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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 29 MAY 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

Father, may they be completely one

Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. (John 17:20-26)

Meditation: When you pray what do you ask for - God's help, blessing, guidance, and wisdom? One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities we have been given by God is to pray not only for ourselves, but for others as well. The Lord Jesus lived a life full of prayer, blessing, and gratitude to his Father in heaven. He prayed for his disciples, especially when they were in great need or danger. Mark tells us in his Gospel account (see chapter 6:46-51) that when Jesus was praying alone on the mountain he saw that his disciples were in great distress due to a life-threatening storm that was beating against their boat. Jesus immediately came to their rescue - walking on the waves of the rough waters before he calmed their fears and calmed the raging waters as well! Luke records in his Gospel account the words of Jesus to Simon Peter shortly before Jesus' arrest and Peter's denial of the Lord three times. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). Jesus' prayers were personal, direct, and focused on the welfare and well-being of others - especially that they might find peace and unity with God and with one another.

The Lord intercedes for us right now.

The Lord Jesus Christ included each one of us in his high priestly prayer at the last supper meal with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross (John 17:20). And today the Lord Jesus continues his high priestly office as our intercessor before the throne of God in heaven. Paul the Apostle tells us that it is "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us" (Romans 8:34; see also Hebrews 7: 25). Do you join in Jesus' high priestly prayer that all who profess Jesus as Lord may grow in love and unity together as brothers and sisters who have been redeemed through the precious blood that was shed for us on the cross?

Heavenly Father, have mercy on all your people who have been redeemed by the precious blood of your Son who offered up his life for us on the cross. Pardon our sins and heal our divisions that we may grow in love, unity, and holiness together as your sons and daughters. May all Christian people throughout the world attain the unity for which Jesus prayed on the eve of his sacrifice. Renew in us the power of the Holy Spirit that we may be a sign of that unity and a means of its growth. Increase in us a fervent love, respect, and care for all of our brothers and sisters who believe in Jesus Christ.

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Eddie Ginnelly

Those who have died recently: Pearl Hammond, Cornelia Henshaw, Catherine (Babs) Barrett, Michael Doherty, Maria Williams, Candis Bubb, Michael Dineen

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gilbertha Giraud, Leroy Lewis, Carol Davies, Brigid Boland, Henryk & Zofia Nowicki, Thomas Carmody

Parish News

Collection 8 May 2022 amounted to £1,564.72. Standing orders for April amounted to £3,650.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost. The Sunday Obligation will be restored at Pentecost. Please take a letter from the table at the back of the church or visit: <u>https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/</u>

Parish Lunch. You are invited to a Parish Lunch on Sunday 5 June at 1:30pm in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School, Linacre Road NW2 5BB. <u>See invitation opposite for full details.</u> Please note that there will be Masses in the church at 9:00am, 12 noon and 6:30pm only on Sunday 5 June. There will be <u>NO 10:30am Mass</u> – as it would be good if as many of us as possible can be together for the celebration of the 12 noon Mass. Please let us know you are coming or if you would like to help the Parish Social Committee organise the food and activities for the lunch, by sending an email to: <u>willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.</u>

Seminarian Francis Thomas. Francis will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 11 June at 10:30am at Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome, especially all the parishioners at Willesden Green who have been such an important part of his journey. Please keep Seminarian Francis in your prayers as he prepares for this important day.

Gift Aid. Could we please ask that you inform the Parish Office if your tax status has changed since you completed a *Gift Aid* declaration as we are only allowed to claim *Gift Aid* for current tax payers. Also, if you are now in a position to *Gift Aid* your donations please email/telephone the Parish Office and we will forward you the relevant form to complete. This is a valuable contribution to our parish finances.

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. Once you have entered your details for gift aid, the system will remember your card details (NB. not held on machine, but securely) next time you use the machine.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 29 May 2022

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Saturday	6:30pm	Ann Cahal	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	Ints
	10:30am	Henryk & Zofia Nowicki	Anniv
	12 noon	Francis Sheehan	RIP
	6:30pm	Eamon Maguire	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Michael Naughton	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary Lennon	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Mary Statham	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Lar Rigley	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Brigid Boland	Anniv
Saturday	9:30am	Frank McCabe	RIP



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALEN WILLESDEN GREEN

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARISH LUNCH ON SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022



AT 1:30PM IN ST MARY MAGDALEN'S JUNIOR



We will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The lunch will reflect the many nationalities which make up our parish: you are invited to bring food from your own country. Please sign up on the lists at the back of the church. If possible, please let us know you are coming by sending an email to:

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willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk

SEE YOU THERE!!!

REMEMBER - THERE IS NO 10:30AM MASS ON SUNDAY 5 JUNE

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2022. For faith-filled young people: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage and the dedication to service that faith generates.

Eucharistic Octave. The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden will be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 11 - 19 June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Full details can be found at <u>www.catholiclondon.org</u>.

PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN



Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen