

## Presbytery

Peter Avenue, Willesden Green,  
London, NW10 2DD  
Tel: 020 8451 4677

Parish Website:

[https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/  
willesdengreen/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/)

Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/  
marymagwillesdengreen/](https://www.facebook.com/marymagwillesdengreen/)

YouTube:

[St Mary Magdalene's RC Church,  
Willesden, London](#)

## Parish Clergy

Monsignor Roger Reader KHS  
[rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk)

Father Sudham Perera  
[sudhamperera@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sudhamperera@rcdow.org.uk)

## Parish Office

[willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk)

## Mass Times

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am & 12noon

Monday—Wednesday 9:30am

Thursday: Closed for 'deep cleaning'

Friday: 9:30am

Saturday 9:30am & 6:30pm

Church closes after all Masses

## Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Monday: 8:30am—9:30am

Tuesday: 8:30am—9:30am

Wednesday: 8:30am—9:30am

Thursday: Closed for 'deep cleaning'

Friday: 8:30am—9:30am

6:00pm—7:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am—9:30am

## Confession

At Call



## ST MARY MAGDALEN

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER—MONTH OF

THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

20 September 2020

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

## There is no place like home.

The adaptation of American novelist L. Frank Baum's best-selling children's book 'The Wizard of Oz' in 1939 is an iconic masterpiece both literally and cinematographically (say that after a few!). Needless to say it was a huge success and undeniably a childhood favourite of mine.

Upon reflection, the moral of the story is extremely profound, thought-provoking and inspiring. As you may know, it revolves around four main characters: Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman and the Lion.

Many parallels can be made between the lives of those characters mentioned above and the road every man discerning and training for the priesthood will walk as he approaches Ordination.

I shall begin with the Scarecrow. There are four pillars of formation: Intellectual, Spiritual, Pastoral and Human. The Scarecrow who was in desperate need of a brain is a fitting example for me to employ here. Every man has to undergo an extensive and varied philosophical and theological academic programme before hands are laid on and sacred oils are poured. This is mandatory and this year will be my seventh and final year of study. St. John Paul II spoke much during his pontificate, as did his successor Pope Benedict XVI, of the inseparable link between faith and reason – they inform and complement each other and this pillar of formation is necessary if future priests are to be good teachers of the one true faith.

The Lion – truly a character with great potential and one all of us can relate to; perhaps all too often. He lacked courage – I know I did and do at times. The courage perhaps to accept a new responsibility or to take a stand against injustice or be a witness to one's faith publicly. The virtue of courage is also a gift of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Confirmation – perhaps for many of us this was a long time ago – but fear not – we can ask for this gift and the other six, simply by praying to the Holy Spirit for it. It is certainly a gift every priest should continually be praying for especially given the state of the world at this time.

The Tinman – possibly the most beloved character. In 2017, the parish welcomed me with open arms; such love inspired my actions to go out and visit the sick and dying, catechise and teach the young and hopefully have brought Christ into the lives of all whom I met and engaged with. It was your love and hospitality which enabled my pastoral heart to grow and take form after the pattern of the one who loved us first, namely, Jesus Christ. The Church, who is our Mother, gives us sons who follow in the Lord's footsteps and become priests – heralds of the gospel and dispensers of grace. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September – I was ordained a deacon; a servant at the altar and a herald of the gospel. I owe much to the parish for your watchful care and loving example when I was with you. Thank you.

Last but certainly not least – the protagonist of the story – Dorothy. I shall simply end with her tag line "There is no place like home" indeed how true and profound – thank you for having me in yours.

