

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church



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## Easter message from Fr Graziano

Reading about the Resurrection of Jesus is not simply about an historical event, something that happened long ago in a far away land and is supposed to make me feel good. Of course, the Resurrection is an historical fact, but to understand what it means to us, to your life in April 2019, we need to make Mary Magdalen's question our own: "Where is He?" Honestly, don't we ask that same question when we can't find God, when life gets tough, when nothing seems to go right, when we feel disappointed in everything and everyone, especially with ourselves? Jesus was ready for Mary Magdalen when she asked the question of the man she thought was the gardener: "Where is He?" Jesus looked her in the eye and called her by name. She recognised Him and called Him "Rabbuni".

Here we have the heart of the mystery of the Resurrection: that sense of total emptiness suddenly transformed by the face to face encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharistic Presence, now abiding in our hearts.

Today, Jesus brings new light to darkness, meaning to meaninglessness and above all, His Real Presence to our emptiness and questioning. Yes the Resurrection happens in 2019 in each one of us. That is the grace of this amazing Solemnity, it is our Catholic faith that enables us to do what Mary Magdalen did in the garden: hear Him speak our name; look at Him face to face and recognise Him truly and substantially present in His Risen body, saying with her, "Rabbuni".

I wish you a Blessed faith filled Easter 2019.

Fr Graziano

## Parish & Local News

### **14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Collection £615.88 + Standing Orders £400  
Total Offertory: £1015.88 Catholic Children's Society: £67

### **Children's Liturgy:**

28<sup>th</sup> April Team 5 "Easter Day"  
12<sup>th</sup> May Team 6 "On the road to Emmaus"

### **Altar Servers rota:**

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm	Volunteers
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm	Team 2
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm	Team 1

### **Cleaners rota:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Team 2 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Team 3

### **Easter Collection for Fr Graziano**

The Easter Collection taken in the church is personal for the Priest. Along with the Christmas collection, it forms the main part of a priest's personal income (wage). There are Easter envelopes at the back of Church (Gift Aid envelopes should still be used).

### **Joan O'Connor RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan O'Connor, who passed away peacefully at home on 12th April. Joan was a parishioner here for over 50 years. Her funeral will take place here on Friday 10th May at 10.45am.

### **Thank you to the Big Cleaners**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Big Clean and getting the church ready for all our Holy Week services.

### **School Mass on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

There will be a school Mass in the church on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

### **Devotion of the Divine Mercy Chaplet: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

We will pray the Devotion of the Divine Chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. All are welcome.

### **Job Opportunity: St Mary Magdalen Church Office Manager**

After over a decade as Office Manager at St Mary Magdalen Church, Dominic will be moving on in the summer. We are therefore looking for applicants to become Office Manager here at St Mary Magdalen. 14 hours per week (potential to increase hours after probation period) assisting the Parish Priest with the administrative running of the Church, House and Hall. Please email your CV (no more than two sides of A4) and cover letter to Dominic on [mortlake@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mortlake@rcaos.org.uk) by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **Gift Aid Reminder**

As a reminder if you currently support Gift Aid there are still a number of Gift Aid envelope boxes for the new tax year which starts this Sunday waiting for collection at the back of church.

### **Retiring Collection: Mission Appeal from The Spiritans Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

After each mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a retiring/second collection for the work of The Spiritans. Fr John will visit us to speak of their mission at each mass. For more information please go to [www.spiritans.co.uk](http://www.spiritans.co.uk)

### **Love Heals Mind, Body and Spirit**

Our Lady of Assumption welcomes you to come to a one day Retreat of quiet Reflection, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 11:00am – 5:00pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Day includes Rosary and Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form, Scripture Talk, Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration, Healing Prayers and Praise. Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith. Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available.

### **Urbi et Orbi (BBC 1 Easter Sunday)**

Pope Francis' Easter Sunday Message and Blessing - Urbi et Orbi - presented by Religion Editor Martin Bashir.

# Mass Intentions

21<sup>st</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr: (p. 258)	<b><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></b> 9.30am Richard Bryan Parry-Jones RIP 11.00am Aleksandra Parry-Jones RIP 6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr:	9.30am Lawrence Deacon RIP
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr:	<b>Church and Office Closed</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	9.30am Michael Lomax RIP
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	9.30am Juliet O'Hea RIP
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	9.30am <b>School Mass:</b> Fr Chidibere Obiodu 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	9.30am Anne Doyle RIP 11.00am Baptism of Lily & Jack Cumming Pepper
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr: <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> (p. 262)	9.30am Umberto Cala RIP 11.00am People of the Parish <b>3.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> 6.30pm Holy Souls
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	9.30am Holy Souls
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr:	<b>Church and Office Closed</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May: (St Joseph the Worker)	9.30am Holy Souls
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May: (St Athanasius)	9.30am Claude Martin RIP
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May: (Ss Philip & James)	9.30am Hugo Clifford-Holmes RIP 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May: (English Martyrs)	9.30am Maria Furness 11.00am Baptism of Clara Paterson
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May: <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> (p. 265)	9.30am Donald Reavery (Well-being) 11.00am Sir James & Lady Marshall (Foundation) 6.30pm People of the Parish



### Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially Baby Ria Moreno, Stuart Howes, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello and Mario D'Souza.

*He is Risen*

