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Office hours:

Tuesday—Friday
10:00am—2:00pm

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

Weekdays (except Thursdays)
and Saturdays:

One hour before morning Mass
and Friday 6:00pm—7:30pm

Confession

At Call



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
25 October 2020

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

Fratelli Tutti

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis published a new encyclical, or teaching document, on 4 October last, the feast day of St Francis. Using its first two words in Italian it is called '*Fratelli Tutti*.' In it he echoes St Francis' teaching on our common identity as children of God, and how we must create a society of mutual respect and love. The Pope has much to say on the use of media in its many forms, but also, he speaks to us about the business of politics and politicians. This is never far from us, and I want to share one paragraph with you for our prayers and thoughts:

"...politics is something more noble than posturing, marketing and spin. These sow nothing but division, conflict and a bleak cynicism incapable of mobilising people to pursue a common goal. At times, in thinking of the future, we do well to ask ourselves, 'Why am I doing this?', 'What is my real aim?' For as time goes on, reflecting on the past, the questions will not be: 'How many people endorsed me?', 'How many voted for me?', 'How many had apposite image of me?' The real, and potentially painful, questions will be, 'How much love did I put into my work?', 'What did I do for the progress of our people?', 'What mark did I leave on the life of our society?' 'What real bonds did I create?', 'What positive forces did I unleash?' 'How much social peace did I sow?' 'What good did I achieve in the position that was entrusted to me?' (*Fratelli Tutti*, paragraph 197)

May our politicians, and all of us in whatever role we have in our families and communities, take these words of the Holy Father to heart.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: John Henry Harding, Bernard Mahon, John Furlong, Jean Bergeron, Seamus Ruddy

Those who are sick: Kit Mahoney

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Flaherty, Eric, Ann & Stanley Lindford, Thomas Browne, Kossiwa Agnes Tete, Mary Enright

Those Baptised: Lisandro Jason Lavakumar

Parish News

Collection. Last week's collection was £1,192.83 (excluding standing orders). Standing orders for September amounted to £3,504.00. Thank you for your generosity.

'**Please pray for Father Mark Dunglison** as he prepares to come to our parish as Assistant Priest. He moves into the Clergy House on 28 October, and his first weekend will be 31 October/1 November, All Saints Day.'

Coming to Mass. Please wear a face mask. Use the hand gel which is provided. Keep a safe distance from others. Take Holy Communion with outstretched hands. Do not touch the statues. Do not gather. If you can come to Mass on weekdays, please be generous and refrain from coming to Sunday Mass so that those who are working during the week or those with families can attend Mass too, as there is no Sunday obligation at present.

Solemnity of All Saints is on Sunday 1 November 2020.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 November 2020 at 9:30am and 6:30pm. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table as you leave church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering, and post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Catholic Mothers have produced a beautiful planner for 2021 at a price of £19.75 (which includes a 10% discount) plus postage and packing. Slightly large than A5 in size there is a planner for each month with an inspirational quote from a female saint. Then it has a week to a page with each day divided into morning, afternoon and evening sections. Each page has a quote from Pope Francis or a saint across the top and a prayer down the side. The readings for the Sunday Mass are also given to help you share them with your family at home. But that's not all—at the back there is a section with prayers for various occasions and also many traditional prayers which will bring back a few memories. Then there are some wonderful activities you can do with your children or grandchildren on various days like chalking your doors on the Epiphany or making grandparent fridge magnets on the feast of Our Lady's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne. And finally there are some lovely seasonal recipes for the whole family to use at different times of the year. The Planner would make a wonderful Christmas gift for your mum or your nan. I'm sure they'll love it. If you would like to purchase a planner please let the parish office know either by telephone on 020 8451 4677 or email: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Mass Intentions. To have a Mass said for a loved one's intentions is a beautiful way to pray. Whatever their need, maybe for the repose of their soul, maybe an anniversary, maybe in sickness, maybe a thanksgiving, maybe a birthday or a wedding there are many reasons to have a Mass offered. It is also a practical way to support the priests in our parish through the donation (suggested at £10) for each Mass. Mass intentions can be booked by telephoning the parish office on 020 8451 4677 or emailing at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Funeral Notices

The Cremation service of the late John Marcel Borg will take place on Tuesday 27 October 2020 at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel at 1:00pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late John Henry Harding will take place on Thursday 29 October 2020 at 11:30am followed by burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 1:00pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late John Furlong will take place on Friday 30 October 2020 at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:30pm

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

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

Sunday Reflections for October, are kindly produced by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, for 'The God Who Speaks' initiative. Please see below the reflection for Sunday 25 October. For more information on the 'The God Who Speaks' please visit the website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/> Also, see the updated website for further resources and ideas <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Meditate: At times we are not sure how could we show our love for God and for our neighbour. As we know, these two commandments are the summary of the Ten Commandments. So if we want to love God we can look at the three first commandments. If we want to love our neighbour, we should read the other seven. Do this and you shall live!

Pray: God of love who commands us to follow in your footsteps so that we may experience life; teach me to love you and serve my brothers and sisters.

Pact (the Prison Advice and Care Trust) will be running 'Operation Christmas Elf 2020. Instead of the toys we would usually ask for, this year we're asking you to buy a book token to the value of £10 that can be sent in a Christmas card to a prisoner's child. You can buy book tokens online from www.nationalbooktokens.com or from all local bookshops. If you buy your book token online, you can even choose for it to be delivered straight to our Santa's Grotto! (which is really our office; 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA. For more information please visit: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/news/operation-elf>

Readings at Mass

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22:20—26

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 5—10

Alleluia Verse: Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34—40