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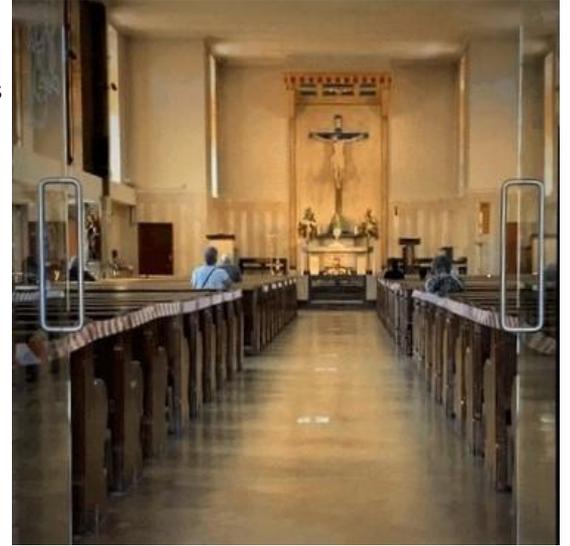
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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**JUNE —MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
21 June 2020
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

Heaven on Earth.

It has been so good to be able to open the doors of the church once more. More than twelve long weeks have passed without anyone coming into the church except Fr Sudham and myself. Last Monday, thanks to the work and commitment of parishioners determined to open the church safely, I opened the doors under the tower to see a small group gathered to come in once more. Inside the church, the stewards were in place, the gel dispensers full. Flowers added to the beauty of the church and most im-



importantly of all, the Blessed Sacrament was enthroned on the altar. The atmosphere of quiet prayer was so strong you could almost touch it. Since the doors opened last Monday, nearly one hundred parishioners have come to pray each day, and I am sure there will be more on Sunday morning.

Why have we made all this fuss about opening a building? Surely, you can pray anywhere. People of other Christian bodies and other faiths find our Catholic love of our building hard to understand. Cardinal Vincent has had to work hard to convince those in authority that using the church building for individual prayer is crucial for Catholics – for you and me.

A Catholic church is so much more than just a building. It is a place of memories for so many of you – where you made your first Holy Communion, where you were married, where the funeral of a loved took place. The statues in the building are signs to us of our beloved saints in heaven – I'm sure you have your favourite place to light a candle, to ask the saint to pray for you. In the church you bring your most intimate thoughts and desires – known only to God and yourself as you kneel to pray.

The building is holy because of all those things, but, of course, it is supremely holy because this is where Mass is celebrated. This is the holy of holies for Catholics. This is where Jesus Christ is truly present in the Tabernacle. As a parishioner said to me as she came into the church last Monday; 'This is Heaven on Earth.'

Monsignor Roger

Opening Times for Individual Prayer

Monday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm
Saturday: 10:00am—12 noon
Sunday: 10:00am—12 noon

Spiritual Quote of the Week

"Sin is energy in the wrong channel"
St Augustine of Hippo
(see 2nd Reading)

Those who have died recently: Canon Vincent Berry, Doris Thomas-Massicott, Cleveland Ellington, Carol Carnegie

Those who are sick: Delton (John) Daroux, Esmie Ellington, Noel Atkins, Sylvia Roberts

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antony Winston Netto, Martin & Patrick Grealish, Mary Jo Regan, Joe Regan, Jonathan Munroe, Mary & Joseph Comerford, Geoff (Charlie) Charles

Parish News

Reopening the church. It was so wonderful to see the church open this week for individual prayer and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make our church so welcoming and safe. The opening of the church is only made possible because people have generously volunteered to act as stewards/cleaners. We will aim to open the church regularly throughout the week, but the times may vary depending on the availability of stewards. We will inform you of the opening times each week on the website, in the newsletter (on page 1 on left hand side), on Facebook and on the doors of the church. If you wish to help with the stewarding and cleaning of the church, please get in touch via email at willesdegreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Newsletter. Now that our church is open a paper copy of the weekly newsletter will be available in the church for you to pick up and take home with you as you leave. The newsletter will continue to be posted on the parish website as normal and can be found under this link <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdegreen/parish-newsletters-2020/>

Mass Intentions. We are still taking Mass intentions. If you would like to book a Mass please telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677 or email willesdegreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Offertory Collection. Thank you to all those who have made donations during this time. It has made all the difference. Like every business we have been financially challenged during the lockdown period and maybe beyond. If you have been keeping your planned giving envelopes to return, this is a good moment now that the church is open. There is a basket they can be dropped in on your way out of the church, along with any other donations. Thank you to all for everything that you give to our parish, financially, spiritually and pastorally. We all rely on this generosity of heart and spirit. Although the celebration of public Masses has ceased the life of the church, its witness to the Love of God, and its care for those in need, continues, as do all the costs necessary to maintain our presence here in Willesden Green. I do however understand that the care of your family must be your top priority.

