# **Presbytery**

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# **Parish Clergy**

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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 22 MAY 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

# I Could Not Get Through The Week Without Sunday Mass

There was a beautiful article in The Tablet magazine of 18 August 2021. Many of you will have heard of the Kanneh-Masons. They are seven brothers and sisters ranging in age from 24 to 11 years old all of whom play either violin, piano or cello. They have won many prizes and awards and appeared in numerous television shows, and Sheku played the 'cello at Prince Harry's wedding. They were raised in Nottingham, England by parents Stuart Mason, a business executive and Dr Kadiatu Kanneh, a former university lecturer.

Being useless with computers, I cannot quote the article directly, but it was an interview with Kadiatu, their mother. There was much about the logistics of raising a large family and getting them to school, to music lessons and to the dining table. What is not so well known is that the family is Catholic. The interviewer asked Kadiatu whether it was a real chore trying to get the children all to Mass on Sundays, and she responded in an unexpectedly inspiring way. Rather than saying it was a struggle, she said that going to Sunday Mass was the high point of the week for this family — with its worship, its quiet, its prayer and its music, and it was so important for helping them get through the rest of the week.

Does that have any echoes in your life? Remember what it was like when you and your family were unable to come to Mass. I know that it can be a real struggle to get families to Mass on Sundays, and sometimes a real struggle for individuals as well, but it is so important for Catholics.

The Bishops have recently encouraged us all to return to Mass. They remind us that Catholics are obliged to go to Mass on Sundays. Nothing should be more important – not shopping, not a lie-in, not family, not music, not sport. There are a few reasons related to health concerns, for example vulnerability to infection, for you or a family member which dispense us, but we should be at Sunday Mass.

Make it once more a part of your week. Come and meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in one another.

Monsignor Roger

**Those who are sick:** Jim Feeney, Eddie Ginnelly, Pat Ryan, Richard Yamba-Yamba

Those who have died recently: Pearl Hammond,

Cornelia Henshaw, Catherine (Babs) Barrett, Michael Redmond, Michael Doherty, Maria Williams, Candice Bubb

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Agnes McNamara

### **Parish News**

**Collection 1 May 2022** amounted to £1,620.93. Standing orders for April amounted to £3,650.00. Thank you for your generosity.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2022. Thank you very much to all who have worked so hard in so many ways to make our First Holy Communion Masses and the Confirmation Mass so beautiful. This has involved the commitment of catechists over twelve weeks, as well as all the administration, cleaning and music planning. Around 80 children have received the Body of Christ for the first time, and 37 young people have received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Mgr. Roger and Fr Allan.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 26 May. A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

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 (dates/times to be confirmed). If you'd like to participate, please get in touch via my email: <a href="mailto:stitchamazingly@gmail.com">stitchamazingly@gmail.com</a>. I am very excited, as I know it will be lots of fun and 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."

Parish Newsletter. Any notices for the weekly Sunday Parish newsletter should be emailed to the Parish Office no later than Wednesdays 12 noon. Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Funeral Notice**

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Michael Patrick Redmond
will take place on Friday 27 May at 11:30am
followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:45pm

May he rest in peace

# Mass Intentions Week commencing 22 May 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Breda Hough	Ints
	10:30am	Agnes McNamara	Anniv
	12 noon	Margaret Killian	Ints
	6:30pm	The Holy Souls	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Mary Coffey	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Mario Jose Braganca	RIP
Wednesday	y 9:30am	Kevin Higgins	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	All those who are sick in the	Ints
		St Mary Magdalen School Community	
	6:30pm	Philomena Cleary	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Paddy Smyth	RIP
	11:30am	Requiem Mass - Michael Redmond	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Jadwiga Tomaszewska	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 SCHOOL LINACRE ROAD NW2 5BB

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:

willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk

SEE YOU THERE!!!

#### **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.

Love Heals Body Mind and Spirit Ministry welcome you to come to a day Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 4 June 2022 from 11:00am - 4:30pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Programme Rosary, Holy Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Celebrant Priest: Father Mark Elliott Smith), Lunch (Please bring your own Lunch - Tea and Coffee available), Scripture Based Talk - 'How to Find Rest in the Lord', Christian Meditation, Blessed Adoration with Divine Mercy, and Healing Prayers - Praise & Worship. For further information please visit the Website at: <a href="www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com">www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com</a> Telephone: 020 8542 2476 Email: <a href="www.lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com">lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com</a>

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 <a href="https://www.catholiclondon.org">www.catholiclondon.org</a>.

Young Adults Retreat: 'See All Things New' The Jesuits in Britain invite young adults in their 20s and 30s to join them to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. Two times are offered for a retreat: online, 27 July - 1 August, and a residential retreat at St Beuno's, from 28 July - 1 August. Information is available at <a href="https://www.jesuit.org.uk/events">https://www.jesuit.org.uk/events</a>

**Right To Life UK** "We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"