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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

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday: One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am 5:30pm— 6:15pm

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Life as Deacon

Being ordained a Deacon is a little like getting married. I had my big wedding day in Westminster Cathedral, where I publicly committed to my new bride Christ and his Church. I made promises to be obedient to the bishop, pray the Divine Office daily and be celibate for the rest of my life.

My new life involves having a new title, Reverend and being called Deacon (although to my friends and family, I am still Francis).

In our worship, my new role takes on very visible functions: proclaiming the Gospel, sometimes preaching, preparing the altar, inviting the people of God to give each other the sign of peace, distributing Holy Communion and saying or singing the dismissal at the end of Mass. There have also been new 'lines' to learn, for example, when pouring the water and wine into the chalice, the following is said: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity".

All of this comes with the added gifts of being able to celebrate the sacraments of baptism and marriage. Monsignor Roger provided my first opportunity do a cremation funeral service earlier this week. Truly, it is a blessing and privilege to journey with a family in their grief and to commend their loved one to God.

Thank you for all your support and prayers over these years. I am ever encouraged by your daily witness of your faith. Please continue to pray for me, for my brother seminarians and for vocations. It was Mary Lee, a housebound parishioner, who said to me when I was not sure what to do with my life: 'Go on, become a priest'. Who will you encourage to discern a vocation to the priesthood?

Deacon Francis Thomas

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Pat Ryan, Sheila Butler

Those who have died recently: Fr David Gilbert Wilson

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Josie Liston, Fr John Power, Peter Mangan, Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern & The McGovern Family, Mick O'Brien, Geoff Mason

Parish News

Collection 26 June 2022 amounted to £1,608.71. Standing orders for May amounted to £3,864.00. Thank you.

Spiritans Mission Appeal. This weekend there will be an appeal by the Spiritans (also known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). They are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. Over 300 years on, today more than 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries throughout the world. Your support will enable them to continue the work of the British Province in serving hospitals, prisons and schools and caring for refugees and people seeking asylum and also to support the work of their missions overseas. There will be a retiring collection after all Sunday Masses.

Cash Counters. We need volunteers to help count the Sunday Cash collections. 'On the job' training will be provided. If you can help with this very important Ministry please contact the Parish Office or speak with Monsignor Roger.

St Mary Magdalen Wednesday Club have organised a day trip to Brighton Beach on Thursday, 11 August 2022. Pick Up and Drop Off at Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Peter Avenue at 8:45am and 7:00pm respectively. Adults: £10 per head. Children under 10: £5. If interested, please contact Gillian Horrell. Telephone: 07535 449 893. Email: pamgillstan@hotmail.com. Limited spaces remaining. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Being Brent: Exhibition. Exhibition Space, 2nd Floor Brent Museum, Willesden Library. One of our parishioners, Glenda Brady, has been paramount in organising and achieving the textile pieces created by the Christian faith group:

"My name is Glenda, director of Stitch Amazingly, and I worked with three faith groups in Brent over the past 2 months, to create a range of textile pieces to express their own religious faith in modern day Britain.

On behalf of Brent Museums and Archives, I led and worked with a group at the Central Mosque on Willesden Green, The Neasden Hindu Temple and with a small group of Christian ladies in the neighbourhood to represent St Mary Magdalen' parish. The groups created a range of embroidery and embellished textile pieces which are all on display at the Brent Museum, (2nd floor of the Willesden Green Library) along with other local artistian's work.

It was my pleasure to work with such amazing people, including a surgeon, who, from their heart's, created beautiful textile pieces as part of being part of the Brent Community: 'Unity is Community.'

The exhibition will be open to the public until 20 January 2023 "

Parish Newsletter. All notices for the weekly Sunday Parish newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. A paper copy of the newsletter is available for you to take home after Mass or can be downloaded or viewed online at: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2022/

Mass Intentions Week commencing 10 July 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Peter Mangan	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern	Anniv
		& The McGovern Family	
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Rafter Family	RIP
	6:30pm	Kathleen Burke	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Maureen Vallely	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Private Intention	
Wednesday	9:30am	M O'Beirne	
Thursday	9:30am	Margaret Killian	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Justin Osuji	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Debbie Barry	Ints

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July 2022. For the elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

CAFOD - Will You take the first Step? CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap, is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring other to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 go to: https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year

New Catholic Students .The University Chaplaincy is appealing to any parishioners who will be students at any of the London universities and colleges, or University of Hertfordshire, this coming year. Based at Newman House, Gower Street, they also have campus-based chaplains at many of the universities and colleges. For any students other than freshers there is also an opportunity to live in at Newman House, a catered lodging with attractive rates and its own chapel. The application form is available on the Chaplaincy website: www.universitycatholic.net

St Bernadette Relic Tour. In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster from Saturday 3 - 7 September, Monday 17 - 18 October and Friday 28 - 30 October. For full details of the tour, visit: www.stbernadette.org.uk

Right To Life UK. "We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us"