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ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY —MONTH OF
THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
25 JULY 2021
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

St Mary Magdalen, our Patroness

This weekend, we are celebrating the Feast of St Mary Magdalen, the patron saint to whom our parish is dedicated. She was one of Jesus' closest disciples and discovered the empty tomb on Easter morning. She meets the risen Jesus and runs back into Jerusalem to announce the most wonderful news to the apostles: 'I have seen the Lord'. As Christians we are still announcing that same news, first uttered by Mary.

Mary Magdalen has in recent years been described as a 'Prophetess of Eucharistic Love'. What does this mean? Mary was transformed when she met Jesus and her life became one of adoration at the feet of Jesus, looking, listening, loving and anointing Jesus. She adores Jesus. We do the same, when we come to Mass and especially in times of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Mon—Sat 8:15am—9:15am), when Jesus, truly present, is placed on the altar in a monstrance for us to kneel, sit, look, listen, love and adore.

In the Gospel readings of August, we will listen to John chapter 6, where Jesus talks about himself being the Bread of Life, that his body and blood will be real food and drink for us. We know this to be our central beliefs in the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the doctrine of the Real Presence. So, I encourage you to listen carefully these next Sundays as Jesus explains how and why he comes to feed us with his body and blood, in the form of bread and wine at each Mass. Then, with St Mary Magdalen as our model, come and adore the living saviour who died and rose again out of love for us, given to us in Holy Communion to sustain us on our journey to life everlasting.

Francis Thomas (Seminararian)

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

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

Saturdays: 5:30pm– 6:15pm &
At Call

Those who are sick: Stephen Barnard, Jim Murphy

Those who have died recently: Gerald Mason

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John & Margaret Hough, John & Patrick Rice, Michael Connell Snr & Michael Connell Jnr, Leon & Esmenia Hufana

Those Baptised: Dylan Wallace-Nicol

Parish News

Collection of 11 July 2021 amounted to £1,446.83. Standing orders for June amounted to £3,804.00. Thank you for your generosity.

COVID-19: Step 4 Guidance. As the country moves into Step 4 of the Roadmap, the guidance emphasises that responsibility is now held at the local level, by an understanding of the local situation of the virus and its transmission. It is important that over this period of transition we help people to feel as safe in the Church as they have done over the last sixteen months. A gentle approach to change is recommended so that by September people are more confident to gather in larger numbers. This means that some of the preventative practices we have already put in place will remain and will be reviewed regularly over the coming weeks. The following is a brief summary of how we will be moving forward:

- Please continue to use the hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- We highly recommend that you continue to wear a face mask, unless exempt.
- Our cleaning regimes remain in place. Please help to clean our church after Mass. Many hands make light work! **We need more help with cleaning after the 12 noon Sunday Mass.**
- Interior and exterior doors to remain open to increase ventilation and reduce touching.
- The Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- With effect from the weekend of 31 July/1 August a reduced number of stewards will be available at the weekend Masses. Stewards will no longer be signing in members of the congregation. Please sign the Test and Trace sheets with your Contact Card number. Anyone who does not have a Contact Card should complete one and place the top portion in the box provided. Or, please scan the *NHS* QR code.
- There will be no one way system through the church.
- The offertory collection will resume in church next weekend.
- The 11 pews on the back right as you enter the church via the Tower entrance, will be opened up for those who do not wish to social distance. The remaining benches in the church will require people to social distance.

Stewards/Volunteers. As the need for stewards decreases we thank you all for enabling us to keep our church open, and keeping us all safe. I am sure everyone will agree that the stewards welcoming presence at the church door has been wonderful! Therefore, if there is anyone who would now like to volunteer for the ministry of Welcomer/Collector please do email the parish office at: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. All are welcome, including anyone who was serving in this ministry prior the pandemic.

Thank you, Francis! Many of you will have seen Francis during the past year as he has been our seminarian on placement. He has helped with our Masses during lockdown and over Holy Week and Easter. He has co-ordinated the Youth Alpha course some of our young people followed by Zoom. He organised our thirty days of prayer to St Joseph and produced the beautiful book. He has been a prayerful presence at Exposition and Mass. We assure him of our prayers as he embarks on the next stage of his priestly formation at Allen Hall.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Gerald Mason will take place on Tuesday 27 July 2021 at 1:00pm followed by Burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery at 2:30pm.

Funeral arrangements are made in accordance with the protocols necessary due to the coronavirus pandemic

May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Sunday – it is our day. On 13 July, in anticipation of the government's relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, the Bishops of England have stated: *'It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.'* The full statement can be read at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/sunday---it-is-our-day/>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Today Sunday 25 July 2021. Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" For the Holy Father's full message, a filmed reflection from the President of the Bishop's Conference, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, as well as prayers and links to help you celebrate the day, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly-2021/> Other resources can be found at: <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/worlddayforgrandparentsandtheelderly/>

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 22–30 November 2021 led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Fr John Farrell OP, visiting Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, £1,590 per person (based on two people sharing a room), £455 per person single room supplement. For booking forms and further information, please contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666.

Right to Life UK. "For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us"