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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

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday: One hour before morning Mass

Confession

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

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ST MARY MAGDALEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

31 JULY 2022

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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BIGGER BARNS.

A few years ago I was boarding a train at Peterborough station. All was going well until I slipped with my suitcase and my food became trapped in the gap between the train door and the edge of the platform. It was a nasty moment as I wondered what would happen if the train started to move. Fortunately, the guard saw what had happened and all ended well. This event did prompt me to get on with something which I had been postponing for a long time — making a will. You never know what's going to happen next. It was actually quite a good feeling getting things sorted out. I wonder whether you have made a will. I think it's important thing to do.

There's nothing new about wills. Arguments over inheritances are as old as time, and in our gospel this week we hear of just such a dispute. Rabbis (often called Master) were often invoked to mediate in family arguments (something priests can get involved with today). People would turn to them hoping they would be both wise and impartial. A voice comes from the crowd. It sounds as if the family is at war over an inheritance, and this man is feeling hard done by. I think we all know of families and friends in our own experience who have fallen out about an inheritance. Maybe it wasn't entirely clear who should inherit a property. Maybe family divisions are opened up as an estate is apparently unfairly shared out.

Rather than get involved in this particular argument, Jesus goes to the heart of the issue, by telling a parable. Someone is so obsessed by his wealth, that he forgets about everything else. All he wants is bigger barns to store his grain and goods. Jesus is teaching us that God is not interested in the size of our bank account. It is the quality of our relationships which is important.

The most important bequest anyone can make for their family and friends is the knowledge that they are loved.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Ann Stack, James & Gareth Hayes, Tony Rowland, Peter Corcoran

Those who have died recently: Margaret Carmel Clifford, Laurence McEvoy, John O'Dwyer

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John & Patrick Rice, Maureen Manning, John & Margaret Hough

Parish News

Collection 17 July 2022 amounted to £1,318.94. Standing orders for June amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

Cash Counter Rota. A new rota has been emailed to all current cash counters. A printed copy is available from the Parish Office upon request.

Cash Counters. We need more volunteers to help count the Sunday Cash collections. Please consider helping with this very important Ministry. 'On the job' training' will be provided. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office or speak with Mgr Roger after Mass.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 7 places available. We are very excited to announce that there is a proposed pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 4 - 11 May 2023. 3 nights in Tiberias and 4 nights spent in Bethlehem. Please do take a leaflet from the back of the Church which details the itinerary and costs. Should you have any questions or wish to reserve your place, please speak to Fr Allan. The first deposit needs to be paid within the next 4 weeks, so places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Gift Aid. Have you signed a Gift Aid form? We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue & Customs to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations in the 21/22 tax year. Could we please ask that you inform the Parish Office if your tax status has changed since you completed a *Gift Aid* declaration as we are only allowed to claim *Gift Aid* for current tax payers. Also, if you are now in a position to *Gift Aid* your donations please email/telephone the Parish Office and we will forward you the relevant form to complete. This is a valuable contribution to our parish finances.

Parish Newsletter. For the month of August there will be a Summer version of our newsletter. I know a lot of you appreciate the larger newsletter, with the words and readings at Mass for us all to follow. With less going on in August, there will be one page inside, including our important prayer lists and Mass Intentions, and then on the second page some activities for our younger parishioners (and others too!) which relate to the Sunday readings. I hope you will be able to enjoy some rest in August. God bless you all.

Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal at the back entrance of the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.



Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 31 July 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael O'Beirne	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	John & Patrick Rice	Anniv
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	The O'Sullivan Family	Ints
	6:30pm	Tony Corcoran	RIP
Monday	9:30am	John & Margaret Hough	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Michael Sills	RIP
Wednesda	y 9:30am	Anne Langan	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Liaz Hegarty	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Cesar Braganca	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Bridie Walsh	Ints

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July 2022. For the elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

St Bernadette Relic Tour. In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster for the following dates: - St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: 3 September, 30 October – 1 November Westminster Cathedral: 3 – 5 September - Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5 – 6 September - St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6 September - St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6 – 7 September - St Joseph's, Stevenage: 17 – 18 October - Our Lady of Willesden, Willesden: 28 – 30 October. For full details of the tour please visit: www.stbernadette.org.uk

National Mass for Altar Servers. The Archconfraternity of St Stephen is inviting all servers to the National Mass for Altar Servers on Saturday 1 October at 2:30pm. Bishop John Sherrington will be the principal celebrant. Servers to vest in the Cathedral Hall, Ambosden Ave and ready to process by 2:00pm.

Thank you from CAFOD. Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Find out more at: www.cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

Right to Life UK. "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us"