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Tuesday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm email/phone only

Tuesdays 10—2pm & Thursday

10—12 noon personal callers welcome

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
20 MARCH 2022
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR C**

There are times when we need a great deal of help in understanding the words of Jesus. Many of the parables are quite easy to understand – the story of the Good Samaritan is so clear even when I speak to infant school children they get the point very quickly. But there are parts of the gospel which leave us perhaps scratching our head and wondering just what it's all about. Today's gospel is one of those, I suspect.

Of course, it so important to remember that Jesus was talking to particular people, at a particular time and in a particular place. What happened to the people who were killed when a building collapsed and fell on them would have been as well known to Jesus' hearers as the tragedy of Grenfell Tower is well known to Londoners.

What people knew at that time was that neither those killed by the falling tower, nor those slaughtered by Pilate were in any way deserving of their fate. They were innocent victims, just as the hundreds we are seeing suffering today are innocent victims. Jesus is talking about innocent people who were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. He raises the age old question of how can God allow the innocent to suffer in this way.

Words are not enough to answer this question. If we just use words, this burning question becomes like an essay question in an exam. We have to hold before us the example of Jesus Christ himself, who immersed himself in innocent suffering through his betrayal, arrest, torture, trial and crucifixion. It may be as you read this you are looking after a sick child; it may be that you are caring for a relative with dementia; it may be that you are supporting outreach to victims of war. This is love in action – what you are doing is following Jesus Christ. Sometimes words are not enough, and all we can do is look at a crucifix and pray.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Gabriel Bougouneau, Patrick Ryan, Tony Rowland, Peter Corcoran, Ann Stack, Eddie Ginnelly

Those who have died recently: Oliver Gomes

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Michael Buckley, Mary Killian, Bridget Connell

Parish News

Collection 27 February 2022 amounted to £1,524.96. Standing orders for February amounted to £3,555.00. Thank you

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. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. 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 today. They will be given to you by a member of our Finance Committee/Volunteer. The new envelopes should be used commencing Sunday 10 April 2022. Please consider using envelopes or a 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. Thank 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. I'm sure we are all very grateful to our altar servers for the way they enhance our worship, but there are some Masses where we need some more - especially Sundays at 12 Noon and 6:30pm. 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 for more details.

Ukraine Collection. Next week there will be a collection after all Sunday Masses for the people of Ukraine. The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war. Donations can also be made by cheque (payable to AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund and sent to Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ), directly to the central appeal fund (AUGB Ltd, Account Number: 80038237, Sortcode: 20-65-89, with reference HelpUkraine) or online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>. Alternately, donations can also be made to CAFOD, who are a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal>

Parish Diary

Monday 21 March	6:00pm— 7:00pm	Confirmation—Session 9 at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Monday 21 March	5:30pm— 6:30pm	First Holy Communion— Session 9 at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School, Linacre Road
Friday	6:30pm	Stations of the Cross—Church

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 and Easter. Sycamore. Are you looking to renew and 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 and schools to feed our Lent and 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>

Lent Retreat for Young Adults (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 2 April in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10:30am—6:30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and Mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. To register : tramy@assumptionreligious.org.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the 'Big Give' a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online between 12 noon on Monday 14 March and 12 noon on Monday 28 March makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. For further information about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 20 March 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Doris Camilo Antao	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Bridget Connell	Anniv
	10:30am	Festus Sumoila Yesufu-Eke	RIP
	12 noon	Mary Killian	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	
Monday	9:30am	Frances Delaney	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Pat Daly	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Anne & Bennie Walsh	
		60th Wedding Anniv	
Thursday	9:30am	Margaret Hagan	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Fr David Irwin	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Terry Comiskey	RIP
	1:00pm	Reene Lynch—Requiem Mass	RIP
	6:30pm	Mary Creighton	Ints