

## Presbytery

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## Parish Office

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Tuesday—Friday

10:00am—2:00pm email/phone only

Tuesdays 10—2pm & Thursday

10—12 noon

personal callers welcome

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic  
Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

## 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

MAY—MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

8 MAY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

## Our Pope Teaches.

Addressing a symposium on the priesthood in the Vatican in February, Pope Francis offered reflections that, he said, could be considered “the swan song” of his priestly life, since they are the fruit of “what the Lord has gradually helped me to realize” during more than 50 years in the ministry.

“I am certain that to understand anew the identity of priesthood today, it is important to live in close relationship with the real life of the people,” Francis said. He added, “Jesus wants us to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others.”

“The People of God are hoping to find shepherds with the style of Jesus—not ‘clerical functionaries’ or ‘professionals of the sacred’—but shepherds filled with compassion, opportunity, courageous men, capable of stopping before one who is wounded and showing concern,” Pope Francis said. “Men of courage, ready to draw near to those in pain and lend a helping hand. Contemplative men, whose closeness to people, enables them to proclaim before the power of the Resurrection even now at work.”

By being close to the people, Francis said, “a pastor makes it possible to gather a community and foster the growth of that sense of belonging. For we belong to God’s holy, faithful, people, which is called to be a sign of the breaking of the kingdom of God in the here and now of history. But if the pastor moves away, the sheep, too, will get lost and be at the mercy of any and every wolf.”

On this, Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray for your priests that they may be worthy of their calling, and pray earnestly that more men may answer God’s call to priesthood in our diocese.

Monsignor Roger

**Those who are sick:** Jim Feeny, Eddie Ginnelly, Pat Ryan, Pearl Hammond, Candis Bubb, Peter Corcoran, Tony Rowland, Richard Yamba-Yamba

**Those who have died recently:** Sharon Harte, Ann McMahon, Michelle Maddix, Cornelia Henshaw, Dennis O’Shea, Canon Philip Hugh Cross, Catherine (Babs) Barrett, Michael Redmond

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Phil McGovern

## Parish News

**Collection 17 April 2022 (Easter Offering)** amounted to £4,915.01. Standing orders for March amounted to £3,975.00. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

**Fr Mark O'Toole.** Many of you will remember Fr Mark O'Toole, who was assistant priest here with Canon Tony Dwyer. It was announced last week that the Holy Father has appointed him to be Archbishop of Cardiff, moving from his present Diocese of Plymouth. We assure Archbishop Mark of our prayers as he answers the Lord's call to Wales.

**Priest Training Fund Collection.** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. The posters and envelopes feature a QR Code, allowing you to scan with your phone to make your donation online or visit: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) Thank you for your generosity.

**First Holy Communion 2022.** Next Saturday 14 May at 11:00am and 2:00pm, and Sunday at the 10:30am and 12noon Masses, our First Holy Communion children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. May the Lord bless them on this special day and in their future Christian life.

**Brent Council has launched an exciting project called 'Being Brent'** and has invited different faith groups to create a textile installation for an exhibition to celebrate Brent's diverse communities, exploring the themes: 'Being Alive, Being Brave and Being Green.' "I am Glenda Brady, the director of 'Stitch Amazingly', and I will be leading the 'Being Brent' textiles workshops at St Mary Magdalen on the 12 and 19 May (Thursdays) from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. If you'd like to participate, please get in touch via my email: [stitchamazingly@gmail.com](mailto:stitchamazingly@gmail.com). I am very excited, as I know it will be lots of fun and also such a wonderful contribution to the 'Being Brent' exhibition at the Willesden Library in June 2022. Spaces are limited to 15 people. I look forward to hearing from you."

**Walkathon.** Our Confirmation Candidates are doing a sponsored walk in Roundwood Park on Saturday 14 May at 10:30am for the charity *Mary's Meals*. I hope if one of them asks you to sponsor them you can help. *Mary's Meals* provides food for hungry school children all over the world.

**Save the Date!** On Sunday 5 June, Pentecost Sunday, we will be having a parish lunch' with international cuisine at 1:30pm in St

Mary Magdalen's School. There will be a Mass at 12 noon to celebrate the renewal of our parish life after the lockdowns, and also to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, followed by the lunch' in the school. There will be **NO 10:30am Mass** – so that many of us can be together for the celebration at 12 noon Mass. If you would like to help the Parish Social Committee organise the food and activities for the lunch', please get in touch with Monsignor Roger as soon as possible via email at [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk). More details to follow.

## Funeral Notices

The Cremation Service of the late Dennis James O'Shea takes place on Tuesday 10 May at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel at 2:00pm

The Cremation Service of the late Michelle Maddix takes place on Thursday 12 May at West London Crematorium at 11:30am

The Reception & Requiem Mass of the late Ann McMahon will take place on Friday 13 May at 12 noon followed by Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 1:30pm

May they Rest in Peace

## Parish Diary

Monday 9 May	6:00pm– 7:00pm	Confirmation—Penitential at St Mary Magdalen's Church
Friday 13 May	4:30pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church, Group 3— (First Holy Communion Mass 15 May 2022 at 10:30am)
Friday 13 May	5:30pm	First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church, Group 4—(First Holy Communion Mass 15 May 2022 at 12 noon)
Saturday 14 May	11:00am & 2:00pm	First Holy Communion Masses
Sunday 15 May	10:30am & 12 noon	First Holy Communion Masses

### Mass Intentions Week commencing 8 May 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Sean & Breda Hough	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Phil McGovern	Anniv
	10:30am	Private Intention	
	12 noon	People of the Parish	
	6:30pm	Harry Coffey	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Anthony Remedios Braganca & Joaquim Jose Fernandes	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Luisa Cardoso	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Tina Geraghty	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Mary Killian	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Kitty Fleming	RIP
	12 noon	Requiem Mass - Ann McMahon	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Agnes Trimble	Ints