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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY —MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN
30 MAY 2021
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
YEAR B

The beauty of God.

I am rather frightened of babies. They have never really been a part of my life – I have no children or nieces or nephews. If someone asks me to hold their baby, I try to say ‘no’ because I become nervous and then the baby does too with predictable results. I am trying to overcome this nervousness at the moment because I am meeting lots of families who are so happy that they can have their babies, born during lockdown, baptised. Several times the parents have told me that they are nervous also, because I am the first non-family person their child has met.

One of the things people always look out for at baptisms is the moment the baby cries. This usually happens when the priest pours the water over the baby’s head as he says ‘I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ Of course, this is because of the sudden pouring of water on the baby’s head, but I sometimes wonder whether the child also cries because this is the first time it has heard of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and the child is a bit confused at this complex doctrine. It has certainly given theologians many headaches over the centuries.

Pope Francis teaches us in this way about the Trinity: ‘The Trinity is Love, all in the service of the world which He wishes to save and recreate.’ Trinity Sunday, he says, ‘invites us to let ourselves once again be fascinated by the beauty of God’

The beauty of God is that He is greater than anything we can conceive of; the beauty of God is that at His heart there lies a community of Love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is a community of Love, and we should be a community of love. When, in obedience to the command of Christ to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, children or adults are baptised they are brought into the Church, herself a community of love.

Please remember in your prayers the adults baptised last week and those babies who will be baptised in the coming weeks. May they all come to know the beauty of God.

Monsignor Roger.

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of
Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon &
6:30pm

Monday— Friday 9:30am

Saturday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Mass Online

Masses are livestreamed on our
YouTube channel: [St Mary Magdalen
RC Church, Willesden, London -
YouTube](#). Masses are normally live
streamed Monday - Saturday at 9:30am
& Sunday at 9:00am

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 5:30pm– 6:15pm & At Call

Those who have died recently: Betty McDonnell,
Siobhan Grennans, Carlucio Barbosa

Those who are sick: Pat O’Rourke, Eddie Harte, Tony Teixeira,
Paul Anthony Hollowed, Sylvia O’Mahoney, Sr Patricia Doyle, Ann Stack,
Livia Kovacs

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gerry & Josie
Rice, Brigid Boland, Ann Cole, Thomas Carmody, Leroy Lewis,
Carol Carnegi

Parish News

Collection of 16 May 2021 amounted to £1,268.38. Standing orders for April amounted to £3,625.00. Thank you.

Current Guidance for COVID Regulations at Mass. We are pleased to announce the following relaxation of the COVID rules, some of which were advised in last week's newsletter. As of 17 May 2021 we are at Step 3 of the Government's COVID-19 Response Roadmap. Further guidance will hopefully be prepared for the Step 4 date of 21 June.

- Our church will be open as from Monday 31 May from 8:15am until 6:15pm weekdays and from 8:15am until after evening Mass on Saturday and Sunday. This is truly wonderful and welcome news.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- Please continue to wear face masks, unless exempt.
- Interior and exterior doors remain open to increase ventilation and reduce touching.
- Stewards will no longer be at weekday Masses. Please either sign the Test and Trace sheets with your card number, or alternatively scan the *NHS* QR code. Anyone who does not have a contact card number should complete a contact card and place the top portion in the box provided.
- Stewards will be present at weekend Masses and where there is likely to be an oversubscription of the capacity of the church e.g. on funerals or feast days.
- Our cleaning regimes remain in place. We ask that everyone helps in cleaning the church after Mass. Many hands make light work!
- Prayers of the Faithful reintroduced.
- The Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can now take Holy Communion to the housebound (EMHCs please see Fr Mark for advice on details).
- Confessions will take place on Saturdays from 5:30pm—6:15pm and At Call.

Fr Mark. The Vicar General, Mgr Martin Hayes, has announced that Fr Mark Dunglison is to receive a new appointment in September. As with a number of other priests with new appointments in the diocese, the details of his new appointment have not yet been confirmed. I would like to thank Fr Mark for all that he has done in our parish during this difficult time of lockdown. He has given generously of his time and energy to the parish in many ways, but especially in the catechesis of the First Holy Communion children and the adults who became Catholics at Pentecost. The Cardinal has appointed Fr Allan Alvarado Gil as assistant priest, and he will take up his appointment in September. He is currently assistant priest at St John the Evangelist, Islington.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Paper copies of your new rota are available to pick up from the rack in the Sacristy.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination. If you are a Brent resident, 30 years and above and, would like a first dose Pfizer vaccine please call 03000 339950 between 9:00am and 4:00pm to book an appointment. Anyone who had a first Pfizer vaccine at least 9 weeks ago can also book their 2nd vaccine on the same phone number between the same hours. You will need to present your *NHS* number and date of birth.

Diocesan News

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi and Quarant'Ore 2021. The annual Quarant'Ore (40 hours) at our Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane will take place from 3 June at 7:00pm, 4 June all day, to 5 June at 6:00pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:00am until midnight. Those who can't be there in person can still submit their prayer intentions and have candles burning before the Blessed Sacrament by visiting the website at: maidenlane.org.uk/forty After the awful year of Pandemic, it will be even more important to bring our concerns before the Lord in this way.

Catholic History Walks June 2021. Friday 11 June— Across London Bridge with its stories of Viking battles, to the birthplace of St John Henry Newman in the City. Thursday 17 June— Walk in the footsteps of St Thomas More. Sunday 27 June— The Martyrs Walk 2021. This is a special walk organised with the international charity Aid to the Church in Need, praying for religious freedom worldwide. Tuesday 29 June— Walk to Whitehall and Trafalgar Square. All are welcome. A £5 donation is suggested for each walk. For more information visit the website at: <https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/> or email: chwalkslondon@gmail.com

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? *Retrouvaille* is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The programme is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about '*Retrouvaille*', or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend on 1—4 July 2021 please telephone or text 07887 296 983/07973 380 443 or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit the website at: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Right To Life UK. "This week we marked the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. Let us remember especially the most vulnerable of all children, the unborn. We pray that as a society we would take on the duty to protect all children from harm, and ensure that they arrive into a world where they are loved and supported by all. Lord hear us"