

Presbytery

Peter Avenue, Willesden Green,
London, NW10 2DD

Tel: 020 8451 4677

rcdow.org.uk/parish/willesdengreen

Facebook: St Mary Magdalen RC
Church Willesden Green

Parish Clergy

Father Kevin Jordan
kevinjordan@rcdow.org.uk

Father Daya Perera

Deacon Michael Jarmulowicz
michaeljarmulowicz@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Office

willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY - MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
YEAR C

28 FEBRUARY 2016

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

If You Don't Do It Now...

...you never will. Some priest friends said that to me in 2000, the Jubilee Year, about making a pilgrimage to Rome. I had never been before and it was a moment of enormous grace to be at the heart of the Church and —thanks to Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor—to celebrate Mass with Pope John Paul II in his chapel and talk with him.

In this *Year of Mercy* we have three distinctive opportunities to make a pilgrimage. This is entirely appropriate as one of the conditions for receiving God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession is that we carry out a penance—and in ancient times a common penance was to make a pilgrimage of some description. Fortunately such spiritual journeys are not a difficulty nor a great danger these days so where might we go?

We could visit our Cathedral or Our Lady of Willesden and pass through the Holy Door. There or very soon afterwards we should go to Confession, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father to gain for ourselves or another a plenary indulgence—the remission of temporal punishments in purgatory.

Slightly further afield we can join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Minor Basilica of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on 9 July. This should prove to be a wonderful day with several thousand fellow members of the diocese making this journey with the Cardinal and his auxiliary bishops to England's Nazareth. All for £20 return it promises to be a unique religious event so please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Even further afield is the heart of the Church—Rome—and we have planned a packed four day/three night visits to the Eternal City. Starting with Mass in the medieval English Hospice chapel (now dedicated to the Divine Mercy) we will also have Mass in St Peter's and the titular churches of both Cardinal Nichols and Cardinal-Emeritus Murphy O'Connor. There will be a visit to the church from which St Augustine was sent to England, Vespers at the monastery of the English Benedictines in Rome at St Paul-Outside-the-Walls, and much more. Obviously there will be a great deal of walking up and down the seven hills of Rome but if this journey inspires you, application forms and full details are at the back of the church. Sadly, I can't swing a private meeting with Pope Francis...

Above all, remember we can seek God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession any time. St John Vianney said, "Our sins are but a grain of sand in comparison to the great mountain of God's mercy." This is equally true if, for whatever reason, we have been away for a long time. For this is the *Year of Mercy* and if you don't do it now... *Fr Kevin*

Mass Times

Monday—Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am,
6:30pm

Saturday: 9:30am, 6:30pm (Vigil
Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays: One hour before
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday 7:00pm—8:00pm

Confessions

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

Those who are sick: Fr James McNulty, Jimmy Sullivan

Those who have died recently: Ginette Fonteneau, Michael Whelton, Ivy Anne Kerner, Breda Harty, Alan Roy, Irene Clare Schofield

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dennis O'Connor, Beatrice & George Wallace, Roger Bannis, James & Annie Mahon

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,841.78 (excluding standing orders). Thank you very much for your generosity.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. New rotas are now available for collection from the rack in the Sacristy.

Counters. Rotas are now available from the rack in the Sacristy.

First Holy Communion Catechists. Please collect the next session's worksheet from the rack in the Sacristy.

Ashford Place. The monthly collection of non-perishable food stuffs only, for Ashford Place, takes place this weekend.

Tea and coffee. You are welcome in the Annexe after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses when we will be serving drinks.

First Holy Communion 2016. The children are ready now to make their First Confession. Parents can bring them to the church between 10:00am and 10:30am or 5:30pm and 6:00pm on a Saturday or can make a separate time with Fr Kevin or Fr Daya that suits them better. Please come as a family—children will follow your example. Please note that there will be a meeting for parents on Monday 29 February in the school while the children are in their First Holy Communion class.

Stitch Amazingly sewing workshop for beginners to intermediate level will recommence on Tuesdays from 1 March - 5 April 2016 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please contact Glenda on 07739 707 564 or email Info@stitchamazingly.co.uk for details.

Year of Mercy. In response to Pope Francis' request for churches to have more Exposition during the *Year of Mercy*, on Friday 4 March, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day in the church ending with Benediction at 6:30pm followed by Mass and then Stations of the Cross. Please sign up on the list at the back to watch for 30 minutes during the day.

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church in a couple of weeks time to collect your unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Please collect your unwanted clothes and put them in tied sacks. Bring them to church on Sunday 13 March (not before please) until 12 noon when the charity *Mary's Meals* will be here to pick them up. *Mary's Meals* feeds children one good meal every day at school in over twelve countries. Please see the poster at the back of the church for further details.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Join Cardinal Vincent on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's Nazareth, on Saturday 9 July 2016. With the theme of 'Mary, the Mother of Mercy', the day will include an outdoor Mass, procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and banners along the Holy Mile, prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds, and free time to visit the Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. Please bring a picnic lunch. Thank you to all those who have already expressed an interest. We have now booked a coach for the pilgrimage. The cost of the pilgrimage will be £20. To confirm your place please bring your money to the Parish Office as seats on the coach are limited. Further details regarding the Pilgrimage can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Breda Harty formerly of Brenthurst Road will take place at the Church of Our Lady and St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford WD25 0NE on
Tuesday 1 March 2016 at 11:00am
followed by burial at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery at 12:30pm

May she rest in peace

Responsorial Psalm and Acclamation

Antiphon: The Lord is compassion and love.

Acclamation: Praise to You O Christ, King of Eternal Glory.
Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Praise to You O Christ, King of Eternal Glory.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy! Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Parish Diary

Monday	5:30pm – 6:30pm	First Holy Communion class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior school
Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group meeting in the Annexe
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Confirmation class at St Mary Magdalen's Junior school
Tuesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	<i>Stitch Amazingly</i> sewing workshop in the Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	Pioneers Group meeting in the Annexe
Thursday	4:30pm–6:00pm	Post First Holy Communion/Pre Confirmation Children's Catechesis in the Annexe
Thursday	8:00pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group meeting in the Annexe
Friday	8:00pm	Family film night— <i>Of Gods and</i>
Friday	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross in the church
Saturday	7:30pm—9:30pm	Family of God Catholic Community (FGCC) - Charismatic Prayer and Praise in the Annexe