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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

20 FEBRUARY 2022

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

Love your enemies

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you”. (Lk 6:27-38)

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

Bless and do not curse.

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse.. nor take revenge.. and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21). Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good?

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney

Those who have died recently: Muriel Bridgette Charles

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Kennedy, Finbarr 'Barry' O'Shea, Augustine (Justine) Daroux, Fr Mick Lally, Peter & Daniel Mulhern, The Wallace Family, Bridget & Anna Henry

Parish News

Collection 30 January 2022 amounted to £1,705.92.

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.

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.

Parish Newsletter. Any notices for the weekly Sunday newsletter would need to be given to the Parish Office, preferably via email at: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk no later than **Wednesdays 12noon**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish Diary

Monday 21 February	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Confirmation—Session 5 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Monday 21 February	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 5 at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School, Linacre Road

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.

The God Who Speaks – Lent & Eastertide. There are a number of resources and events, which we like to share with you: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/lent-and-eastertide-resources/>

Fr Michael Hall opens our eyes with Luke and the Open Heaven: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/scripture-seekers/between-the-testaments/luke-and-the-open-heaven/>

Bishop David Evans launches a new series on 'The Meaning of Life' using the Bible and modern philosophy to help explore some big questions: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/the-meaning-of-life-part-1-identity/>

If you haven't seen our commissioned Bible artwork, our new Mosaic Experience gives you a 360° tour of this stunning Little Bits of God artwork: <https://art.godwhospeaks.uk/>

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.

The Passage a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David's Day concert on Thursday 3 March at 7:30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert/> or telephone 020 7592 1856.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14 May 2022 at 3:00pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk no later than 12 noon on Friday 1 April 2022, with the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Thank you.

Right To Life UK. "We pray for our society. That as a culture we would promote the value of life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from the point of conception to natural death. Lord hear us."

Mass Intentions

Week commencing 20 February 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Peter & Daniel Mulhern	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Victoria Antao	RIP
	10:30am	Brendan Howard	RIP
	12 noon	The Wallace Family	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	9:30am	Tommy Gormley	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Fr Duncan	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Sean Hendry	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Brendan Howard	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Iris Winifred Parsons	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Peter Mangan	RIP
	6:30pm	Denis O'Connor	Anniv