Suspicious emails. Please be vigilant of any suspicious emails imitating Monsignor Roger or St Mary Magdalen's church. We will only ever email you using an rcdow.org.uk address. The current scam is likely to come from a Gmail address. If you have any doubt about the authenticity of an email you have received of this nature please **telephone** the parish office on 020 8451 4677. If applicable the email should then be reported by the recipient at <https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>. Do not reply to the message or click on any links or attachments. If you have replied to any scam message be wary of subsequent scam messages which may come from a different email address especially those with links, attachments or asking for donations to 'rescue' an individual in distress or need. If you have paid any money, you should contact *Action Fraud* at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> Thank you.

Diocesan News

Day for Life 2020 has been given an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis. This year, the theme is *Choose Life*, which will focus on the dignity and worth of the unborn child and expectant mothers. *Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on Sunday, 21 June. Visit www.dayforlife.org to find this year's resources and information on subjects which cover the journey of life. You can also read the Holy Father's blessing and message from Bishop John Sherrington at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-day-for-life-2020/>

The Good Counsel Network, Vigil of St John the Baptist. On Tuesday 23 June, the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. Join *The Good Counsel Network* each month in Prayer and Fasting. For further information please telephone *The Good Counsel Network* on 020 7723 1740 or visit their website at www.GoodCounselNetwork.com.

How to pray and re-connect with the church as places of worship re-open for private prayer. Archbishop John Wilson, the Archbishop of Southwark, has spoken to us as his Cathedral, St George's, and other churches that can safely do so, are reopening for individual, private prayer. This is an excerpt from a longer podcast interview that offers a simple reflection on prayer and being in the presence of God as lockdown is eased across our countries and a staged re-opening of churches is permitted <https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch/archbishops-covid-19-lockdown-experiences-and-reflections>

Caritas. Currently when so many people are facing a reduction in or loss of income the following webinars may be useful at this time. Visit <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/event-list.php>.

CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal to help support their work in poor communities across the world. Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal> which explains what CAFOD is doing and how to donate. There is also an online petition to sign at <https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1> asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home.

Readings at Mass

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Jeremiah 20:10—13
Psalm Response:	In your great love, answer me, O God
Second Reading:	Romans 5:12—15
Alleluia Verse:	The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Gospel:	Matthew 10:26—33

Sunday Readings and Prayers

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

Collect

Grant, O Lord,
that we may always revere and love your holy name,
for you never deprive of your guidance
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

“‘Terror from every side!’

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’

All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,

‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

R/. In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. *R/.*

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. *R/.*

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy

and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. *R/.*

Second reading: Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,
and thus death has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long
before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could
be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all
from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably
outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so
many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming
through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell
in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the
housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the
soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls
to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid;
you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I
will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I
will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
and grant that, cleansed by its action,
we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed and nourished
by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,
we ask of your mercy, O Lord,
that what we celebrate with constant devotion
may be our sure pledge of redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

ST MARY MAGDALEN MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Week commencing 21 June 2020

Sunday 21 June 2020 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mass Intentions for the weekend are:

Martin & Patrick Grealish	Anniv
People of the Parish	
Antony Winston Netto	Anniv
Mary Jo Regan & Joe Regan & Jonathan Munroe	Anniv
Nicolas O'Brien	RIP

Monday 22 June 2020 – Ss John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs

9:30am Brigid McGirl RIP

Tuesday 23 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am Philomena Coughlan RIP

Wednesday 24 June 2020 – The Nativity of St John the Baptist

9:30am Kathleen Forde RIP

Thursday 25 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am Mary & Joseph Comerford RIP

Friday 26 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am Augustine Rebello RIP

6:30pm Nora Sweeney RIP

Saturday 27 June 2020 – St John Southwark, Priest & Martyr

9:30am Tim & Maureen Fitzmaurice & Family

6:30pm Cornelius O'Neill Anniv