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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 (includes
Children's Liturgy), 12noon & 6:30pm

Monday— Thursday: 9:30am

Friday: 9:30am, 6:00pm, Vigil Mass
(First Mass of Christmas), 11:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am, 10:30am, 12 noon

Individual Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Monday—Friday:
10:00am—10:30am



**ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
**DECEMBER—MONTH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
19 DECEMBER 2021
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' (Luke 1:39-45)

They were filled with the Holy Spirit

What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus? When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfilment of God's promise to give a Saviour. What a marvellous wonder for God to fill not only Elizabeth's heart with his Holy Spirit but the child in her womb as well. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leaped for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born.

The Lord wants to fill each of us with his Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Do you live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: Babs Barrett, Bridie Higgins, Peter Corcoran, Tony Rowland, Monica Lynch, Muriel Charles, Joan Doody

Those who have died recently: Rodolfo Castaneda, Pat O'Rourke, Jimmy Kirk, Paddy Smyth

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lola Toyloy, Ciaran Mallon, Denis Mulligan, Mary Langan, Olga Daly, Patrick & Margaret Normoyle



Parish News

Collection 5 November 2021 amounted to £1,936.34. Standing orders for November amounted to £3,744.00. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times:

- Friday 24 December 2021—6:00pm Mass (First Mass of Christmas)
- Friday 24 December 2021—Carols at 10:30pm followed by Mass at 11:00pm.
- Saturday 25 December 2021, Masses at 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon. There is no evening Mass.

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

Wrap up please! We are advised to keep the church well ventilated. So the doors and windows must remain open, even as it gets colder. It is important that you 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, and frequent handwashing, can help reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus and enables us to remain open.

Children's Nativity Play. Due to the increasing concerns regarding the omicron variant Monsignor Roger feels it would be wise to change the format this year. All children are invited to come to the 6:00pm Vigil Mass (First Mass of Christmas), on Friday 24 December dressed as either a shepherd (tea towels), dressed as an angel (tinsel), dressed as Joseph (dressing gown), dressed as Mary (something blue), dressed as Kings (crowns). We will still make sure that the children are very much involved in the celebration of this Mass.

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available on the table as you leave church today. Your Christmas offering is not taxed by the Diocese and goes towards clergy salaries and supply priests.

Christmas Rotas. If you have not already done so 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 indicate their availability on the list in the sacristy. Thank you for your Ministry.

Bethany -Tree of Light is in place opposite the Lady Chapel. The Tree of Light is a perfect way this Christmas, after another difficult year, to remember a loved one who has passed away, to wish someone good luck for the New Year or for any other intention you may wish to pray for. Due to COVID please bring your own completed label with you, to attach to the tree.

Crib Offering 2021. This Christmas our crib offering will be donated to the *Catholic Children's Society* to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide family support, emergency grants and mental health services for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Cash Counters. New rotas have been emailed to you. Paper copies

are available upon request. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to these Ministries.

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.

Epiphany of the Lord is on Thursday 6 January 2022. Masses will be at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

Certificate of Catholic Practice Forms. Monsignor Roger will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice forms for Nursery, Infant, Primary and any Sixth Form applications on: Saturday 8 January 2022 from 11:00am—12 noon. No appointment is necessary. Signings will take place in the Sacristy of the Church. Please bring your filled in CCP certificates (top section), and application form, which you can print off from the parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/>

First Holy Communion 2022. There will be a first meeting in St Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic Junior School on Monday 17 January 2022 at 5:30pm, for First Holy Communion parents/carers, and children who have registered.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Rodolfo Castaneda will take place on Thursday 23 December 2021 at 12 noon followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:45pm
May he rest in peace

Diocesan News

Right To Life UK. - "We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be provided by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us".

Mass Intentions Week commencing 19 December 2021

Saturday	6:30pm	Kay Papp	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	Denis Mulligan	Anniv
	10:30am	Patrick & Margaret Normoyle	Anniv
	12:00pm	Ciaran Mallon	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Thanksgiving of Jesus & Mary	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	John Duffy	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
	12:00pm	Funeral—Rodolfo Castaneda	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Durham Fly	Ints
	6:00pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
	11:00pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
Saturday	9:00am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
	10:30am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
	12:00pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints