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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY —MONTH OF
THE HOLY FAMILY
14 February 2021

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

LENT

Prayer - Fasting - Almsgiving

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. You may be able to come to Mass on Ash Wednesday – at either 9.30am or 6.30pm – and receive the ash, or you may prefer to stay at home and with your family pray, as our Cardinal has suggested in his letter.

I hope that, as always, Lent will be a time for you grow closer to Jesus Christ. You can think of it as a time for a spiritual spring clean, to get rid of the grime in our lives and follow Jesus more faithfully. Many of you will know that there are three things we try to do in Lent:

FASTING – on Ash Wednesday for adults aged between 18 & 59 (others as well out of devotion) to eat only one full meal. We also abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays. Many people also give something up for Lent – no chocolate for me! - and this is a form of fasting. It's a way of learning self-discipline.

PRAYER – This is a good time to get into the habit of daily prayer, at the beginning and the end of each day. The Rosary can help us to pray, the Psalms can help us to pray. It's especially good to pray the Stations of the Cross. There is a leaflet at the back of church (and online) to help you.

CHARITY – if we give something up, we can also put something positive in its place. This is a good time to help those in need both by giving money and also giving time. Both the Cardinal's Appeal and the CAFOD family fast day can help us to do this.

I pray that Lent will be a time of grace and growth for us all in this parish of St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green.

Monsignor Roger

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of
Sunday)

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

Monday & Tuesday 9:30am

Wednesday 9:30am & 6:30pm

Thursday & Friday 9:30am

Saturday 9:30am & 6:30pm

Church closes after all Public Masses

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday: One hour
before morning Mass

Confession

At Call

Readings at Mass

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1—2. 44—46

Psalms Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Alleluia Verse: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Gospel: Mark 1: 40—45

Those who have died recently: Malachy Forde, Michael O'Beirne, Frank Lydon, Noel Atkins, Thomas Curran, Pamela Conway, May Maloney, Billy O'Connor.

Those who are sick: Monica Lynch, Peter Corcoran, Pauleen and Trevor Tritton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Augustine (Justine) Daroux, Neville Bryan, Sean Donagher, Peggy Corboy, Peter and Daniel Mulhern, Rita Boyle, Ben and Margaret McDade, Teresa, Jim and Nora Cafferkey, Robert Kennedy, John Sullivan

Parish News

Collection of 31 January 2021 amounted to £841.00. Standing orders for January amounted to £3,543.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Online. Masses may be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube](#). Masses are normally live streamed Monday to Saturday at 9:30am, Sunday at 9:00am. Those who are unable to partake of the body of Christ and receive Holy Communion in person, we pray together St Alphonsus' Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to
you
now and forever.*

Amen.

Ash Wednesday —the start of Lent. Masses on Wednesday 17 February 2021 will be at 9:30am and 6:30pm. Don't forget to do something extra as well as giving things up during Lent—perhaps an extra Mass or pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays (see below). There is also Lent booklet to take home with you after Mass today or a copy can be found online under the newsletter tab on the parish website, which includes the Cardinals Pastoral letter and prayers for the Stations of the Cross. Happy Lent!

Lent Stations of the Cross. Father Mark invites you to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, during Lent. Simply log on to our YouTube page at: [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](#) where you will see either Fr. Roger, Mark or Sudham in a video made available for you. All are welcome.

Pray the Rosary together. Father Mark invites you to pray the Holy Rosary with him on Friday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:00pm during the lockdown period. Simply log on to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/marymagwillesdengreen/> All are welcome.

Prayer Group: Calling all young adults aged 20-40. This is a way to discover more about prayer, enrich your prayer life and pray in different ways. The group is also a support during lockdown. The course takes place on Zoom, with time to pray together, on Friday evenings from 8:00pm for about an hour and will initially run until the beginning of March. Please email Fr Mark to register at: markdunglinson@rcdow.org.uk and give your name, telephone contact and your age. You will then be sent the Zoom invitation.

COVID Vaccination. For those of you who may be undecided as to whether to have the vaccine please read Father Albert's, Parish Priest at English Martyrs Catholic Church in Wembley, near -death experience and passionate call for the vaccination uptake at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/london-priests-near-death-experience-and-passionate-call-for-vaccination-uptake/>.

Stay Home. Try Alpha Online

If you have been confirmed between 2018 - 2020, Monsignor Roger and Francis Thomas, who is a student at the Seminary training to be a priest, are inviting you to join **Youth Alpha**: a video and discussion every two weeks on your faith and the big questions about life. Sessions will take place on Zoom, on Thursdays at 7pm.

If you would like more information contact Francis Thomas (Seminarist):
willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk

#AlphaOnline



Funeral Notices

The Cremation service of the late Thomas Curran will take place on Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 10:30am at Golders Green Crematorium

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

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Sycamore Lent Course. This is a six week course. For more information please visit: <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>

Caritas Westminster. The 'Let Us Dream' Lenten Retreat, is an opportunity to break open the themes discussed in this remarkable book and to discover and share the things speaking to your heart this Lent. Retreatants will attend three online sessions to share, grow, and discern together. Alongside this is the opportunity for 1:1 accompaniment provided by trained guides. Retreatants will be provided with a pack, containing a copy of 'Let Us Dream' and notebook to write down your reflections. Sessions will have spiritual input from the Jesuit Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry and Young Caritas. Sessions will be held via Zoom between 6:30pm and 7:45pm, fortnightly throughout Lent. [Find out more and book your place on Eventbrite](#) This retreat is for young people aged 18-35

The Passage 40 years of service to homeless people. To mark 40 years of service to homeless people this Lent the Passage have produced 40 reflections for Lent each marking a year of service and reflecting on the needs of homeless people today. If you would like to share in their Lenten journey please email Andrew Hollingsworth at: andrew.h@passage.org.uk or telephone 020 7592 1886. They plan to distribute all materials electronically in the interests of being both environmentally aware and saving costs. If you do not have access to the internet they can send print friendly versions to a friend or relative by email.