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Opening Times for Individual Prayer

Monday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm
Tuesday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm
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

*“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of eternal life; and we have believed,
and have come to know, that you are the
Holy One of God.”*

—St. Peter, *John 6:68-69*



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
JUNE —MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
28 June 2020
SS PETER AND PAUL
YEAR A**

Two Ordinary Men



Conversion of St Paul



Crucifixion of St Peter

You will see that I have tried - rather unsuccessfully – to reproduce two of the greatest pictures of St Paul and St Peter which there are in western art. They are the work of that great revolutionary *Caravaggio*, and were painted in Rome at the turn of the 17th Century. As we think about these two great saints of the church, can I ask you to look carefully at each picture and think about what comes into your mind?

The point about these paintings is that the artist used ordinary people and ordinary backgrounds. They remind us that saints, even the great Peter and Paul, come to us as ordinary people – and each had their own problems, which, with God’s grace they overcame. We honour them because they helped to change the world.

“Twin olive branches, pouring oil of gladness forth,

Your prayers shall aid us, that for all our little worth,

Believing, hoping, loving, we for whom ye plead,

This body dying, may attain life indeed.”

Monsignor Roger

Those who have died recently: Joseph D’Souza, Angela Owens, Esther Galligan, Tommy Carroll

Those who are sick: Elfriede Singleton, Julia Egan, Ann Stack

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cornelius O’Neill

Parish News

Returning to Mass? As you will have heard by now, the Government has announced that, from 4 July, we can resume our public liturgies. We welcome this good news that will allow us to gather once more to celebrate Mass. However, we are a long way from how things were before 'lockdown'. We await further guidance from the government and from our Archbishop Cardinal Vincent, but at this stage we would like to establish which parishioners would be planning to return to Mass because numbers will be limited. In the same way as schools have been seeking guidance from parents about how many children will be returning at the moment, so they can plan what to make available, it would be very helpful for us to have an idea on how many of you will be wanting to attend Mass. Please remember the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended, so you do not have to come. For the time being Mass will continue to be made available on *YouTube*. Please email your reply to the parish office at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk no later than 5:00pm on Sunday 28 June 2020 letting us know if you, and how many of your family would like to attend Mass and if so which day. Thank you.

Church will be open for an extra day. As from next week we will also be opening on a Tuesday, in the morning and evening. The opening of the church is only made possible because people have generously volunteered to act as stewards/cleaners. Opening times for next week are detailed in this newsletter, on page 1 overleaf, on the website, 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 with the parish office via email at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. Your help is greatly needed particularly as we plan to return to Mass shortly.

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.

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/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2020/>

Diocesan News

Archbishops message to the faithful about the celebration of

public liturgies. On 25 June, the Metropolitan Archbishops issued the following message to the all the faithful in England. Please follow this link to read the full message <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/>



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Abortion statistics 'an increasing and terrible human tragedy.'

Abortion statistics released by the Department for Health on 11 June 2020 show that, in England and Wales, there was a total of 209,519 abortions in 2019, an increase of 2% from 2018 when there were 205,295 abortions. The highest number of abortions ever was recorded for English and Welsh residents, with 207,384 abortions for English and Welsh residents, an increase of 6,776 since 2018. The statistics also show that there were 3,183 disability-selective abortions in 2019. This represents a 53% increase compared to ten years ago in 2009 when there were 2,085. 656 babies with Down's syndrome were aborted in 2019. Please read what Bishop John Sherrington, lead Catholic bishop for life issues, has said at <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/abortion-statistics-an-increasing-and-terrible-human-tragedy/>

Catholic Voices survey 'Coronavirus, Church & You.' *Catholic Voices* is collaborating with researchers as part of a major survey assessing responses to the Covid-19 crisis among Catholics in the UK. This survey, which will form part of a wider survey of UK Christian responses to the present crisis, is intended to capture Catholic experience and help us understand it better. The survey takes the form of an online questionnaire and has already received 1,500 responses and will remain open till early July. Any Catholic living in England, Wales or Scotland can take part in the survey [here](https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey). Find out more about the survey at <https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/survey>

Readings at Mass

Ss Peter and Paul

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1—11

Psalm Response: From all my terrors the Lord set me free

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6—8. 17—18

Alleluia Verse: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13—19

Sunday Readings and Prayers

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Collect

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion.

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: Acts 12:1-11

Theme: The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 33

R/. From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **R./**

2. Glorify the Lord with me, together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R./**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R./**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R./**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Theme: All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Theme: You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon [Mt 16: 16, 18]

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

ST MARY MAGDALEN MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Week commencing 28 June 2020

Sunday 28 June 2020 – Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles

The Mass Intentions for the weekend are:

Cornelius O'Neill	Anniv
Obi-Udeaja Family	Ints
People of the Parish	
Johanna O'Riordan	Anniv
Nora Davin	Anniv

Monday 29 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Ellen Brady	RIP
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Tuesday 30 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Nora Sweeney	RIP
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Wednesday 1 July 2020 – Dedication of the Cathedral (1910)

9:30am	Mary D'Bras	RIP
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Thursday 2 July 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Souls in Purgatory	RIP
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Friday 3 July 2020 – St Thomas, Apostle

9:30am	Teresa Doyle	RIP
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6:30pm	Ellen Brady	RIP
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Saturday 4 July 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Souls in Purgatory	RIP
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6:30pm	Tom Creed & Tommy McHugh	Anniv
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