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**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
MAY —MONTH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN
23 MAY 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY
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“Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.”

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. There is no account of Pentecost in the Gospels, but St John tells us of when the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples with two emphases. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian slogan. The angels sang of Peace at Jesus’ birth; each of Paul’s letters opens with a greeting of peace; the letter to the Ephesians says that Christ is our peace - the reversal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. ‘Go in peace’ is Jesus’ dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. The second slogan is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness; Jesus came to show this by meeting with and welcoming sinners. Indeed, the Lord’s Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God’s forgiveness of ourselves too.

Jesus’ ministry starts with the coming of the Spirit at his Baptism, and the ministry of the Church begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. There can be no witness to Jesus or to his message, no spreading of God’s Kingdom without the Spirit of Jesus. The task of the Church and the life of the Church are the same as those of Jesus himself: to bring God’s kingdom to fulfilment by bringing healing, love and joy through the message of the Risen Christ. The rushing wind and the tongues of fire remind us of the account in the Old Testament of the coming of God’s Spirit upon Moses and the Elders. The message of the New Testament is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, breaking out beyond the borders of Judaism to include all peoples of the world. The union of all these peoples, all understanding one language in their own way, is a deliberate contrast to the Old Testament scene at the Tower of Babel, when all the peoples of the world defied God and so were split up and could no longer understand one another’s languages. The list of unpronounceable peoples is itself a witness to the universal church.

If we glance around our church, our people show the variety within the Christian community. Each one of us has his or her own special gift to contribute. Mercifully, these gifts are all different. Every one of us contributes something different and valuable, whether it is the baby crying as a sign of new, developing life or, the older person contributing wisdom, experience and even the suffering of Christ. We are a varied and diverse people who make up the Body of Christ. But as the Body of Christ, the Church, we show forth to the world the presence of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, through the indwelling of the Spirit. What gifts do you bring to help build up the Body of Christ?

I pray there will be an outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon us all this Pentecost now and in the days to come.

Father Mark.

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: Enivaldo Zanferrari, Ivania Aparecida Rosa

Those who are sick: Jerome & Gareth Hayes, Pat O’Rourke, Eddie Harte, Tony Teixeira

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gilbertha Giraud, Michael O’Callaghan

Parish News

Collection of 9 May 2021 amounted to £1,703.78. Standing orders for April amounted to £3,625.00. Thank you for your generosity.

New Guidance from 17 May for COVID Regulations at Mass.

Following relaxation of the COVID rules, we have now received updated guidance from the Bishops.

Below is a brief summary of the main points of the guidance: -

- Please continue to use the hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- Please continue to wear face masks, unless exempt.
- Our cleaning regimes remain in place. Please feel free to join our cleaners. Many hands make light work!
- Interior and exterior doors remain open to increase ventilation and reduce touching.
- The Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- Stewards will no longer be at weekday Masses. Please therefore either sign the Test and Trace sheets with your card number, or you can download the NHS COVID-19 app and use your phone to scan the NHS QR code. Stewards will be present at weekend Masses.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can now take Holy Communion to the housebound (EMHCs please see Fr Mark for advice on details)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Congratulations to Joseph, Yoko, Tinashe and Samina who receive the Sacraments at the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday evening. Please continue to welcome them as full members of our Catholic family here in Willesden Green. We pray the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be given to them this Pentecost and in the days to come. May their joy be complete.

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 again this week 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 the sum raised from this weekend and last will be divided equally between these charities. If you wish to gift aid your donation, please follow the links above and give on-line.

Youth Alpha. Next session will take place on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 7:00pm. Meeting ID will be sent from:

willesdengreenalpha@rcdow.org.uk

Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination. If you are a Brent resident, 37 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.

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/>

Diocesan News

Pastoral Letter for Pentecost can be viewed online on our website under the newsletter tab at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2021/> Paper copies are also available on the tables as you leave church today.

The Passage. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Patron of *The Passage*, will celebrate the 5:30pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 25 May to mark 40 years of service to homeless people. The Mass will be broadcast live at: <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/> If you would like to attend the Mass in person, this may be possible, but the Cathedral has a strict limit under the current Covid regulations. Please register your interest with us and we will let you know on Monday 24 May if a place is available. Email: andrew.h@passage.org.uk

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi and Quarant'Ore 2021. The annual Quarant'Ore (40 hours) at our Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Maiden Lane will take place from Thursday 3 June until Saturday 5 June. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:00am until Midnight. Those who can't be there in person can still submit their prayer intentions and have candles burning before the Blessed Sacrament by visiting the website at: maidenlane.org.uk/forty After the awful year of Pandemic, it will be even more important to bring our concerns before the Lord in this way.

Catholic History Walks June 2021. Friday 11 June— Across London Bridge with its stories of Viking battles, to the birthplace of St John Henry Newman in the City. Thursday 17 June— Walk in the footsteps of St Thomas More. Sunday 27 June— The Martyrs Walk 2021. This is a special walk organised with the international charity Aid to the Church in Need, praying for religious freedom worldwide. Tuesday 29 June— Walk to Whitehall and Trafalgar Square. All are welcome. A £5 donation is suggested for each walk. For more information visit the website at: <https://www.catholichistorywalks.com/> or email: chwalkslondon@gmail.com