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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), 12 noon & 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

1 MAY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish (Jn 21:1-19)

Meditation: Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Risen Lord Jesus when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias (also called the lake of Gennesaret or Galilee)? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter had decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous job as a fisherman out of uncertainty for his future. Six of the other apostles followed him back to Galilee.

The Lord Jesus renews Peter's faith and calling - and ours as well. Why did Jesus choose to reveal himself to the apostles at the Sea of Galilee - and right after they had spent a whole night of futile fishing? The Risen Lord was waiting on the shore for Peter and the other apostles. When their boat drew near the shore, Jesus questioned them and then gave a command to lower their nets into the sea. When their nets began to burst at the great haul of fish, John, the beloved disciple, recognized that it was the Lord who was speaking to them. Peter then immediately leaped from the boat and ran to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord Jesus when you meet setbacks and disappointments, and when your faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us fresh hope in his promises for us.

The Lord wants to renew our minds and rekindle our hearts with his transforming love. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty (Romans 8:38-39)? Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love. God's abundant grace (favour and blessing) is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace (unmerited favour) and mercy.

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) wrote in his famous confession a remarkable prayer of thanksgiving and love: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace." (Confessions 10:27).

The Lord Jesus wants to personally draw near to each one of us and he knocks every day on the door of our hearts and he waits for our response (Revelation 3:20). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you and do you listen for his voice as he speaks to you in your heart and through the word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? The Lord is ever ready to help us grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and in the exceeding richness of his mercies and goodness towards us. Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life through the power and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you. *Fr Allan*

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Eddie Ginnely, Pat Ryan

Those who have died recently: Fr Antony Thomas Grunning, Sharon Harte, Ann McMahan, Michael Sills, Michelle Maddix, Cornelia Henshaw, Dennis O'Shea

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Cleary, Augustine Williams, Rosie Denis, Rosemary Maxime, Rose & Jimmy Phillips

Parish News

Collection 10 April 2022 amounted to £1,906.12. Standing orders for March amounted to £3,975.00. Thank you.

Priest Training Fund Collection. Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. 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. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. 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 Thank you for your generosity.

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. 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. More details to follow.

Seminarian Francis Thomas. Francis will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 11 June at 10:30am at Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome and especially all the parishioners at

Willessden 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.

Funeral Notice

The Reception & Requiem Mass of the late Michael Sills takes place on Thursday 5 May at 12:30pm followed by Repatriation to Ireland

May he Rest in Peace

Parish Diary

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| Saturday 7 May | 11:00am | First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church, Group 1— (First Holy Communion Mass 14 May 2022 at 11:00am) |
| Saturday 7 May | 2:00pm | First Holy Communion Rehearsal in church, Group 2—(First Holy Communion Mass 14 May 2022 at 2:00pm) |
| Monday 9 May | 6:00pm– 7:00pm | Confirmation—Penitential at St Mary Magdalen's Church |

Diocesan News

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. Sunday 8 May at 3:00pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection- Pokrova. Come and join the praying of the Rosary for asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the 'Big Give' a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online before 12:00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> 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 questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please telephone 020 7592 1856. Thank you.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 1 May 2022

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| Saturday | 6:30pm | Kevin Humphries | Ints |
| Sunday | 9:00am | Rose & Jimmy Phillips | Anniv |
| | 10:30am | People of the Parish | |
| | 12 noon | Patrick Cleary | Anniv |
| | 6:30pm | Pat Malone | RIP |
| Monday | 9:30am | Pat Dempsey | Ints |
| Tuesday | 9:30am | Carmel Purcell | RIP |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Fernandes & Braganca Family | RIP |
| Thursday | 9:30am | Joy Rice | Ints |
| | 12:30pm | Requiem Mass—Michael Sills | RIP |
| Friday | 9:30am | Peter Hynes | RIP |
| Saturday | 9:30am | Harry O'Donnell | RIP |