



**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
DECEMBER—MONTH OF  
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
5 DECEMBER 2021  
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
YEAR C**



### **Presbytery**

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YouTube: [St Mary Magdalen's RC  
Church, Willesden, London](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwMl61jKqRmG7j6lD8pZy3g)

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Office Hours  
Tuesday—Friday:  
10:00am—2:00pm

### **The Call of John the Baptist**

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3:1-6)

#### **Meditation—Do you allow God's Word to transform your life?**

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and everyday and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

*Fr Allan*

### **Mass Times**

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of  
Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am (includes  
Children's Liturgy), 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

**Those who have died recently:** Luke Nagle, Brendan Howard,  
Patrick O'Grady, Sr Lily Costello

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Benny Kilcoyne,  
Benedict Tugbobo, Liam Gibbons, Stephen Moriarty

**Those Baptised:** Ellen Eira Bonnie McGonagle



## Parish News

**Collection of 21 November 2021** amounted to £1,644.27. Standing orders for October amounted to £3,930.00. Thank you.

**Face coverings.** In England, the Government advises that face coverings must now be worn in shops and shopping centres, in transport hubs and on public transport. In other indoor settings where a face covering is not legally required, you should still continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet. Therefore, we highly recommend that you continue to wear a face mask when attending church, unless exempt. We will also keep the church well ventilated, so the doors must remain open, even as it gets colder. Please do not close any doors or windows that have been left open. Extra layers are a good idea when attending Mass. Good ventilation, wearing masks, keeping the church clean and frequent handwashing, can help reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus and helps the church to remain open.

**Confirmation 2022.** There will be a first meeting in the church on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7:00pm, for Confirmation parents/guardians and candidates, who have registered.

**Christmastide 2021 and New Year 2022.** Leaflets giving the times of Masses and other services over this period are now available in the racks at the back of the church or in the porch.

**Christmas Rotas.** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and readers should indicate their availability on the lists at the back of the church today. Servers should check with their parents and then indicate their availability on the list in the sacristy. Thank you for your ministry throughout the year.

**We Need You!** Our Christmas tree has been ordered, and we will need some help to put it in place and to decorate it, after 9:30am Mass next Saturday 11 December. This will also be an ideal time to help our regular team of cleaners to get our church looking pristine, as always, for Christmas. Monsignor Roger will provide the mince pies and play some Christmas tunes. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

**Children's Nativity Play.** This will take place within the 6:00pm Vigil Mass (First Mass of Christmas) on Friday 24 December 2021. We are looking for as many children as possible to take part and all are welcome. We also need parents/carers to help prepare the children for the play. Rehearsals will take place in the church on Thursday 9 December, Thursday 16 December 2021 and Friday 24 December 2021 at 4:00pm. Please leave your details with the parish office if you can assist in any way.

**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.

**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 John Brendan Howard will take place on Monday 6 December at 6:00pm followed by Repatriation to Ireland

The Cremation of the late Patrick Damien O'Grady will take place at West London Crematorium on Wednesday 8 December at 3:15pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Luke Nagle will take place on Friday 10 December at 11:00am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

May they rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral.** Westminster Cathedral's annual Christmas Celebration, a wonderful evening of music and readings for all the family in the magnificent Mother Church of the Diocese, is taking place this year on Wednesday 15 December and Thursday 16 December at 7:30pm. The programme includes some of the finest Advent and Christmas choral music from across the centuries, sung by the world-famous Cathedral Choir, as well as favourite congregational carols. Tickets are now available at Ticketmaster: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582>

**Five Precious Wounds parish, Stonebridge,** is seeking to employ a part-time parish administrator. The role involves day to day secretarial and administrative tasks, co-ordinating parish communications, and organising and supporting liturgical and other parish events. The hours will be 10.30am – 2.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (on a one-year, fixed-term contract, with the possibility of a permanent extension). If you are interested in this role, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-bookkeeper-stonebridge-parish/>

**Right To Life UK.** "We pray for an end to abortion. We pray especially that the Government would see the harm caused by the temporary 'DIY' abortion scheme, and that efforts to end this practice would be successful. Lord hear us".

## Mass Intentions Week commencing 5 December 2021

Saturday	6:30pm	Theresa & Patrick Barnaville (60th Wedding Anniversary)	<b>Ints</b>
Sunday	9:00am	Bridie Rock	<b>Ints</b>
	10:30am	Benny Kilcoyne	<b>Anniv</b>
	12:00pm	Benedict Tugbobo	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
Monday	9:30am	Dolores O'Sullivan	<b>RIP</b>
	6:00pm	Funeral—John Brendan Howard	<b>RIP</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	John Henry Harding	<b>RIP</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Michael O'Malley	<b>Anniv</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Kathy Doyle	<b>Ints</b>
Friday	9:30am	Alice Clifford	<b>RIP</b>
	11:00am	Funeral—Luke Nagle	<b>RIP</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Festus Sumoila Yesufu-Eke	<b>RIP</b>