yet to receive one. Boxes can also be collected from the parish office, Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Please consider using envelopes or a standing order for your offertory donations, and *Gift Aid* your contribution which benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals will be at church this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows). Please bring all your bags before 12 noon. Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks - three full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you.

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

Easter Choir. Would you like to join our Easter choir? Please come along to the rehearsal for all Easter music on Saturday 21 March at 2:00pm in the church. We will be teaching new hymns - you do not need to read music. It would be wonderful to lift our roof with prayerful and jubilant singing! The choir will be singing from the loft. Due to health and safety regulations children are currently not allowed in the loft and therefore cannot take part in the choir.

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.

Diocesan News

Coronavirus – let's not forget the vulnerable. In light of the uncertainty over the Coronavirus, it is understandable that we want to ensure our kitchen cupboards are well stocked. However, we must not forget that this can leave foodbanks struggling. Hundreds of people rely on generous donations from our parishioners. This includes the need for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc, as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. Foodbanks also welcome donations of money - please give what you can. Please also consider if you could spare some time to volunteer – perhaps by driving to collect food for a foodbank – or simply by looking out for your neighbours. Contact cfc@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077 to add your name to a list of people who would be willing to help respond.

The Passage is raising funds through the 'Big Give' from 12 noon Tuesday 17 March to 12 noon Tuesday 24 March 2020 to support its work helping homeless people to move away from the street to a new home and to return to work. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information please telephone Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1886 or email andrew.h@passage.org.uk. Please Donate at <https://bit.ly/334RmGH>.

Readings at Mass

3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3—7

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 5:1—2. 5—8

Alleluia Verse: Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

Gospel: John 4:5—42

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross—Church
Saturday	3:30pm	Lenten Study Group—Sacristy

Those who have died recently: Archbishop Peter Smith, Michael O'Shea

Those who are sick: Michael O'Callaghan, Francis Maguire

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr James McNulty, Fr Michael Buckley, Myles & Eileen Hollowed, Thomas Dias, Maureen Anderson, Mary Killian, Bridget Connell, Mary Theresa Ryan