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Tuesday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**MARCH —MONTH OF
ST JOSEPH**
21 March 2021
5th Sunday of Lent
Year B

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

What sort of a man are you?

One of the phrases which really used to depress me when I heard it used by the boys in the prison where I used to work was 'I don't want people to mistake kindness for weakness.' A boy would often say this when I suggested that, rather than storing up feelings of anger against a so called enemy, and finding a way of fighting with him, the boy should think rather of forgiving him, and especially mediating with him. This would mean them both sitting down in a room with me and maybe an officer and talking through the very real problems between them.

Often, doing this would not fit in with the image of masculinity which the boys had in their minds. For them, a man was someone who would use his fists or a weapon; a man was someone who never expressed his feelings; a man was someone who mistreated women and girls; a man someone would never, ever want to be thought of as kind – because that was to be weak.

I wonder how you feel about that. Does that fit in with your image of what it is to be a man? There has been a lot being said in recent days about what it means to be a man, and how often men can make women feel vulnerable, afraid and objectified.

As many of us in the parish are undertaking the 33 Days of Prayer to St Joseph, it is appropriate to reflect on some words from Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*: 'Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man.'

This, surely, is the image of masculinity you and I must treasure and think about. Can I encourage you once again to think about committing yourself to the 33 Days of Prayer.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: Fr Vincent Crewe, Paulina Joseph, John Cronin, Reene Lynch

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Festus.S.Yesufu-Eke, Ronnie & May McClay, Peter McHugh, Kamala Brereton

Parish News

Collection of 7 March 2021 amounted to £1,356.67. Standing orders for February amounted to £3,393.00. Thank you.

Fr Ruwan Deshapriya. Fr Ruwan would like to introduce himself to us in his own words: "I am Fr. Ruwan Deshapriya a Sri Lankan Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Colombo. I was ordained on the 12 January 2008. I studied at St. Aloysius minor seminary, Colombo and at the National seminary of our Lady of Lanka, Kandy Sri Lanka. My parents are Mr H.P Dharmasiri and Mrs Mary Anne Bridget. I have one sister and no brothers. Having completed my basic degrees in philosophy (B.Ph.) and theology (B.Th.) from the national seminary Kandy, Sri Lanka, I further completed a post graduate diploma in education and a Master degree in Human resource management at the University of Colombo. I have served in different capacities in the catholic school network in the Archdiocese of Colombo. The last school I worked before assuming duties as the chaplain to the Sri Lankan community in the UK was St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10 and I served as the Vice Rector/Vice Principal of the college."

Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year 2021/2022 for existing users are available for collection from the Sacristy **after** Mass today. They will be given to you by a member of our Finance Committee. The new envelopes should be used commencing Sunday 11 April 2021. Please consider using envelopes or a standing order for your offertory donations, and *Gift Aid* your contribution which benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Holy Week and Easter Week programmes are available as you leave church today and posted onto our website under the newsletters tab at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2021/>. **Please note that the Good Friday liturgies on 2 April at 12 noon and 3:00pm and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday 3 April at 8:00pm are fully booked.** Please do not attend these services unless you have a confirmed booking. All other Masses/events in the programme **do not require booking** and seats will be allocated on a 'first come, first served basis'. Thank you for your understanding. Masses will be live-streamed from the parish as indicated on the programme. Services at Westminster Cathedral are also live-streamed online at: <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster>. This year the Bishops' Conference discourages Altars of Repose in individual churches, and so the Cardinal has provided a diocesan online resource this year. From 8:00pm until midnight on Maundy Thursday, 1 April 2021, everyone in our diocese is invited to join in prayer, paying a virtual visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane at: <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

St Joseph—A MAN OF THE GOSPEL. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has given to every Catholic this year a beautiful invitation. He has asked us to get to know St Joseph, to understand more about his role as Jesus' legal father. To help us do this, I am inviting everyone in our parish, but especially men – who may be fathers, grandfathers, sons, single men, young or

old – to spend 33 days of prayer with St Joseph. If we undertake this together it will give us all a real bond of unity in prayer, which is so needed in the difficult days we are living through. If you wish to take part, please register by 21 March with Francis Thomas, our seminarian on placement, by emailing: willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk. You will then be given a book which has a reflection, a prayer and a daily challenge. The 33 days will begin on 30 March and end on 1 May, when I hope we will be able to come together for Mass and dedicate ourselves to St Joseph. As the Holy Father says 'We need only ask St Joseph for the grace of graces: Conversion.'

Youth Alpha. Thursday 25 March 7:00pm. Meeting ID will be sent from willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk

Lent Stations of the Cross, on Fridays, during Lent. Log on to YouTube at : [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StMaryMagdalen)

Pray the Rosary together with Father Mark. Fridays 6:30pm on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/magwillesdengreen/>

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Paulina Joseph will take place on Tuesday 23 March at 12:30pm followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 2:15pm.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late John Cronin will take place on Thursday 25 March at 10:45am followed by Burial at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green at 12:30pm.

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

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



Diocesan News

COVID-19: National Day of Reflection and Prayer 23 March 2021. The President and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have urged the faithful to make the National Day of Reflection on COVID-19 a day of prayer as well as a day of reflection: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/make-national-day-of-reflection-on-pandemic-a-day-of-prayer/>