

## Presbytery

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## Parish Office

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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

27 FEBRUARY 2022

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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## Can the blind lead the blind?

"Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye". (Lk 6:39-45)

**Meditation:** Are you clear-sighted, especially in your perception of sin and the need for each of one of us to see ourselves correctly as God sees us - with our faults, weaknesses, and strengths? Jesus' two parables about poor vision allude to the proverb: Without vision the people perish! (Proverbs 29:18) What can we learn from the illustration of a blind guide and a bad eye (the log in the eye)? A bad eye left untreated and a blind guide can cause a lot of trouble that will only end in misery and disaster for us! We can only help and teach others what we have learned and received from wise teachers and guides. And how can we help others overcome their faults if we are blinded by our own faults and misperceptions? We are all in need of a physician who can help us overcome the blind spots and failing of our own sins, weaknesses, and ignorance.

**Thinking the best of others.** The Lord Jesus wants to heal and restore us to wholeness, not only for our own sake alone. He also wants us to be his instruments of healing, pardon, and restoration for others as well. What can hinder us from helping others draw near to Jesus the divine Physician? The Rabbis taught: "He who judges his neighbour favourably will be judged favourably by God." How easy it is to misjudge others and how difficult it is to be impartial in giving good judgment. Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the other person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself. A critical and judgmental spirit crushes rather than heals, oppresses rather than restores, repels rather than attracts. "Thinking the best of other people" is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty.

**What you give to others will return to you.** Jesus states a heavenly principle we can stake our lives on: what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you (Mark 4:24). The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skilful doctor he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Do you trust in God's mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for charity, forbearance, and kindness towards your neighbour.

*Fr Allan*

**Those who are sick:** Jim Feeney, Norma D'Baz

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Denis O'Connor, Cirilo Querobino Carvalho, Patrick Whelton, George & Beatrice Wallace, Bridget & Anna Henry, Baby Charbel Peter, Winifred Ryan

## Parish News

**Collection 6 February 2022** amounted to £1,402.60. Standing orders for January amounted to £3,694.00. Thank you.

**Pastoral Letter for this Sunday, 27 February 2022.** The Cardinal has written a pastoral letter for this Sunday. The purpose is to offer an invitation, an encouragement, to all Catholics, and others, to take up a renewed, or new, practice of the faith beginning on Ash Wednesday and in the lead up to Easter. Paper copies are available for you to take home after Mass today or a copy can be downloaded from the Parish Website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2022/>

**Children's Liturgy of the Word.** It is very good news that the Children's Liturgy of the Word will be starting again today 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.

**Crib Offering 2021** amounted to £1,445.65. Thank you all so much for your amazing generosity! Your offerings 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.

**Ash Wednesday** —the start of Lent. Masses on Wednesday 2 March 2022 will be at 9:30am and 6:30pm. Don't forget to do something extra as well as giving things up during Lent—perhaps an extra Mass or pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. There is also Lent booklet to take home with you after Mass today or a copy can be downloaded online under the newsletter tab on the parish website. Happy Lent!

## Parish Diary

Monday 28 February	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Confirmation—Session 6 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Monday 28 February	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 6 at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School, Linacre Road
Friday 4 March	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross—Church

## 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.

### Journeying together through Lent at St Rose's

**Cricklewood.** Every Thursday through Lent from 3 March to 7 April inclusive at 7:00pm—8:00pm, there will be Adoration, Prayer and Reflection on our Lenten journey. All are welcome.

**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/>

**Holy Land Pilgrimage.** After an absence of a year, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place once more this year. Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Fr John Farrell OP, it will take place from 21—29 November. Walking in the footsteps of Christ and offering hope to Christian communities in the Holy Land, pilgrims will return ready for mission. The price is £1,825 per person, based on two people sharing a room (single room supplement £529 per person). Travelling BA from Heathrow, the pilgrimage includes full board, scheduled expenses, tips and gratuities. Travel insurance is essential and is not included in the price. For booking forms and further information, please contact Gill Didino at Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666.

**Energy Crisis.** Caritas has been talking to National Energy Action, who can provide support to households facing energy stress. Their Warm and Safe Homes helpline, 0800 304 7159 is open daily, 10:00am—12:00pm, to support clients with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice. Green Doctors also provide free, impartial energy advice and support to households in several London boroughs: <https://london.greendoctors.org.uk/>

## Mass Intentions Week commencing 27 February 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Denis O'Connor	<b>Anniv</b>
Sunday	9:00am	George & Beatrice Wallace	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Theresa Kilcoyne	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	Dan & Sheila O'Sullivan	<b>Ints</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish Baby Charbel Peter	<b>RIP</b>
Monday	9:30am	Mary & Jerry Thornton & Family	<b>Ints</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Mr & Mrs Donoghue	<b>Ints</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Mairead Casey, Peg & Andy Murphy	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	Private Intention	
Thursday	9:30am	Catherine Manning	<b>Ints</b>
Friday	9:30am	Patrick Whelton	<b>Anniv</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Cirilo Querobino Carvalho	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	Phyllis & Tom Attridge	<b>Anniv</b>