



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF
THE HOLY SOULS
7 NOVEMBER 2021
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Presbytery

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Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday: 10:00am—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

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm

This Poor Widow Has Put in More Than all

Meditation for Sunday Reading

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. (Mark 12:38-44)

Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in generous giving with love and devotion. Love doesn't calculate - it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold!

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. Do you know the joy and freedom of giving liberally to God and to neighbour with gratitude and love?

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: Bridie Higgins, Tony Rowland, Betty Mohan

Those who have died recently: Patrick O'Sullivan, Jimmy Cremin

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Anthony Slack, Edward & Ann Ryan, Michael & Nora Macken, Michael Barrett, Michael Scanlon, Tom Mahoney

Those Baptised: Frankie Jessie Byrne, Thevin Aaranya Dayarathwa, Alicia Almeida

Parish News

Collection of 24 October amounted to £1,750.34. Standing orders for September amounted to £3,630.00. Thank you.

Important Message from Bishop John Sherrington. *"I am pleased to inform you that Mgr. Roger Reader, Parish Priest of St. Mary Magdalene, Willesden Green is also appointed Parish Priest of The Transfiguration, Kensal Rise. Mgr. Reader with the Assistant Priest, Fr Allan Alvarado Gil, will serve the two parishes which retain their separate canonical identities. The call to be a more missionary Church invites us to engage in the service of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the parish community, to those who have walked away and to those who do not know Christ. This is in the work of evangelisation. I hope that the two parishes will find opportunities to cooperate with one another in this service of the gospel, sharing faith and resources. I thank all those who have served the parish since the departure of Fr. Sean Thornton, and continue to do so. Be assured of my prayers".* Bishop John Sherrington

Please note that Monsignor Roger's additional appointment will take effect from the first Sunday in Advent.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund second collection takes place this weekend. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously. Donation buckets are available as you leave church today and envelopes are available on the tables in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Brent Council. Cenk Orhan, Partnership and Engagement Officer from Brent Council, will speak after all morning Masses today regarding two subjects. Firstly, about assistance to insulate your home, which is limited to terraced homes and flats. Secondly, he will speak about 'Participatory Budgeting' <https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-community/you-decide/>

Synod. As advised in the editorial last week we begin our preparations for the Synod as together we embark on our Diocesan Synodal Pathway. This week the Participants Guide is available inside your newsletter. Over the next three weekends we will be together at Mass to listen and discern our response to the Pope's invitation on the Synodal Path.

There will be online diocesan listening events: These are primarily offered as events for people who cannot attend the listening events in the parish. These will be held on 15 November 7:00pm—9:00pm, 20 November 10:00am—12:00pm, 24 November 7:00—9:00pm. The links to these online events and information regarding the Synod can be found on the Diocesan website at : <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>

So we can keep in touch with you all throughout the Synodal Pathway we will be emailing you from time to time. If you have not already done so please let us know your email address so that you can be added to the Parish Group email.

All Souls'. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox.

Children's Liturgy. Our Children's Liturgy group recommences today Sunday 7 November during the 10:30am Mass. All children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green NW10 5NU will take place on **Monday 8 November 2021 at 11:30am.**

Mass of Remembrance/Bethany Group. There will be a Requiem Mass for all those whose funeral has taken place in the parish particularly in the last 2 years, on Thursday 11 November at 7:30pm. All are very welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. Monsignor Roger will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms for Nursery, Infant and Junior School applications on the remaining dates/times:

Saturday 13 November 2:00pm—4:00pm— Surnames N-Z only

Saturday 20 November 2:00pm—4:00pm— Catch up for all names unable to make 6 or 13 November.

Signings will take place in the Sacristy of the Church. Please bring your filled in CCP certificates (top section), and application forms, which you can print off from the parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/>

Remembrance Mass Sunday 14 November 2021. The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

Adult Reception into the Church and Confirmation. If you are an adult who is not Catholic or who has not made their Confirmation and would like to be prepared for the sacraments in the RCIA process, please contact Fr Allan.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 7 November 2021

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Scanlon	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Edward & Ann Ryan	Anniv
	10:30am	Michael & Nora Macken	Anniv
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	
	6:30pm	Una Young	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Maurice Joy	INTS
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Joaquim Cardoso & Caetano Pereira	RIP