

## Presbytery

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## Parish Office

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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  
13 MARCH 2022  
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR C

## Jesus is transfigured before them

**Meditation:** What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God (Genesis 15:18). Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2).

**The Lord wants to share his glory with each of us.** The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom - your name will be written in heaven. Jesus succeeded in his mission because he went to Calvary so that Paradise would be restored to us once again. He embraced the cross to obtain the crown of glory that awaits each one of us, if we will follow in his footsteps. Origen (185-254 AD), an early church bible scholar and writer, shows us how the transfiguration can change our lives: "When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

**Stay awake spiritually - Don't miss God's glory and action.** Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as Disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?  
*Fr Allan*

**Those who are sick:** Jim Feeney, Tony Rowland, Babs Barrett,  
Monica Lynch, Ann Stack

**Those who have died recently:** Teresa Roberts, Oliver Gomes

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ronnie & May  
McClay, Fr Jim McNulty, Mary Mulhern, Lar Rigley, Faustino Rego,  
Mary Ewart

## Parish News

**Collection 20 February 2022** amounted to £1,374.34.

Standing orders for January amounted to £3,694.00. Thank you.

**Ordination.** Please pray for Jonathan Goodall, a former Anglican bishop, who was ordained to the Catholic priesthood for our Diocese on Saturday 12 March 2022. He will serve as Parish Priest of Stanmore.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day 11 March– Lent Appeal.** There will be a collection after all Sunday Masses this weekend. CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are also available on the tables at the back of the church. These envelopes can be used to make a pledge to give regularly and if you are a UK taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation so that CAFOD can claim an extra 25% at no extra cost to you. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. You can also donate online at: [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent)

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022.** HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? The Church is responding, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different coloured pieces, each one unique, each person's contribution to this mosaic of hope will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please take a donation envelope which are on the tables as you leave church today. You can use the QR code to make your donation online.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers.** New rotas have now been emailed to you. Should you require a paper copy please contact the Parish Office.

**Reene Lynch RIP.** Reene's funeral took place during 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.

**The Funeral of the late Teresa Roberts** takes place on Tuesday 15 March 2022 at 11:00am at St. Erconwalds Church, Wembley HA9 8NB, followed by burial at Carpenders Park at 1:00pm.

As many of you may know Teresa Roberts was the Secretary to the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant school for 23 years, a job she was devoted to as much as she loved working with the children and staff. After retiring Teresa worked with Father Hugh at St Mary Magdalen Church for several years helping parishioners and often meeting the parents of children she knew from the school. May she rest in peace.

**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 need any help with your 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.

## Parish Diary

Monday 14 March	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Confirmation—Session 8 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Monday 14 March	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 8 at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School, Linacre Road
Friday 18 March	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross—Church

## Diocesan News

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention March 2022. For a Christian response to bioethical challenges:** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**Bishops Appeal for 'spiritual and practical' support for Ukraine:** <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/bishops-appeal-for-spiritual-and-practical-support-for-ukraine/>

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**Looking for Garden improvements this Spring? The Garden Enterprise at Caritas St Joseph's,** facilitates the employment of young adults with learning disabilities by engaging them in all aspects of garden maintenance. In addition, the Garden Enterprise can provide garden design services, and supply garden furniture, made out of recycled wood by adults with learning disabilities, at Caritas St Joseph's. To discuss your garden maintenance and design requirements, please contact Gail Williams, the Centre Manager: [gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk)

## Mass Intentions Week commencing 13 March 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary Mulhern	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	
	10:30am	Ronnie & May McClay	Anniv
	12 noon	Patrick (Paddy) Mahon	RIP
	6:30pm	Faustino Rego	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	May Carroll McMenemy	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Fr James McNulty	Anniv
Wednesday	9:30am	Bridget McNulty	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Lar Rigley	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Maureen Anderson	Anniv
Saturday	9:30am	Thomas Dias	RIP
	6:30pm	Doris Camilo Antao	Anniv