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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
MARCH—MONTH OF
ST JOSEPH
6 MARCH 2022
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C**

Photographs can say in one image something which words can never really describe. Of course they are mostly happy images of a friend, of family. Of course, we can see many photographs in a day at home, in a frame, on a device of some sort, and we take hardly any notice of them. I saw a photograph at the weekend which I think I will remember for a long time. It was of an old lady – but it was not the sort of photograph you would want on your wall at home. This old lady's face, instead of being maybe smiling or calm, was a face of fear. You could see it in her eyes. Rather than being clean, this face was covered in ash and grime. Her home had just been attacked by a rocket; several floors in her block had been completely destroyed, and there were smears of blood on her face among the ash – she lived in Kyiv, and she is an innocent victim of the terrible war which has broken out there.

I think most of us feel a bit helpless when we see these photographs. If it were up to us, we would want to make this pointless war stop. We want to help those who have been injured and made homeless by this violence. We want people like this old lady to feel safe once more in her home. It seems there is nothing we can do so many thousands of miles away, and being just ordinary people with no power.

I think there is something which we can do. It will link us to those who are suffering in Ukraine. It will remind us that we are all human beings together. It may not seem like much, but I think it is very important nonetheless. On Ash Wednesday, many of us received ash on our foreheads to mark the beginning of Lent. This year, this sign of ash links us very closely with all the people in Ukraine who have the real ash of warfare on their heads. Our Lenten acts of prayer, fasting and giving will link us to the suffering people of Ukraine, they will remind us to pray for them; to be in solidarity with them; to remember them.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Babs Barrett, Ann Stack

Those who have died recently: Theresa Roberts, Fr John Lawler, Mai Bennett

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tracy Hartwell, Dorothy Gomes, Eustace Cross, Marian Cross, Billy Hughes, Phyllis & Tom Attridge, Ellen Dunne, Mary Rigley, Noreen Carolan, Alex & Yvonne Lobo

Parish News

Collection 13 February 2022 amounted to £1,397.87. Standing orders for January amounted to £3,694.00. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 11 March– Lent Appeal. Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope which can be found on the tables at the back of the church or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent. Abrianna our Parish CAFOD volunteer, will speak after all Masses today.

Confession. From this weekend we will start to use the confessional by the Pieta statue for confessions. Please use a face covering when you come for confession. Thank you.

Reene Lynch RIP. Reene's funeral took place during the lockdown, which meant many friends and parishioners were unable to attend. Her family invite friends and parishioners to a Requiem Mass for her in this church on Saturday 26 March at 1:00pm.

Planned Giving Envelopes. The new Planned Giving envelopes, starting 10 April 2022, will be available shortly. If you have a set of envelopes and no longer use them or would like to have a set of Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year please let the Parish Office know. However, the easiest way to contribute to the church is via standing order. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you have any questions or need help regarding Planned Giving.

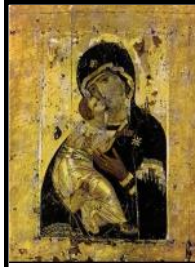
Could the parishioner who is using brown Planned Giving envelope number 246 please kindly let the Parish Office know who they are. Thank you.

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 donations for votive candles. 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

Parish Diary

Monday 7 March	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Confirmation—Session 7 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Monday 7 March	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 7 at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School, Linacre Road
Friday 11 March	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross—Church

Prayer for Ukraine



Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, the God Carrier, (Theotokos) we ask your intercession for the suffering people of the Ukraine, their government and their people attempting to resist the attack which primarily comes from evil.

Be with Ukraine today as you stood beside your suffering son on Calvary.

Give those people faith and hope and strengthen them in their believe that by the Grace of God and the involvement of men and women of good will everywhere, their lives and country will be preserved and that there will be peace after war.

Diocesan News

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.

Radio Maria has made its home at the Rosary Shrine: Fr Lawrence Lew OP wants to share this wonderful news for Catholics in London, especially for those of us involved in broadcasting. If you are interested in the work of Evangelisation through the media, declaring Christ as the Light of the nations and the glory of Israel please visit their website: <https://www.english.op.org/latest-news/radio-maria-at-rosary-shrine/>

Stop new abortion threat. Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment. *Right To Life UK* has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 6 March 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Phyllis & Tom Attridge	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	John & Margaret Mitchell	Ints
	10:30am	People of the Parish	
	12 noon	Sr Paulina Woods	Ints
	6:30pm	Billy Hughes & Dorothy Gomes	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	P Horan	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Paul Brosnan	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Michael Manning	INTS
Thursday	9:30am	Private Intention	
Friday	9:30am	Mary Rigley	Anniv
Saturday	9:30am	Ellen Dunne	Anniv
	6:30pm	Mary Mulhern	Anniv