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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY—MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

15 MAY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

(Jn 13:31-33,34-35)

Meditation: How does God reveal his glory to us? During his last supper with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. The cross of Jesus reveals the tremendous love and mercy of God the Father and his beloved Son for the human race. John the Evangelist writes, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

God's love has been poured into our hearts. How can we love one another as Christ has loved us? Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit on his disciples at Pentecost and he pours out his Spirit today on all who believe in him. If we yield our hearts to Jesus and submit to his will for us, then the Holy Spirit will purify all that is unloving, unkind, and unforgiving in us. The Lord wants to transform our minds so we can understand his word of truth and life which has power to set us free from ignorance, unbelief, deception, and prejudice.

This is the power that overcomes the world - the triumphant cross of Christ which breaks the destructive forces of sin, hatred, and division. And we share in the power of Christ's victory by embracing the cross which the Lord Jesus sets before each one of us. What is the cross that I must take up daily in order to follow the Lord Jesus? When my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The cross of Christ sets us free to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ and his kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness (moral goodness). Our calling and privilege is to serve as Christ has served and to love and he has loved. That is the way we share in the glory of our heavenly Father who gave us his beloved Son who laid down his life for each one of us.

The distinctive mark of every disciple and follower of Jesus Christ is love - a love that is ready to forgive and forget past injuries, to heal and restore rather than inflict revenge and injury. The cross of Jesus is the only way to pardon, peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Every other way will fail or fall short of the glory and victory which Jesus Christ has won for us through his death and resurrection. If we embrace his love and truth and allow his Holy Spirit to purify and transform our hearts and minds, then we will find the inner freedom, joy, and strength we need to love without measure, to forgive without limit, and to serve without reward - save that of knowing we are serving the One who wants to be united with us in an unbreakable bond of peace and joy forever.

Fr Allan

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of
Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am,10:30am (includes
Children's Liturgy),12noon & 6:30pm

Monday— Friday: 9:30am

Saturday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Eddie Ginnelly, Pat Ryan, Pearl Hammond, Richard Yamba-Yamba

Those who have died recently: Sharon Harte, Cornelia Henshaw, Catherine (Babs) Barrett, Michael Redmond

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Susan Keane, Mary Sullivan, Ernie & Catherine Lindford,
Bernadette McHugh & Matthew Crooke

Parish News

Collection 24 April 2022 amounted to £1,554.96. Standing orders for March amounted to £3,975.00. Thank you.

Priest Training Fund Collection. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Please visit: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Returning to Mass at Pentecost. The Sunday Obligation will be restored at Pentecost. Please take a letter from the table at the back of the church or visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

First Holy Communion 2022. Congratulations to the 38 children from our Parish who celebrated receiving First Holy Communion yesterday and to the 35 children receiving today at our 10:30am and 12noon Sunday Masses, for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. May the Lord bless them in their future Christian life.

Confirmation 2022. On Tuesday 17 May, 41 of our young people will be confirmed. Please pray for them and their families as they make this big step in their lives as Catholic Christians.

Parish Lunch. You are invited to a Parish Lunch on Sunday 5 June at 1:30pm in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School, Linacre Road NW2 5BB. We will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The lunch will reflect the many nationalities which make up our parish: you are invited to bring food from your own country. Please sign up on the lists at the back of the church today. There will be a Mass at 12 noon on the 5 June but there will be **NO 10:30am Mass** – so that as many of us can be together for the celebration at the 12 noon Mass. If possible, please let us know you are coming or if you would like to help the Parish Social Committee organise the food and activities for the lunch, by sending an email to: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. See you there!!!

Brent Council has launched an exciting project called 'Being Brent' and has invited different faith groups to create a textile installation for an exhibition to celebrate Brent's diverse communities, exploring the themes: 'Being Alive, Being Brave and Being Green.' "I am Glenda Brady, the director of 'Stitch Amazingly', and I will be leading the 'Being Brent' textiles workshops at St Mary Magdalen (dates/times to be confirmed). If you'd like to participate, please get in touch via my email: stitchamazingly@gmail.com. I am very excited, as I know it will be lots of fun and such a wonderful contribution to the 'Being Brent' exhibition at the Willesden Library in June 2022. Spaces are limited to 15 people. I look forward to hearing from you."

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 Diary

Monday 16 May	6:00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal - in the Church
Tuesday 17 May	7:00pm	Confirmation Mass

Funeral Notice

The Reception of the Late Sharon Mary Harte will take place on Thursday 19 May at 5:00pm and the Requiem Mass takes place on Friday 20 May at 11:30am followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 1:30pm

May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2022. For faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage and the dedication to service that faith generates.

May Procession at St Roses, Cricklewood. "Please come and join us for our May Procession on Saturday, 21 May at 3:00pm. We will pray for peace in the world, especially in the Ukraine."

The paradox of abundance. Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called 'Fix the Food System'. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our 'Fix the Food System': a 7-station journey resource.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 15 May 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary Sullivan	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Ernie & Catherine Lindford	Anniv
	10:30am	Joao B Fernandes	RIP
	12 noon	Private Intention	Ints
Monday	6:30pm	People Of the Parish	Ints
	9:30am	Donor's Intentions	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Bernadette McHugh & Matthew Crooke	Anniv
	9:30am	Noel Rock	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	May Murray	Ints
	5:00pm	Reception - Sharon Harte	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Michael King, Mary King & John King	RIP
	11:30am	Requiem Mass - Sharon Harte	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Eamon King	RIP