

## Presbytery

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*YouTube:*

[St Mary Magdalen's RC Church,  
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*Facebook:*

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## Parish Clergy

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## Parish Office

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Tuesday  
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**  
**THE PASSION OF THE LORD'S  
MONTH**  
**3 APRIL 2022**  
**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**YEAR C**

## CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER

Last Sunday we heard the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son. I hope the power of its words moved your heart, words which speak so clearly of the realities of our lives. We all know that God our Father has given us so much – life itself, the people who love us, our church community, and much more. It is good to reflect sometimes on how generous God is towards us. But we also need to reflect on how we are like the younger son in this parable – we are given so much and yet we misuse it, we waste it, and can be selfish with it. Lent is the time when, like the younger son, we can realise that we have gone wrong and can return to the Father. In our sorrow for sin we can then experience the loving mercy of God who is always yearning for our return, as the father was in the parable.

Please make use of the sacrament of penance, reconciliation – or confession as it is often called – this Easter. It is the time of year when all Catholics should come to confession, seeking to rise from sin as Jesus Christ rose from death, and know the joy of sin forgiven.

For the first time in several years, there will be a Penitential Service at St Mary Magdalen's church at 7pm on Monday in Holy Week, 11<sup>th</sup> April. Parishioners from Kensal Rise will be very welcome also. There will be a reading of scripture, prayer and a chance to reflect on our lives and then time for individual confession to a priest. There will be six priests with us, the home team plus some visitors, and so you can choose whom to see.

I encourage you very much to come this service. There will be other opportunities for confession if you cannot manage this time, but this will be our principal act of penance as a community before Easter.

**Monsignor Roger**

**Those who are sick:** Jim Feeney, Tony Rowland, Eddie Ginnelly

**Those who have died recently:** Oliver Gomes, Florentina Stiglitz, Teresa McGloin

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joao B. Fernandes, Michael O'Connor, Eddie O'Shaughnessy

## Parish News

**Collection 13 March 2022** amounted to £1,496.99. Standing orders for March amounted to £3,555.00.

**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.*

**Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year 2022/2023** for existing users are available for collection from the sacristy after Mass. The new envelopes should be used commencing Sunday 10 April 2022. Please consider using envelopes or standing order for your offertory donations, and Gift Aid your contribution which benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost to you.

**Altar Servers Training** — There will be two training sessions for our excellent teams of altar servers on Saturday 2 and 9 April at 12 Noon. If you have made your First Holy Communion and are at either primary or secondary school, you are more than welcome to join our teams. Please ask Mgr. Roger

**Parish Penitential Service:** On Monday in Holy Week there will be a Parish Service at St Mary Magdalen's at 7:00pm. I will encourage you to come to this service so we can prepare together to celebrate the Lord's Passion.

## Parish Diary

Monday 4 April	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 11 at St Mary Magdalen Church
Friday 8 April	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 belief 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

**Synodal Pathway - updates** If you would like to access feedback from the recent Synodal Listening sessions in Westminster please go to: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>

**'Encountering the Spirit'** – we invite you to participate in our faith sharing Lent resource, which provides material for reflection on the five Lent Gospels & material on the Synodal Pathway <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>

### Resource ideas for the Lent & Easter

**SYCAMORE:** are you looking to renew & refresh your faith this Lent in an informal setting, or support for parents with children in sacramental programmes? If so, click: <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/lent-course/>

**The God Who Speaks** – are providing a range of free resources for use in the home, churches & schools to feed our Lent & Eastertide journey <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/>

**Wintershall comes to Trafalgar Square** – be part of something amazing <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/one-good-friday>

## Mass Intentions Week commencing 3 April 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Andy, Eileen & Family	<b>Ints</b>
Sunday	9:00am	Noreen & Family	<b>Ints</b>
	10:30am	Pat & Frances Sheehan	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	Mary Byrne	<b>Ints</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	

Monday	9:30am	Martin, Kathleen & Family	<b>Ints</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Winifred Dolan	<b>Ints</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Margaret Quirke	<b>Ints</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Margaret Dolan	<b>Ints</b>
Friday	9:30am	Joao B. Fernandes	<b>Anniv</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Bridie Welsh	<b>Ints</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>