

Presbytery

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[St Mary Magdalen's RC Church,
Willesden, London](#)

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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 - Saturday at 9:30am
& Sunday at 9:00am & 6:30pm.

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

At Call



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY —MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN
2 MAY 2021
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B

I am the True Vine.

I have recently attended two very moving services. The first was here in our own parish on 21 April. As many of you will know, that date marked the second anniversary of the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka. In this outrage over 250 people were killed and many more injured. Countless will bear wounds in their bodies or memories of what they endured on that day. Fr Ruwan celebrated a beautiful Mass here on the 21st in the evening. At the end of the Mass many of the faithful came forward to light candles for those who were injured or who had died. In the evening shadows of the church, the candles were a sign of their loving prayer.

Last week I went to Our Lady of Victories Church in Kensington for Vespers to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. This may be less well known to you, but it was a terrible event in which countless Armenians were martyred for their faith. Some of the service was in English, some in Armenian, and the Armenian priest and some of his community were there. The music, with its eastern richness, was very moving.

In our gospel today, Jesus speaks of himself as a vine and his Father as the vinedresser. I don't know whether you have ever visited a vineyard – they are extraordinary places. As a complete non-gardener, I can only admire the skill of the vinedressers as they link each plant together, weaving their branches in and out of each other. It is a potent symbol of how close we should be to our brothers and sisters wherever they may be. Our Christian faith must bind us ever more closely to Jesus Christ. We must pray for all who suffer for their faith, that they may stay strong.

As we come to the month of May, one way of binding ourselves to each other is to try and pray a decade of the Rosary each evening at 6:00pm. You could do this with your family, and even join with others via technology. To pray the Rosary together binds us ever more closely to the Mother of God and our Mother, Mary.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who have died recently: Alicia Weekes, Mona Daroux,
Andrina Daniels, Augustine Williams, James Varley

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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose & Jimmy
Phillips, Patrick Cleary

Parish News

Collection of 18 April 2021 amounted to £1,378.26. Standing orders for March amounted to £3,803.00. Thank you.

Annual Priest Training Fund Collection. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. To date £1,346.87 has been collected. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You can use this envelope to make a one-off donation or to set up a regular donation to the Priest Training Fund. If you can Gift Aid, please don't forget to tick it off. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, please visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/>
Thank you.

May Devotion at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden will take place on Sunday 9 May at 3:30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. It will include Holy Rosary and Benediction, with music from the Shrine Singers. Due to Covid restrictions only a limited number of seats will be available for reservation. The Devotion will be livestreamed. For a link to the livestream and booking of available seats, please visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden/>

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>.

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.

St Mary Magdalen Wednesday Club. Lonely? Want to make new friends? Why not join the over 50's Wednesday Club? We are a group of fun-loving young hearts that meet every Wednesday for gentle exercise, tea/coffee/snacks, play bingo and outdoor activities and outings. We start at 1:30pm and close at 3:00pm. If interested, please contact Gillian on 020 8830 2848 or 07535 449 893 for more details.

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/>

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Alicia Elizabeth Weekes will take place on
Thursday 6 May at 1:00pm followed by Burial at
Willesden New Cemetery at 2:30pm

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

Diocesan News

Bishops encourage Catholics to place Sunday Mass at the heart of their post-pandemic lives. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her sacraments. Please visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse takes place on Tuesday 4 May. In consultation with survivors, the Day of Prayer is observed on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. Prayer resources are available on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/safeguarding/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2021/>

Thy Kingdom Come - Lighting up the world in prayer— 13—23 May 2021 - Once again, alongside other Catholic dioceses we are pleased to be participating in this timely ecumenical initiative to help us reflect more deeply on our journey with Christ and personal call to discipleship. A variety of rich Catholic resources are available for use in our parish communities, which can enable us to prepare more fully to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. In a year that has been beset by many personal challenges and worries, we hope that these resources may provide a useful source of spiritual nourishment and reflection. Resources can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/> You can also visit the official website for *Thy Kingdom Come* at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15 May 2021 at 3.00pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event at: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk