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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

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday: One hour before morning Mass

Confession

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

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ST MARY MAGDALEN
CATHOLIC CHURCH
OCTOBER —MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
2 OCTOBER 2022
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C

Say, 'We are merely servants' (Lk 17:5-10)

Meditation: How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us (Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3). Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

The love of God compels us to give our best

How can we love God and others selflessly and unconditionally? Scripture tells us that God himself is *love* (1 John 4:16) - he is the author of life and the source of all true relationships of love and friendship. He created us in love for love, and he fills our hearts with the boundless love that gives all that is good for the sake of the beloved (Romans 5:5). *If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us* (1 John 4:12).

God honours the faithful servant who loves and serves with a generous heart. He is ever ready to work in and through each one of us by his Spirit for his glory. We must remember, however, that God can never be indebted to us. We have no claim on him. His love compels us to give him our best! And when we have done our best, we have simply done our duty. We can never outmatch God in his immeasurable merciful love, his extravagant kindness and goodness, and his ever constant and unceasing care for us. The Scriptures remind us over and over again that God's love is steadfast, loyal, and lasts forever - it will never cease (Psalm 89, Psalm 100, Psalm 118, Psalm 136). Saint Augustine of Hippo writes, "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." Does the love of God compel you to give your best to him with generous love and gratitude for all that he has done for you?

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Thomas Bradley, Tony Rowland, Peter Corcoran, Mary Gavahan, Miriam Barron

Those who have died recently: John Minogue, Sheila Morrison, Michael Phelan, Teresa McNally, Janelle Nelson, Joshua Faria Teixeira

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paul Power, Bridie Farrell, John Henry Harding, Bernadette Mahon, Teresa Mahon, Bernard Mahon, Margaret Ginty

Parish News

Collection 18 September 2022 amounted to £1,271.98 Standing orders for August amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications.

On Saturday 15 October from 2:00pm until 4:00pm and on Sunday 16 October from 4:30pm until 6:00pm, Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary and Sixth form applications only. Meetings will take place in the Sacristy. Before your appointment please complete a CCP Application form, and a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for (top half of each certificate should be pre-completed). Both of these forms can be found on our parish website at: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. Further details to be announced after the October half-term.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023. All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above), and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above), will need to obtain an application form, which will be available after all Sunday Masses, from Monsignor Roger on the weekends of 1/2 October, 8/9 October, 15/16 October and 22/23 October. Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only.

Fully completed forms must be returned with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and donation of £40 by 12 noon on Thursday 3 November 2022. Please place your application form, together with the donation (if not paying online), in an envelope clearly marked 'First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2023', and your child's name, and post through the inner Presbytery door.

Baptism Certificates. Should anyone require a replacement baptismal certificate, your request should be emailed to the Parish Office at: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. For GDPR purposes, please attach proof of your identification i.e. Passport/ Drivers License. Thank you.

The family of the late Eddie Ginnelly wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who supported them, for their kind words of sympathy and for all the Masses booked. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

> Family **Fast Day**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day - Friday, 7 October.

This Harvest, we are responding to the World Food Crisis. East Africa is in the midst of a terrible food crisis affecting millions of people. Families are facing extreme levels of hunger and malnutrition. Four years of drought have exacerbated existing food and water shortages in the region and tragically, famine is now looming in some areas.

Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Donations can be made online at cafod.org.uk/fastday.

Procession to the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden to pray with the relics of St Bernadette

During the Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to Britain, they will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, NW10, from 28-30th October 2022.

A Brent Deanery Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 29th October, walking from St Mary Magdalen's, Willesden Green, praying the Holy Rosary, and arriving at the Willesden Shrine in good time for the Solemn Mass at 12noon. There will be the opportunity to venerate the Relics, and for those who wish, at 1.30pm, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Gather at St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green 11am Procession departs, praying the Holy Rosary. 11.40pm (approx.) Procession arrives at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road NW10 9AX 12 Noon, Solemn Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes with Sprinkling of

Lourdes Water. 1.30pm Liturgy of the Anointing of the Sick. All are asked to book online at https://stbernadette.org.uk



Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Janelle Nelson will be held in St Joan of Arc, 60 Highbury Park, London N5 2XH on Thursday 13 October at 11:00am. Followed by cremation at Islington Crematorium at 1:15pm.

The family have requested bright clothing. Miss Nelson taught in St Agnes' Cricklewood, St Mary

Magdalen's Willesden and St Mary's Kilburn.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Joshua Faria Teixeira will take place on Monday 10 October at 10:30am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:45pm

Mass Intentions Week commencing 2 October 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Private Intention	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Helen Lynch	Ints
	10:30am	Peggy O'Sullivan	RIP
	12 noon	Carmel Clifford	RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Kevin McCarthy	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Carmel Clifford	RIP
Wednesday	y 9:30am	Carmel Clifford	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Paul Power	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Eddie Ginnelly	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Joaquim Pereira	Anniv