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Tuesday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**MARCH —MONTH OF
ST JOSEPH**
7 March 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent
Year B

A Saint beyond the Christmas cards.

I am sure that many of you will have seen – either physically or online - the beautiful shrine to St Joseph which has been put up under the Ambo at the front of our church. It will be there throughout the month of March, which is traditionally set aside in honour of St Joseph.

Pope Francis has given a great gift of grace to the Church by dedicating this year to St Joseph. For many of us this means that St Joseph is coming out of his side role on so many Christmas cards and we are thinking about his life. Here at St Mary Magdalen's, there will be several ways in which we can grow in our knowledge of and our love for St Joseph. You can pray at his statue in the church and light a candle whenever you come to Mass. You can join in the prayer to St Joseph which we are offering at the end of every Mass. You can pick up a prayer card with this prayer on it, or read it from the newsletter.

I would like to invite all parishioners, but especially the men of our community to consider dedicating yourselves to St Joseph in this special year. We can all do this through the 33 days of prayer with St Joseph from 30 March to 1 May. There will be a special book prepared for you with a reflection, a prayer and a daily challenge. If you are a father, a son, a carer – or even a priest – this is especially for you. Of course, all parishioners are welcome to take part. More information will come next weekend.

St Joseph, tender and loving Father, pray for us!

Monsignor Roger

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of
Sunday)

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

Monday— Friday 9:30am

Saturday: 9:30am & 6:30pm

Church closes after all Public Masses

Mass Online

Masses are livestreamed on our
YouTube channel: [St Mary Magdalen
RC Church, Willesden, London -
YouTube](#). Masses are normally live
streamed Monday to Saturday at
9:30am and Sunday at 9:00am.

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday: One hour
before morning Mass

Confession

At Call

Those who have died recently: Michael O'Beirne, Paulina Joseph,
John Cronin

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tracey Hartwell,
Billy Hughes, Phyllis & Tom Attridge, Sheila Scanlon, Mary Mulhern



Parish News

Collection of 21 February 2021 amounted to £1,033.56. Standing orders for January amounted to £3,543.00. Thank you.

Fr Sudham will leave the parish on 11 March to return home to Sri Lanka. May God's Blessings be on him as he takes up his new role. We thank Fr Sudham for everything he has done for both this parish and the Sri Lankan Chaplaincy. He will be greatly missed.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021. Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, *Caritas* Westminster, and the Education Service. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope which are on the tables as you leave church today. You can also use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

Lent Stations of the Cross on Fridays, during Lent. Simply log on to our *YouTube* page at: [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYiJMTqeNAU) or alternatively please click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYiJMTqeNAU> All are welcome.

Youth Alpha. Next session will take place on Thursday 11 March at 7:00pm. Meeting ID will be sent from willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk

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/magwillesdengreen/> All are welcome.

Mass for Confirmation Candidates. Now that the schools are open once more, there will be a Mass with teaching for the young people and their families preparing for Confirmation this year. This will be on Sunday evening at 6:30pm. Although this Mass is especially for them, others may also attend, but space will be limited and the Mass may be a little longer than normal. I would be grateful, if at all possible, if parishioners could attend one of the other 4 Saturday evening/Sunday Masses. The current COVID regulations make it impossible to have the usual classes during the week. Please pray for our young people as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Booking Seats for Holy Week Masses. This year, the Celebrations for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum will be in the presence of Christ's faithful. This differs from the situation faced last year when acts of public worship were suspended because of the covid-19 pandemic. The Government's proposed Road Map out of the national lockdown will mean that that all

current restrictions regarding social distancing will remain throughout our Holy Week services commencing on Palm Sunday. Our church is limited in the number of people we can accommodate and therefore this year you will need to book your place for Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday Liturgy, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. You will not need to book a seat for Palm Sunday Masses which will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. All of the Holy Week and Easter Sunday Masses, and the Good Friday Liturgy will be simplified and adapted in line with the pandemic restrictions. Further details regarding Mass times and how and when to book will be available shortly. Please continue to check your emails, parish newsletter and website for further information.

Newsletter. Please take your newsletter home with you when you leave church today. Thank you.

Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen*



Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Paulina Joseph will take place on Tuesday 9 March at 12 noon followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:30pm.

Funeral arrangements are made in accordance with the protocols necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic.
May she rest in peace

Diocesan News

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of reconciliation.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God. [The Pope Video](#) for March has been published, with the prayer intention that Pope Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#)

Right To Life UK. "Tomorrow we celebrate International Women's Day. We pray especially for all pregnant women that they too would be championed and supported by all of us in society, not only tomorrow, but always."