

## Presbytery

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[St Mary Magdalen's RC Church,  
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## Parish Clergy

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## Parish Office

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Tuesday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm

## Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of  
Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon &  
6:30pm

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



**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MARCH —MONTH OF  
ST JOSEPH  
14 March 2021  
4th Sunday of Lent  
Year B**

## Fourth Sunday in Lent – Plenty to Rejoice About

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is both Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday and Mothering Sunday. The Church, in her wisdom, knows we cannot be penitential forever, and so gives us a break from our Lenten penance, by introducing a 'shaft of light' to allow us to look forward to the approaching festival of Easter.

Sometimes, rose-coloured vestments are worn to symbolise the softening of the penitential purple by the upcoming liturgical colour and the white vestments which will be worn at Easter. On this Sunday, we are called to Laetare Jerusalem (Be Joyful Jerusalem, and all who love her!) This rejoicing is deeply symbolic of both looking forward to the Paschal festivities, and our hope that we will dwell forever in the New Jerusalem whenever we are called, by the Lord, to our home in heaven.

As if this were not enough to rejoice about, we also celebrate Mothering Sunday this weekend, not to be confused with the observation of Mother's Day. Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mothers and mother churches which has been celebrated in the British Isles, and elsewhere in the English-speaking world, on the fourth Sunday in Lent, since the Middle Ages. The custom was, on Mothering Sunday, for Christians to visit their mother church—the church in which they received the sacrament of baptism. Later, it became the day on which those working as domestic servants were given the day off to go home and visit their home church and their own mother. In more modern times, this celebration has been extended to honour Mother Church, 'mothers of earthly homes' and Our Lady, the mother of Jesus.

Let us then celebrate this fourth Sunday joyfully and, as well as give thanks for our mothers, grandmothers and mother figures in our lives and all they have done for us, as well as praying with gratitude for all mothers who are no longer with us. This comes with my good wishes and prayers for a joyful Sunday and a good remainder of Lent.

Father Mark

**Those who have died recently:** Paulina Joseph, John Cronin,  
Noel Atkins

**Those who are sick:** Tony Rowland, Jerome & Gareth Hayes,  
Peter Corcoran, Paz Shaw

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr Michael  
Buckley, Mary Killian, Maureen Anderson, Kathleen Forde, Alex & Yvonne  
Lobo, Noreen Carolan, Thomas Dias, Bridget Connell, Jimmy Feeley,  
Mary Teresa Ryan

