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Please Note:

Weekday Mass Times have returned to the regular pattern Monday- Saturday, 10am, and Monday –Friday 7pm

Sunday Masses at the Covid regular times: Sat 6pm, Sunday: 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am, and 5.30pm (Traditional Latin)

*Masses and Liturgies Livestreamed on Computer, Tablet or Smartphone: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden> or the **Willesden Shrine-RC Church Facebook Page**. 10am Mass on weekdays and 11.30am on Sundays.*


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, on Tuesdays and Saturdays during the day. Confessions in August: 6.15-6.45pm on Tuesday and & 5.15-5.45pm on Saturday.

Socially Distanced seating is available in the back half of the Shrine Church, and in the Shrine & Holy Souls Chapels. The seating in the Front half has been restored to Pre-Covid arrangements. Whether seated in the Front Half or the Socially distanced areas, please approach Holy Communion DOWN THE CENTRE AISLE & RETURN VIA THE SIDE AISLES. Thankyou.

A simple Childrens Liturgy is available online at: <https://youtu.be/nndN3ZO2Lno>

*Many thanks for the ongoing donations of tinned and dried foodstuffs which we collect in the **Food Box** at the back of church, and which are distributed week by week.*

CHOIR & MUSIC at the Shrine:

 Instagram: @olwillesden.music email: music.olwillesden@gmail.com.

 Facebook: "Music at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden"

Gift of Life Prayer intention:

Today we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us.

***SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION,
4.30PM TODAY (Sunday 5th)***

OCTOBER PROCESSION, 7PM, SUNDAY OCT. 10TH.



**SHRINE & PARISH OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN,
1, NICOLL RD, LONDON, NW10 9AX.**

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Rector and Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Willis

Assistant Priest: Fr Andrew Jaxa-Chamiec

5th SEPTEMBER 2021

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He



demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, no doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd looking on. Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well*. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbours and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you. Amen.

Masses & Sanctuary Lamp intentions can be booked online:

willesden@rcdow.org.uk or by phone 02089654935. MASS INTENTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 20th September and LAMPS *from next weekend!*

Sacred Heart Lamp – Matthew Lee- Intention

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 1 – Theresa Walls – RIP

Blessed Sacrament Lamp 2 - Betty Daly - Lately Dead

Shrine Lamp- Good Health for Jim

FOR THE CHARITY OF OUR PRAYERS THESE WEEKS: SICK LIST

Margaret O'Sullivan	Tom Sheahan	Elizabeth Halm
Marie Gordon	Merise	Patrick Molloy
Margaret Tooher	Peggy Heffernan	Cian Harty
Bridie Flynn	Doreen Currie	Edward Martin
Malcolm Dias	Brigid Lee	Linus Adekunle
Brendan Howard	Allison Hector-Rooms	Nino Trancucci
Martin Munnelley	Pauline & Trevor	Sally Croker
Norma Alfred	Gina Brennan	Noreen Moloney
Tommy Corcoran	Pat & Peter Willis	Christopher Browne
Ignatius Brennan	Edith Mitchell	Leena & Arthur Cardoso
Muni Cook	Sheila Mathias	Erlinda Ignacio Verdillo
Salvador Souza	Jim Kenny	Peter Andall
Francisco De Sousa	Vincia Christmas	Linda Matthew
Maureen & Bob Street		

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Mona Wood Betty Daly Ignatius Brennan Ann Gafney

Pat O'Donnell Christy Ofere

ANNIVERSARIES

Seamus Ryan John Crehan Bernard Levine John Manto

Bill & Robert Goggin

Mass intentions from Saturday 4TH September 2021

6pm: Mary & Jimmy O'Donoghue- Anniversary

Sunday 8.30am: Seamus Ryan –Anniversary **10am:** Holy Souls

11.30am: Pro Populo **5.30pm:** Peter Behan- Intention

Mon: 10am: Holy Souls OLM - **7pm:** Bernard Levine - Anniversary

Tues 10am: Holy Souls **7pm:** James John Manto – One Year Anniversary

Wed: 10am: Bridie Kiernan –Sick - **7pm:** Holy Souls OLM

Thur: 10am: Geoffrey & Connie Allen –Thanksgiving 60th Wedding Anni.

7pm: Catherine Gordon -Memorial

Fri: 10am: Bill & Robert Goggin – Anniversary **7pm:** Augusta Maria Rodrigues- Anniversary

Sat: 10am: Emily Bowyer- Lately Dead **6pm:** John Crehan- Anniversary

Sunday 9am: Caroline Falahee & Family- Int. **11.00am:** Michael Doody – Lately Dead **5.30pm :** Pro Populo

Parish Offerings: Sun 22nd August £1,170.17 Organ fund –£10.00: Shrine Restoration -£22.71 –

Parish Offerings: Sun 29th August £1,226.65 Organ fund –£43.00: Shrine Restoration -£69.40

Many thanks to all who support us.

Funeral: |

Ignatius Brennan RIP. Reception and Funeral Mass, Monday 28th September at 10am, followed by Committal at 11.30am at St Mary's Cemetery.

Memorial Mass – Catherine Gordon RIP

There will be a memorial Mass for Catherine on Thursday 9th September at 7pm.

CATECHESIS AND SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Registration for the next Preparation Classes will be available in September.

CONFIRMATION:

Registration for the next Preparation Classes will be available in September

PLEASE NOTE

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place here at the Shrine next Saturday, 11 September, at 6pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell. Please pray for Alton, Anisia, Emmauella, Lara Mae, Maria, Gabrielle, Serra, Nadia, Leilani, Sionainn and Sebastian, our Cofirmandi, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Final Confirmation Preparation Session is on Tuesday 7 September at 6pm in the Marian Hall. Parents and/or Sponsors are welcome to attend as we will also have a rehearsal.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2022. Forms will soon be available to register for the forthcoming programmes. Decisions on the dates and format of the preparation will not be confirmed until after we know the number of candidates, and also of catechists available.

INFANT BAPTISMS: Please request a Registration Form for Baptism. We are Booking Baptisms *during the late Autumn months*, and are usually celebrated on the Third Sunday of the month.

ADULT CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS, (Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation and/or Reception into the Catholic Church). Next Meeting, NEXT Sunday 13th August 4pm in the Marian Hall.

MARRIAGES, please arrange an appointment with Fr Stephen. (The Catholic Church in England & Wales requires that 6 months notice is needed to ensure all Paperwork and Preparation can be achieved).

Requests for Signing Civil Documents. You must be known to the priest for 3years. Please make an appointment, do not just turn up with papers, as you may be disappointed!

Accommodation needed. A single man (mid 40's) living locally is urgently seeking temporary accommodation: small flat, or room. He can assist around the house, References available. Tel: 07833208890, or speak with Fr Stephen.