

## Presbytery

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Tuesday—Friday:  
10:00am until 2:00pm



**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**MAY —MONTH OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**16 MAY 2021**  
**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**YEAR B**

## ‘Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed.....’

We listen to one of the solemn and profound prayers that we read in the scriptures today in the Gospel. It is the high priestly prayer of Jesus found in the Gospel of St. John. Jesus prays for himself and for his disciples as he prepares to complete his mission on earth.

These are powerful words of Jesus because they are all addressed to God the Father. This Sunday gives us the opportunity to return to our school of prayer. We were initially taught to pray either by our grandparents, parents, or by our teachers. We have to be eternally grateful to them for nourishing us with a heavenly formation to grow as adults in later life. When we were introduced to catholic sacramental life we were further enriched in the reservoir of catholic spirituality by priests, nuns, and adult catechists. They have shown us the road map to heaven. But we must ask ourselves very personally today: Am I a praying father, mother, or a youth, is my house a home of prayer?

It is in abiding in his word that we become united to Him. It is by remaining in Him that we are sanctified in the truth. Therefore, I would like to invite you to return to that school of prayer one more time in order to refresh your hearts and minds so that You will experience intimacy with God and reach the fountain of mercy. Also never forget to pray for one another as Jesus prayed for his disciples for their well-being and protection because ‘Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.’ (St. John Chrysostom).

Let me conclude these few lines with the words of Pope Francis: ‘The heart of the Church’s mission is prayer. Prayer is the key for us to be able to enter into dialogue with the Father. Every time we read a short passage from the Gospel; we hear Jesus speaking to us. We have a conversation with Jesus. We listen to Jesus and we reply. And this is prayer. By praying, we change reality. And we change our hearts. Our heart changes when we pray. We can do many things, but without prayer, it does not work. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.’

God Bless you all!

Fr Ruwan

## 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

## Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:  
One hour before morning Mass

## Confession

At Call

**Those who have died recently:** Jan Zarzycki, Sean Ennis,  
Renisk E Caprice

**Those who are sick:** Jerome & Gareth Hayes, Peter Corcoran,  
Eddie Harte, Tony Teixeira

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Mary Sullivan,  
Bernadette McHugh & Matthew Crooke, Agnes McNamara,  
Johanna O’Riordan, Peter McMenemy, John McMenemy, Mary Ferguson  
Carroll, Choo Chin Dui

## Parish News

**Collection of 7 May 2021** amounted to £1,344.92. Standing orders for April amounted to £3,625.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Charitable Giving Post -Lockdown.** One of the areas most affected by the COVID lockdown has been charities. In our parish last year, we were unable to hold some of the usual second collection to charities. To help make that right, I would like us to show our support over the next two weeks to three charities, each one with its own emphasis.

**1. Aid To The Church In Need.** Their work is well known to many of us. At this time they are especially supporting the work of the Church in India for all those affected by the COVID crisis there. Link: <https://acnuk.org/>

**2. MacMillan Cancer Support.** We normally have a cake sale to support the work of Macmillan nurses in their care of people suffering with cancer and their families. Link: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

**3. The Nehemiah Project.** Monsignor Roger is very closely associated with this small charity. It supports men coming out of prison who need help with their addiction problems. He has helped them to set up a hostel in South London, and knows it does excellent work. Link: <https://www.tnp.org.uk/>

There will be a second collection at the end of the Masses this weekend and next, and the sum raised will be divided equally between these charities. If you wish to gift aid your donation, please follow the links above and give on-line.

**RCIA Candidates and Catechumens.** Please continue to pray for Yoko, Tinashe, Joseph and Samina who will be receiving the Sacraments at Pentecost.

**First Mass of Pentecost: Saturday 22 May at 6:30pm.** Our RCIA catechumens and candidates will be either received into full communion with the Catholic church or be baptised and/or confirmed at this Mass. All parishioners are most welcome to attend (subject to space restrictions due to COVID). However, the Mass will be longer than usual so you may wish to attend an alternative Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

**Parish Financial Report 2019 & 2020** is available on the tables as you leave church today. A copy can also be requested from the Parish Office and posted to you.

**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 other 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.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination.** If you are a Brent resident, 38 years and above and, would like a first dose Pfizer vaccine please call 03000 339950 between 9:00am and 4:00pm to book an appointment. Anyone who had a first Pfizer vaccine

at least 9 weeks ago can also book their 2nd vaccine on the same phone number between the same hours. You will need to present your NHS number and date of birth.

**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 of the newsletter is available to take home with you after Mass and posted online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2021/>

## Funeral Notices

Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Jan Zarzycki will take place on Monday 17 May 2021 at 11:00am followed by Burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 12:30pm

Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Sean Ennis will take place on Friday 21 May 2021 at 11:30am followed by Cremation at Hendon Crematorium at 1:00pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**The Good Counsel Network.** On Friday 21 May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting please contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or visit the website at: <https://goodcounselnet.co.uk/>

**Retrouvaille.** You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille*, or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on the 1– 4 July 2021 call or text 07887 296 983 or 07973 380 443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CAFOD.** As coronavirus brings devastation across India, *CAFOD* is working with experienced local Church agency, *Caritas* India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to *CAFOD's* Coronavirus Appeal will help *Caritas* India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID and vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation and quarantine centres. You can donate online at: Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.