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Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Sunday: 9:00am, 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

JUNE—MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

5 JUNE 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the solemn celebration of Pentecost we are invited to profess our faith in the presence and in the action of the Holy Spirit and to invoke his outpouring upon us, upon the Church and upon the whole world. With special intensity, let us make our own the Church's invocation: **Veni, Sancte Spiritus!** It is such a simple and spontaneous invocation, yet also extraordinarily profound, which came first of all from the heart of Christ. The Spirit is indeed the gift that Jesus asked and continues to ask of his Father for his friends; the first and principal gift that he obtained for us through his Resurrection and Ascension into heaven.

We are always in need of hearing the Lord Jesus tell us what he often repeated to his friends: "Be not afraid". Like Simon Peter and the others we must allow his presence and his grace to transform our heart, which is always subject to human weakness. We must know how to recognize that losing something indeed, losing ourselves for the true God, the God of love and of life is actually gaining ourselves, finding ourselves more fully. Whoever entrusts himself to Jesus already experiences in this life the peace and joy of heart that the world cannot give, and that it cannot even take away once God has given it to us. So it is worthwhile to let ourselves be touched by the fire of the Holy Spirit! The suffering that it causes us is necessary for our transformation. It is the reality of the Cross. It is not without reason that in the language of Jesus "fire" is above all a representation of the mystery of the Cross, without which Christianity does not exist. Thus enlightened and comforted by these words of life, let us lift up our invocation: Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of your love! We know that this is a bold prayer, with which we ask to be touched by God's flame; but above all we know that this flame and it alone has the power to save us. We do not want, in defending our life, to lose eternal life that God wants to give us. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit, because only Love redeems. Amen.

(HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI, St Peter's Basilica, Sunday, 23 May 2010)

Basil the Great (329-379 AD), an early church father, explains the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives: "The Spirit restores paradise to us and the way to heaven and adoption as children of God; he instills confidence that we may call God truly Father and grants us the grace of Christ to be children of the light and to enjoy eternal glory. In a word, he bestows the fullness of blessings in this world and the next; for we may contemplate now in the mirror of faith the promised things we shall someday enjoy. If this is the foretaste, what must the reality be? If these are the first fruits, what must be the harvest?" (From the treatise by Basil on The Holy Spirit)

The Lord Jesus offers each one of us the gift and power of his Holy Spirit. He wants to make our faith strong, give us hope that endures, and a love that never grows cold. He never refuses to give his Spirit to those who ask with expectant faith. Jesus instructed his disciples to ask confidently for the gift of the Spirit: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13). Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life he offers through the gift of his Spirit?

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of Pentecost and for the new life you offer in the Holy Spirit. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with the fire of your love that I may serve you in joy and freedom.

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney

Those who have died recently: Eddie Ginnelly, Pearl Hammond, Cornelia Henshaw, Catherine (Babs) Barrett, Michael Doherty, Maria Williams, Candis Bubb, Michael Dineen, Jim Bennett, Gerard Sweeney

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Byer, Timothy & Catherine Kelleher, Sadie & Dan O'Connell, Gerry & Josie Rice, Maureen O'Sullivan

Parish Lunch.....

You are invited to a Parish Lunch today, Sunday 5 June, at 1:30pm in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School, Linacre Road NW2 5BB. Remember there will be **NO 10:30am Mass today** – as it would be good if as many of us as possible can be together for the celebration of the 12 noon Mass.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL TODAY! Mgr Roger.

Parish News

Collection 15 May 2022 amounted to £1,853.00. Standing orders for April amounted to £3,650.00. Thank you for your generosity.

The Harte Family. Ted, James and Edward wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who supported them in so many ways upon the recent death of Sharon. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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.

Solemnity of Corpus Christi. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 19 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, from the church to the Grotto of Our Lady outside the church. We invite all the children who made their First Holy Communion this year to participate in the Blessed Sacrament procession and to attend in their First Holy Communion outfits to give thanks.

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.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 5 June 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Sadie & Dan O'Connell	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Kathleen Rigley	Ints
	12 noon	Gerry & Josie Rice	Anniv
	6:30pm	Private Intention	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Bernadette Hynes	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Collarin Fernandes	RIP
	11:00am	Requiem Mass - Michael Doherty	RIP
	1:00pm	Requiem Mass - Michael Dineen	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Benny Cardozo	RIP
	11:00am	Requiem Mass - Catherine Barrett	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Alice Heerey	RIP
	11:00am	Requiem Mass - Candis Bubb	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Michael Hurley	Ints
	11:00am	Requiem Mass - Cornelia Henshaw	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints

Funerals

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Michael Doherty** will take place on Tuesday 7 June at 11:00am followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Michael John Dineen** will take place on Tuesday 7 June at 1:00pm followed by Burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 2:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Catherine Theresa Barrett** will take place on Wednesday 8 June at 11:00am followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery at 1:00pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Candis Bubb** will take place on Thursday 9 June at 11:00am followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 12:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Cornelia Asari Inyang Henshaw** will take place on Friday 10 June at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 2:00pm

May they Rest in Peace

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June 2022. For families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

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