

## Presbytery

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## Parish Office

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Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday

10:00am until 2:00pm

## 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,  
(includes Children's Liturgy),  
12:00 noon, 6:30pm

## Sinhalese Mass

Last Sunday of the month: 4:30pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Friday:

One hour before  
morning Mass

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am  
5:30pm—6:15pm

First Friday (Holy Hour):

7:00pm—8:00pm

## Confessions

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



## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER—MONTH OF  
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER  
29 SEPTEMBER 2019

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C

## Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal

*'For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?' - Luke 14:28*

Last week our parish embarked on a Planned Giving appeal. Over the coming weeks we ask *all* parishioners to take this opportunity to *prayerfully* reflect on their commitment to our parish. Everyone should consider giving something, mindful of their blessings and circumstances.

Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. Please take an appeal newsletter.

Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish. Next weekend we shall ask all parishioners to complete a promise card - this will enable our parish to plan ahead with confidence for the future. Please remember if you wish to give via standing order you will need to bring your bank account details with you.

If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. Alternatively please speak to Monsignor Roger or contact the Parish Office.

*Please make this beautiful prayer part of your daily prayer during this time.*

Saint Mary Magdalen, you have been pardoned by Jesus, whom you have loved much, show us the way of true conversion and purity of heart.

Out of love, you have followed Jesus to serve him: teach us how to give our lives freely for our brothers and sisters.

You found yourself close to the cross of Jesus, with Mary and John: obtain for us the grace of faith and hope in our troubles.

On the morning of Easter, you received the commission to announce the Resurrection, to Jesus' disciples; help us to believe that love is stronger than death, that love triumphs over all.

Saint Mary Magdalen, pray for our parish here in Willesden Green and pray for us!

Monsignor Roger

**Those who have died recently:** Cynthia Joseph, Tina Timmens, Luigi Ritacca

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Agnes Harrison, Annam Anthony, Michael O'Shea, Noreen O'Shea, Michael O'Shea, Emilia Coia

## Parish News

**Collection.** Last week's collection was £2,032.06 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for August amounted to £1,621.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Cleaning Rota.** A new rota is now available to collect from the rack in the Sacristy. If anyone is on this rota but no longer able to clean please do let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2020.** All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above) and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above) next year (2020) will need to obtain an application form which will be available after Mass from Monsignor Roger. Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only. Fully completed application forms including Baptismal certificates, need to be returned to the Parish Office no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 1 October 2019 (please note that the parish office is not open on Mondays). Application forms cannot be accepted without the required documentation. There will be introductory meetings for children and parents in the church on Monday 4 November 2019 at 5:30pm—6:30pm for First Holy Communion, and 7:00pm—8:00pm for Confirmation. First Holy Communion Masses will be in 2020 on: Saturday 2 May at 11:00am, Sunday 3 May at 12 noon, and Saturday 9 May at 11:00am. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with both our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes and would encourage parents whose children are preparing for these sacraments to consider volunteering.

**Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications.** On 3, 7, 8, 17 and 29 October 2019 Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those who attend Mass here every week and have done so for some years. Newer parishioners should bring a letter from their previous parish. Please telephone the parish office this week between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Tuesday to Thursday, to make an appointment. Appointments will take place in the Sacristy, so please come into the church, not Clergy House, and take a seat on one of the front pews. Please bring with you a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for. The form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese of Westminster website at [rcdow.org.uk](http://rcdow.org.uk). Please complete the top half of each form before your appointment. Thank you.

**Padre Pio Prayer Group.** On Thursday 3 October 2019 there will be Mass, Rosary and prayers for the sick at 7:30pm followed by individual blessings with the *Padre Pio* Mitten. All are welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 4 October 2019.** No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly

and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and place it in next week's collection. Please give generously. Please also see the poster at the back of the church.

**Are you an adult coming to Mass but not baptised/Confirmed/made your First Holy Communion?** On the 19 October from 2:00pm—3:00pm a programme called the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* begins, which is to help people who have maybe missed out on some sacraments when they were young, or who are not Catholics at the moment and who wish to receive the sacraments and come fully into the Catholic Church. If you or anyone you may know are interested please contact Monsignor Roger by email or alternatively please contact the Parish Office on 020 8451 4677.

**Parish Newsletter.** Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with family and friends. Please note that any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter should be given to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday noon. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## Diocesan News

**Torchlit Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Willesden** will take place on Sunday 20 October 2019 at 7:00pm from the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. The preacher is Bishop John Sherrington. All are most warmly welcome. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

**Annual Mass for Bereaved Parents.** The annual Mass for bereaved parents will be held on Saturday 26 October 2019 at 2:30pm at St Aloysius Church, Somers town celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Please see the poster at the back of the church.

## Readings at Mass

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Amos 6:1. 4—7

**Psalm Response:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading:** St Paul 6:11—16

**Alleluia Verse:** The Sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19—31

## Parish Diary

Monday	7:00pm	Prayer Group—Annexe
Wednesday	8:00pm	<i>Pioneers</i> —Annexe
Thursday	7:30pm	<i>Padre Pio</i> Group—Annexe
Friday	7:00pm	Holy hour—Church