

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £2,125.71 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for June amounted to £3,347.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Times/Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration Times.

I am pleased to inform you that due to the increase in the numbers wishing to attend Mass at the weekend, we will now be resuming our normal Sunday morning Mass times, which will include a Mass at 10:30am. The Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains suspended. In order to ease the numbers on Sundays, you are invited to come to Mass during the week if you can, rather than on Sunday. Parish Mass is posted on a Thursday and a Sunday to our *YouTube* page [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](#) and *Facebook* page <https://www.facebook.com/marymagwillesdengreen/> Please note, the broadcast can be restarted or viewed at any time after starting. You can also find a list of parishes so that you can participate in Mass via live streaming under the newsletter tab on our website. Updated Mass and Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration times are posted each week on our website, newsletter, doors of the church and on *Facebook*.

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration will take place on a Tuesday and Friday evening only with effect from the week commencing Sunday 2 August. Morning times remain unchanged.

Test and Trace. This week we began a new, more efficient Test and Trace system. It will mean that you do not have to give your name and phone number every time you come to Mass; you will just give the steward your personal number and they will register you. Please take a Test and Trace Contact Card from the table as you leave church, and fill in your details, one per household. Please then return the top section of the card to the parish office or a steward. Keep the lower half at home so that you can remember your number. All you will then have to do when you come to Mass is remember your number, give it to the steward and your number will be recorded. As you will see on the card, all data will be stored in line with the Diocesan GDPR policy. Thank you for helping us play our part in keeping things safer.

Newsletter. This newsletter is the last one until September but our parish website and *Facebook* page will continue to be updated regularly. Enjoy the summer, have a good rest and if you're travelling, we wish you safe journeys. May God bless you.

Readings at Mass

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings 3:5. 7—12

Psalm Response: Lord how I love your law!

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8:28—30

Alleluia Verse: I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44—52

Diocesan News

Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage. As the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage cannot take place this year, a virtual pilgrimage will take place instead from today 26 July to 1 August, with a full programme of Masses and devotions. The [Westminster Diocese 'virtual pilgrimage'](#) will include: Opening Mass celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington, Penitential Service, Rosary, Marian Torchlight procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession, Blessing of the Sick, Stations of the Cross, Hymns, music and song by Westminster Lourdes musicians, Closing Mass and Ceremony with the lighting of the 2020 Westminster Diocesan Candle at the Grotto. More details can be found on the events page of the diocesan website at <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/pilgrimages/> All are welcome to join in this virtual pilgrimage on the dedicated Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage *YouTube* channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9AT-YIsH22Hbp2rnlG7jsA>

Irish Chaplaincy Summer Retreat takes place on the 3—7 August 2020 via *Zoom*. There is a daily *Zoom* conference at 9:30am (lasting 30—45minutes), with a reflection each day from a different member of the Chaplaincy team. Themes will include: Come into the hills, Take my hands, Living Life to the Full, and Looking Ahead with Hope. There is no charge for this retreat but the maximum number of participants is 45, and it is first come, first served. For more information please contact eddie.gilmore@irishchaplaincy.org.uk.

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020. Your support is still needed. The Cardinal's Appeal has been supporting hungry, isolated and homeless people throughout the coronavirus crisis. With many families under unprecedented financial pressure, the Appeal continues. Please could you help with a gift today? Please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/donate/cardinals-appeal/> for more information and how to donate. Pope Francis is often reminding us of our duty to 'reach out':

"We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the existential peripheries of our societies and to show particular solidarity with the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters: the poor, people with disabilities, the unborn and the sick, migrants and refugees, the elderly and the young who lack employment."

For those in confinement advice from Carmelites for this time.

Ten suggestions from an enclosed religious order on how to get through these days in confinement and not perish in the attempt! <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/advice-from-carmelites-for-this-time-of-confinement/>

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