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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 9 October 2022 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

'Can I have a Rosemary?'

'Can you I have a Rosemary, Father?' This was a question I was asked time and again at Feltham Young Offenders. I ended up having to keep a register of the boys who had been given them, to make sure they did not ask too often.

I knew that for some of them, the little plastic rosaries I gave out were maybe little more than prison bling. They could wear them and feel a bit better. But giving them a rosary was always an opportunity to teach them about praying, for them to learn off by heart the rosary prayers, and know the intercession of Mary for them. Yes, they sometimes took advantage of my good nature, but I didn't mind.

When I met Pope Francis in 2013 he gave me 100 rosaries which he blessed to take back for the boys. They became very special to them – they were astonished that the Pope should be interested in them. The Pope knows the importance of the Rosary for us all, as he said at an audience in October 2020:

'I invite everyone to rediscover, especially during this month of October, the beauty of the prayer of the rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries. I invite you to pray the rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary; it is a contemplation on the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and is a weapon that protects us from evils and temptations.'

Our gospel today speaks of thanksgiving. Maybe find time every day in October to offer a decade of the rosary for a blessing which you have received.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Mary Gavahan, Miriam Barron, Tony Rowland, Peter Corcoran, James Hayes, Gareth Hayes

Those who have died recently: Janelle Nelson, Joshua Teixeira, Veronica Jumbo

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget Mulhern, Mary Whelton

Parish News

Collection 25 September 2022 amounted to £1,543.08. Standing orders for September amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

The Holy Rosary. October is the month of The Holy Rosary. In St Mary Magdalen's Parish we have a faithful group who say the Holy Rosary daily after the morning Mass (excluding Sundays). You are invited to join them in October and pray for peace.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Janelle Nelson will be held in <u>St Joan of Arc, 60 Highbury Park, London N5 2XH</u> 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.

There will also be a Requiem Mass here at <u>St Mary Magdalen's</u> <u>Church</u> at 6:00pm on Tuesday 18 October as I know that many of you will want to come and pray for Janelle who taught so many of our children. We continue to assure her family and colleagues of our prayers for them. May she rest in peace.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help *CAFOD's* local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to *CAFOD*. Use the envelope for our parish collection or donate at: <u>cafod.org.uk/fastday</u>.

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 Mgr Roger this weekend and on the weekends of 15/16 and 22/23 October. Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications. On Saturday 15 October from 200pm - 4:00pm and Sunday 16 October from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary and Sixth form applications only. You will be seen on a 'first come, first served basis.' 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). 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. Dates for these applications, will be announced after the half-term.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. There will be an afternoon refresher and formation session in the church for current and new ministers on Saturday 19 November at 2:30pm. It will be led by Mary Crowley from the Agency of Evangelisation.

Fr Sudham Perera has been appointed Rector of St Joseph's College Wattala Branch, in Sri Lanka. He was installed as Rector on 7 October, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please pray for him and for the students of the College.

Heating. Apologies for the lack of heating in the church. We are currently waiting for the annual servicing of the church boilers to take place. Once this is done, we will be allowed to run the heating. In the meantime please ensure you wrap up when attending church.



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, the Relics will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, NW10, from 28-30 October 2022. A Brent Deanery Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 29 October, walking from St Mary Magdalen's, Willesden Green at 11:00am praying the Holy Rosary, and arriving at the Willesden Shrine for the Solemn Mass at 12 noon, with Sprinkling of Lourdes Water. There will be the opportunity to venerate the Relics, and for those who wish, at 1:30pm, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. All are asked to book online at: <u>https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/</u> Anyone unable to book online should contact the Parish Office.

Funeral Notice

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 12:30pm

May he rest in peace

Mass Intentions Week commencing 9 October 2022

Saturday Sunday	6:30pm 9:00am	Michael Barrett Kathy Casey	Anniv RIP
,	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Fr Duncan	Ints
	6:30pm	Mary O'Driscoll	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Mary Whelton	Anniv
	10:30am	Funeral - Joshua Teixeira	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary & Tony McKenzie	Ints
Wednesda	y 9:30am	Frank Alphon Family	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Bridget Mulhern	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Eddi McBride	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Joaquim Cardoso	Anniv

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2022. For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church; that, ever faithful to the Gospel and courageous in proclaiming it, she be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.