Deacon Tim Mangatal

**Those who have died recently:** James Logan, Mary McKenna, Joan Lane , Donna Oliviero

**Those who are sick:** Sheila O'Callaghan, Mona Daroux

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Margaret 'Ita' O'Neill, Breda Sills, Catherine Dyra, Margaret Butler

## Parish News

**Collection.** Standing orders for August amounted to £3,066.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Father Mark Dunglinson.** The Cardinal Archbishop has appointed Fr Mark Dunglinson to be Assistant Priest in our parish. He will take up this appointment on the Solemnity of All Saints, 1 November. I know that you will all give him a warm welcome as he moves from Holy Trinity, Brook Green to our parish. He has told me that he is very much looking forward to joining the parish, and I know that he will bring many gifts with him.

**Deacon Tim Mangatal.** Many of you will remember Tim who spent his pastoral placement year here at Willesden Green in 2017/18. Tim was ordained to the Diaconate this Saturday morning at 10:30am at Westminster Cathedral. Pray for Tim and may the Lord bless him as he follows in His way. Please read Tim's editorial overleaf.

**First Holy Communion 2020.** Congratulations to all our children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday afternoon. Please pray for them and their families now that they have made this big step in their lives as Catholic Christians. Our thanks must go to the catechists who have accompanied the children on this journey of faith.

A link to the photographs taken at the First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 12 September 2020 has been sent to those parents. All orders and payments should be made online directly with Simon Drake Photography.

**Mass/Private Prayer Times.** Please note that this week morning Mass Monday to Saturday (currently not Thursdays) will be returning to our normal time of 9:30am and Private Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 8:30am until 9:30am. There will no longer be Private Prayer on Tuesday evenings. Updated Mass and Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration times are posted each week on our website, newsletter, doors of the church and on *Facebook*.

**Macmillian 'Coffee Morning'.** It is sadly not possible for the Social Events Committee to hold a coffee morning in the Church Annexe this year due to the current restricted numbers at social gatherings. It has been an extremely successful event in the past to raise funds to help the millions living with cancer. It is still possible however to donate to the Charity this year. Please either telephone Macmillian 'Coffee Morning' on 0330 102 7810 or visit the website at <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>

**St Mary Magdalen parish Prayer Group** has raised £400.00 and sent the money to *Sisters of Charity* of St Vincent De Paul, Mill Hill. The money is being spent by the Sisters to help support their missionary work in the Atse school in Ethiopia. Thank you to all members and supporters for their very generous support.

**Parish Office.** In response to the Coronavirus pandemic the Parish Office will be closed to personal callers until further notice. If you have an enquiry please either telephone 020 8451 4677 or email [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk). The parish office is open Tuesday to Friday from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

## Funeral Notice

The Cremation Service of the late Mary McKenna will take place on Thursday 24 September 2020 at 10:00am at West London Crematorium, East Chapel

Funeral arrangements are made in accordance with the protocols necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.

May she rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Sunday Reflections for September**, are kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, for 'The God Who Speaks' initiative. Please see below the reflection for Sunday 20 September. For more information on the 'The God Who Speaks' in Westminster please visit the website <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/> Also, see the updated website for further resources and ideas <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

**Meditate:** For a society which is based on fairness and justice, this parable is incomprehensible. God's economy is different to ours. This parable points to the generosity of the landowner, an image of God, who wants all people to receive the reward of eternal life. We are called to acknowledge him as the Lord of the vineyard who allots the task as he desires. We should rejoice that all are given what they need for their day.

**Act:** At this time of the pandemic many people have lost their jobs. Pray for them today and, if you still hold a job, try to help those haven't got one.

**Convent of Jesus & Mary Open Morning Tours** take place on Tuesday 22—Friday 25 September 2020 from 9:15am until 12:15pm. To book an individual family tour please email: [office@cjmlc.co.uk](mailto:office@cjmlc.co.uk) or telephone 020 8965 2986.

**Retrouvaille** is for couples with marriages that are struggling, maybe not communicating well, and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have already separated or divorced who want marriage help. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille*, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 12—15 November 2020, telephone or text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

## Readings at Mass

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:6—9

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is close to all who call him.

**Second Reading:** St Paul to the Philippians 1:20—24.27

**Alleluia Verse:** Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1—16