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Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday:
10:00am until 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

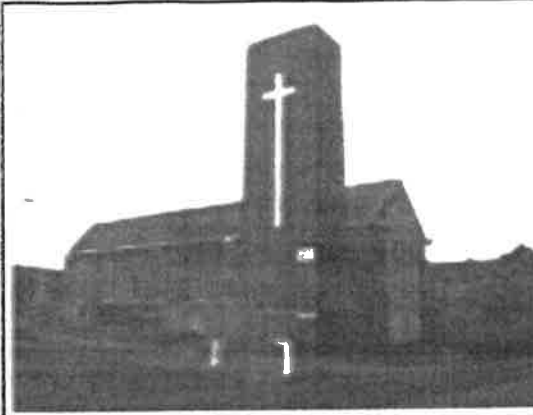
Masses are livestreamed on our
YouTube channel: St Mary Magdalen
RC Church, Willesden, London -
YouTube. Masses are normally live
streamed Monday to Saturday at
9:30am and Sunday at 9:00am.

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

At Call



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
APRIL—MONTH OF
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
18TH APRIL 2021
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B

Fish for supper

In our gospel passage this Sunday, the disciples told their story of what happened on the road to Emmaus, and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread when Jesus stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'. They were alarmed and frightened because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said 'Why are you so agitated and full of doubts?' Look at my hands and feet; yes it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have. 'And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so, he said to them. 'Have you anything here to eat?' and they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Indeed, the two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. It is perhaps an account of the same incident we heard last Sunday, but with a different emphasis. Now the stress is on the meeting with a real person, and not with a ghost. That is why Jesus eats a piece of fish. The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with fingers and toes and other bodily members, and all will be raised to new life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions! The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul reminds us, that we should not get bogged down with worrying about what sort of body we will have at the resurrection but rejoice that each of us will be raised as a whole person.

What do you imagine the risen life to be like? Is love, friendship and companionship part of this?

Father Mark.

Those who have died recently: Eileen Keohan, Mary Glynn, Peter Gordan, Elizabeth Mason

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Langan.

Parish News

Collection of 4th April will be announced next week. Standing orders for February amounted to £3,393.00. Thank you.

Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year 2021/2022 should now be used commencing today Sunday 11 April 2021. Anyone who has not picked up their box should contact the Parish Office and it can either be posted or delivered to you. 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.

St Joseph—A MAN OF THE GOSPEL. 89 people signed up for our journey and we hope it has been a great resource for you. We are now over half way through, Sunday being Day 20. Francis, our seminarian, would be very pleased to hear how you are finding this. Responses can be positive or negative... what are your reactions? Let him know by emailing him at: willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk. St Joseph, pray for us.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) Our RCIA candidates: Joseph, Nicola, Samina, Tinashe and Yoko have been preparing to receive the Easter Sacraments for several months now. Please keep them in your prayers as they walk through their final days of discernment, and preparation, for their special and significant day on the great Feast of Pentecost.

Mass Live streaming. Some Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube](#). Readers, musicians, altar servers and parishioners who sit near the front, may appear on the livestream. If you do not wish to appear on the camera, please sit towards the back of the church. Normally, Holy Communion will not be transmitted.

Prayers and resources for families who aren't able to attend church in person at the moment. Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with their children to nourish their faith, particularly on Sundays:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>.

What happens if you go into hospital? In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that, on entering hospital, you indicate that your details (or those of your relative) are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you, or your relative, would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

Parish Newsletter. A paper copy is available to take home with you after Mass and is posted weekly online at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2021/>

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priests Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our diocese. Last year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available by the doors. Please take one home and read it the information and bring it back next week with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online at any time at www.rcdow.uk/ donations.

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April 2021: Universal - Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even democracies in crisis.

Right To Life UK. "As we celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy we remember the words of St Faustina: "that in difficult moments we might not despair... but with great confidence submit ourselves to [God's] holy will, which is love and mercy itself". We pray these words especially for all women considering abortion, that the love, hope and mercy of Christ would be with them in their difficulty, and that they would find care and support in their family and friends so that they can keep their unborn child. Lord hear us"