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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— 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



ST MARY MAGDALEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY—MONTH OF

THE HOLY FAMILY

13 FEBRUARY 2022

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C**

Grammar is endlessly fascinating for me. Sad, I know, but how we use and misuse words keeps me amused and interested in the way other people enjoy tactics at snooker. The other day, a teacher told me that he was going on a 'fun run' this weekend, and I replied by saying that was, for me, an example of an oxymoron, where two ideas which are contradictory appear together – how can a run be fun? Another form of speech is the hyperbole, where a writer exaggerates to make his or her point – 'I could eat a horse', 'I slept like a rock', 'I have got a million things to do'. We all have to be wary of using big claims too often, and I know I do just that in my homilies and editorials, but some verses from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians are among the most important in the bible.

'But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep'. Here is the gospel of Jesus Christ in just a few words. You see, the fact that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead is absolutely central to our faith as Christians. There were other people at the time of Jesus who proclaimed the coming of God's kingdom; there were others who taught; there were others who healed. This has been the case through the centuries with the saints of the Church. But what is unique about Jesus Christ, and what unveils for us his divinity is the fact that he rose from the dead and was seen by many witnesses, including St Paul.

St Paul teaches us today that if Christ had not risen from the dead, we might as well all give up. In our secular world, we need to point to the fact that, by God's grace, Jesus Christ conquered death and opened heaven to us for eternal life. It is in the light of this truth that the rest of the gospel makes sense. What we hear in our second reading today are among the most important words in scripture – and that is no hyperbole.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney

Those who have died recently: Monique Muhammadi,
Sean O'Sullivan, Andre Bettencourt, Fr Seamus McGeoghan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Augustine
(Justin) Daroux, Muriel Brigitte Charles, May McClay, Sean Donagher,
Peggy Corboy, Cecilia & James Lindford, Ben & Margaret McDade,
John Sullivan, Zain Ahmed, Neville Bryan

Parish News

Collection 30 January 2022 amounted to £1,806.97.

Standing orders for December amounted to £3,980.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. It is very good news that the Children's Liturgy of the Word will be starting again on Sunday 27 February at the 10:30am Mass. This is for children of Primary School age, and is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn more about their faith during the 10:30am Mass.

First Holy Communion 2022. There will be no class this week due to half term. Classes will recommence on Monday 21 February 2022 at 5:30pm at St Mary Magdalen's School.

Confirmation 2022. There will be no class this week due to half term. **Please note that Parents/Carers and Candidates will be sent an email this week confirming the new arrangements for their classes after half term.** Please let the Parish Office know at willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk if you have not received an email by the end of the week.

Dona digital Plate is located at the back of the church and allows you to donate using your contactless card. *Dona* can be used to make your regular offertory' donation, and pay for votive candles. Offertory donations can be gift aided if you are a UK tax payer. This will mean that the church can claim an extra 25p for every pound you give. Thank you for your generosity.

What happens if you go into hospital? In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that, on entering hospital, you indicate that your details (or those of your relative) are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you, or your relative, would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

Breda Hough wishes to thank everyone who sent messages of support during her ongoing illness. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Sunday 22 May 2022 at 9:00am.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Monique Kunti Muhammadi will take place on Monday 14 February 2022 at 12:15pm followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery at 2:00pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Sean O'Sullivan will take place on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 10:45am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Andre Bettencourt will take place on Friday 18 February 2022 at 11:45pm followed by Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 1:00pm

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2022. For religious sisters and consecrated women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Racial Justice Sunday. This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday the theme *In the Image and Likeness of God* celebrates presentations of the Holy Family from different cultures. This was inspired by conversations about the importance of everyone being able to see themselves, their race, their culture, and their history in the Church's life. To mark the day a series of posters have been produced which highlight the rich diversity of our Catholic community and encourage reflection upon how all peoples are made in the image of God. To see the posters and more follow <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22>

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge. There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, please go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Right To Life UK. "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for their protection and that of their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming love and support from all who surround them. Lord hear us".

Mass Intentions

Week commencing 13 February 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Helen Langan	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	Nora Flynn	RIP
	10:30am	People of the Parish	
	12 noon	Cecilia & James Lindford	Anniv
	6:30pm	Stephan Moriarty	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Patrick O'Sullivan	RIP
	12:15pm	Funeral— Monique Muhammadi	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Ben & Margaret McDade	Anniv
	10:45am	Funeral— Sean O'Sullivan	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Peggy Corboy	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Private Intention	
Friday	9:30am	Private Intention	
	11:45am	Funeral— Andre Bettencourt	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Tommy Gormley	RIP
	6:30pm	Peter & Daniel Mulhern	Anniv