



24 /25 July 2021

Thought for the Week:

“Mary Magdalen didn’t think or worry about anything but how she could follow Christ. No sooner had she set her affection on him and come to know herself than she embraced him and took the path of lowliness. She realised that she was the lowliest of all people. Otherwise she would never have been among those

soldiers of Pilate, nor would she have gone and stayed alone at the tomb. Love kept her from thinking, ‘What will it look like? Will people speak ill of me?’ Her thoughts weren’t here but only on how she might find and follow the Master. Follow her, because she knew the way so well that she has been made our teacher.” *St. Catherine of Siena.*

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Our Church remains **open for prayer** from 8am till 6.30pm every day, and the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during most of that time. Our **weekend Mass** schedule is: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 11am and 6pm. On weekdays and Saturdays Mass is at 12 noon. Confessions can be heard before and after each Mass. Please note that this Thursday’s Mass is a funeral Mass.

We welcome **Fr. Eunmo John Hwang** from South Korea, who is staying with us for the summer to improve his English. Please make him welcome and help him with his English!

Thank you for your **donations to Mary’s Meals** which amounted to over £1300.

Following the easing of restrictions imposed by the Government and Bishops’ Conference, we can now resume some of our normal activities. It is important that each person feels safe in our Church: no-one is obliged to take advantage of these freedoms if they do not wish to do so, but we expect you to respect each others’ wishes. You may continue to wear a mask and observe social distancing if you wish, but you are not obliged to do so.

- Holy Water is now available at the entrance of the Church.
- You may take a hymn book and Mass sheet as you enter Church and join in the singing of the hymns etc.
- We will produce a rota for readers and eucharistic ministers at each Mass and invite

you to put your name and contact details on the relevant sheet at the back of Church.

- We will resume offering the chalice at each Mass when it is prudent to do so.
- You may shake hands at the sign of peace but be sensitive to the fact that others near you may not feel safe in doing so.
- Tea and coffee will be offered again in the Newman Room after the 11am Mass. If you would like to help with this, please speak to Richard Pearson.

If you perform any **voluntary service** in the parish, you are required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service certificate (DBS). If you do not have one, please contact Victoria or Caterina, our new Safeguarding officers, by email: details below. This applies to all volunteers: readers, eucharistic ministers, parish and finance committee members, Fr. Michael Centre volunteers, etc., whether or not your role brings you into direct contact with children.

If your child will be in Year Three or above from September, they are eligible to receive their **First Holy Communion** in summer 2022. Please take a Registration Form from the back of Church if you have not received one already from St. Mary of the Angels school. The starting date for the preparation course will be announced soon.

Children who made their first holy communion this summer are now eligible to **serve on the altar**.



Please speak to Fr. Keith and fill out a form he will give you. We will soon be beginning some training sessions for altar servers led by John Cassidy, and will be having an outing, so will existing servers also please fill out a form so we have a record of who is serving.

We are seeking to expand the outreach of our **Fr. Michael Hollings Centre to the homeless and needy**. If you would like to be involved in this exciting work, please speak to Fr. Keith or to Richard Pearson.

We have received a message from a young **Catholic care company**, who provide care to elderly and severely ill people. Their mission is also to help those who need some advice, so they provide short meetings with lectures about dementia, stroke, Parkinson and free advice sessions. Please let Fr. Keith know if you would like to know more or use their services.

Please collect your new **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the back of Church. We can now offer you the possibility to make your offerings and office payments by **contactless credit**.

Pope Francis' prayer for the **Year of St. Joseph**, from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021: *Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us, too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Check out **Fr. Keith's new blog**:
<https://holysmirk.co.uk/>

OTHER NOTICES

Self-Care for Volunteers: 14th September, 13:00 – 14:00, on Zoom 'You can't pour from an empty cup -



take care of yourself first'. As we are volunteering to support others, who is it that helps the helper when the pressure of a role becomes too much, when we disagree with another volunteer or client, or we have a bad day? Come to one of these regular sessions run by Caritas Westminster and the Irish Chaplaincy, to learn some tips and strategies for self-care, with opportunities for further support if you need it. Please register on Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/self-care-for-staff-and-volunteers-tickets-138513887767>

Volunteering Opportunity with the **Caritas Volunteer Service**. The Caritas Volunteer Service is growing! We are looking for a couple of volunteers who share our passion for social action and volunteering. This is an opportunity to help

transform lives throughout the Diocese by helping charities and outreach projects find volunteers. Deadline for applications: 31 July. For more information please contact:
<https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-with-us.php>

Applications are now open at **St Charles Catholic Sixth Form College**. Apply now at www.stcharles.ac.uk and achieve your greatest potential through a community defined by Catholic values and with the teaching of Christ at its centre. To find out more about the Catholic Ethos of the College, please email James (Chaplain) at jho@stcharles.ac.uk

Host a refugee with the help of JRS UK The Jesuit Refugee Service UK operates a hosting scheme called 'At Home' which sees volunteers host destitute refugees. They are currently in need of more hosts as temporary accommodation provided during the pandemic comes to an end, leaving refugee friends of JRS facing a return to street homelessness. If you have a spare room and would like to find out more email Hannah at JRS: uk@jrs.net

Run the London Marathon for JRS UK Do you watch the London Marathon each year and feel inspired give it a go yourself? This is the perfect opportunity to tick an item off your bucket list and raise money for a good cause all in one go! JRS UK has places for the London Marathon 2021. We'll be with you every step of the way as you train for the marathon and reaching your £2,000 fundraising target, with the money you raise going straight to accompanying destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. Visit www.jrsuk.net/london-marathon or e-mail uk@jrs.net for more info.

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