

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January: <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> (p. 115)	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Private Intention (Gemma O'Reilly) Pro Populo Judy Ballard RIP (Flack family)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January: Baptism of the Lord	9:30am	Thanksgiving (Amanda Stokes)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January:	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January:	9.30am	Needs of the Church
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January: (St Aelred of Reivaulx)	7.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January: (St Hilary)	9.30am 7.00pm	For Priestly Vocations Latin Mass
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> January: (Our Lady)	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January: <b>Second Sunday</b> (p.125)	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Pro Populo Holy Souls Gerry & Patricia White (Deirdre Aguma)

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### Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Teresa May Donnellan, Veronica McCaffery, Sarah Wilkins, Kevin Best, Jamie Gilmour, Bridget Carr, Pauline Carr, Maureen Carr, Catherine Martin, Richard Bannon, Liliana Rodrigues de Reid, Christopher Browne, Catherine Browne, Teri Frank, Sabina Marshall, Manuel Campello, Pauline Goggins, Mabel and Terry Cooney, Bridget Mole, John Harwood-Stevenson, William McGregor, Rachel Cunningham, Margaret Rayner, Peter Brigdale and Pam Raggett.

# St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church



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Sunday Masses: 9.30am,  
11.00am and 6.30pm.

Confessions (Reconciliation):  
Saturdays 10am-10.30am  
& 5pm-5:30pm

## The Epiphany – Blessing of homes

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men who came to visit Jesus set out to find a King, and returned having seen a glimpse of God himself. It is traditional to bless homes on this feast – to ask God to bless our own comings and goings, our family life, our work and play.

In some countries – especially Southern Germany – people use chalk to mark their doorway with an inscription, like this: **20 + C + M + B + 16**. The letters C,M,B are the initials of the three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) and also an abbreviation of the Latin phrase '*Christus mansionem benedicat*' – May Christ bless this house. The small crosses represent God's blessing and 2016 is the year.

While marking the door, the following prayer is said: 'The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar followed the Star of God's Son who became a Man two thousand and sixteen years ago. May Christ bless us and remain with us throughout the year. Amen.'

*(Blessed chalk is available from the sacristy today, if you would like to follow this custom at home)*

## Parish & Local News

**Parish Finances:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017  
Offeratory: £688.53

### Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January: **Group 6** "The Epiphany"  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January: **Group 7** "Jesus As A Child"

### Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 8th January: 9.30 & 11am masses: **Team 2**  
6.30pm Mass: **Team 2**  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January: 9.30 & 11am masses: **Team 1**  
6.30pm Mass: **Team 3**

### Cleaners rota:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: Team 3 Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Team 4

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### Counters Rota

The Counters' Rota is at the back of the church today. If you are a volunteer on this team please collect the envelope with your name on it.

### White Flower Appeal

We will hold our annual 'White Flower' appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) on Sunday 15th January. In 2017 SPUC is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion since that date. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC, and to help save mothers and babies from abortion.

### Traditional Latin Masses 2017

These are the dates for the monthly Latin Masses in 2017. Please note that, unavoidably, several cannot be on First Fridays. All are at 7pm.

Friday 13th January (2nd Friday)	Friday 7th July
Friday 3rd February	No Latin Mass in August
Friday 3rd March	Friday 1st September
Friday 7th April	Friday 6th October
Friday 12th May (2nd Friday)	Friday 3rd November
Friday 9th June (2nd Friday)	Friday 1st December

### Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call  
Dates: 27th - 29th January 2017  
Location: New Cross, London

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters!

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### London Catholic History Walks

Come and join in a Walk discovering your Catholic history in London. All welcome. No need to book – just turn up  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, **For King and Country**, a look at Westminster and St James. Meet 2pm, steps of Westminster Cathedral. Nearest tube: VICTORIA

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> **Smells and Bells**, exploring London's Catholic culture over centuries. Meet 2pm steps of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. Nearest tube: CHARING CROSS



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