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## **Parish Clergy**

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# **Parish Office**

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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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ST MARY MAGDALEN **CATHOLIC CHURCH** OCTOBER --- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY **16 OCTOBER 2022 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** YEAR C

## The parable of the unjust judge (Lk 18:1-8)

**Meditation:** What can a shameless and unjust judge pitted against a crusty and pestering woman teach us about justice and vindication (to restore what is right and just) in the kingdom of God? Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenceless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defence and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly Father for his grace and help.

#### Faith-filled persistence reaps the fruit of justice and grace.

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favour towards us (grace). In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God. The Day of the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices perpetrated by a fallen world of sinful people and that God's love is stronger than death (Song of Songs 8:6). Those who put their faith in God and entrust their lives to him can look forward with hope and confident assurance. They will receive their reward - if not fully in this present life then surely and completely in the age to come in God's kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17).

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus will return in glory as Ruler and Judge of All? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. We could not believe, trust, and persevere with hope if God did not first draw us to himself and reveal to us his merciful love and care. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the word of God and ask the Lord to increase it (Luke 17:5). When trials and setbacks disappoint you, where do you place your hope and confidence? Do you pray with expectant faith and confident hope in God's merciful care and provision for you?

#### Prayer

Lord Jesus, increase my faith and make it strong that I may never doubt your word and promise to be with me always. In every situation I face - whether trials, setbacks, or loss - may I always find strength in your unfailing love and find joy and Fr Allan contentment in having you alone as the treasure of my heart.

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney, Mary Gavahan, Miriam Barron

Those who have died recently: Veronica Jumbo, Denis Fogarty

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Flaherty, Monica & Pamela Morrow

### Parish News

**Collection 2 October 2022** amounted to £1,579.49. Standing orders for September amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

**Sunday 10:30am Mass.** "It is a great pleasure to welcome the children from our parish schools, the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant School and St Mary Magdalen's Junior School, to the 10:30am Mass this morning. Life is gradually getting back to normal, and I am delighted that the children are with us. Thank you to the children, teachers and families." Monsignor Roger.

**Breda Hough** would like to thank everyone for their support and Mass cards, following her recent bereavement. A Mass will be offered in gratitude.

**Requiem Mass for the late Janelle Nelson.** There will be a Requiem Mass here at <u>St Mary Magdalen's 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.

If anyone would like to join the music group for this Mass they will be more than welcome. If you can come early for a practice, that would be good.

**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, available after all Sunday Masses, this weekend and next weekend, 22/23 October. Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only. Deadline for applications is 3 November 2022.

Roman Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form Applications.

Today, Sunday 16 October, 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for <u>Secondary and Sixth form applications only</u>. 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 completed). These forms can be found at: <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/</u> willesdengreen/ certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/

**Solemnity of All Saints** on Tuesday 1 November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 2 November with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm. During November four Masses a week will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

**RCIA.** Adult Reception into the church and Confirmation. If you are an adult who is not Catholic, or who has not made their Confirmation, and would like to be prepared for the sacraments in the RCIA process, please contact Fr Allan: <u>allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk</u> **St Mary Magdalen's Over 50's Club** takes place on Wednesdays 1:30pm - 3:15pm at Kings Hall, Harlesden Road NW10 2BS. Our Wednesday Club aims to provide a safe & welcoming atmosphere where members can socialise away from the demands of day to day living. The group have a chat, play bingo, do light chair exercises by a qualified instructress, have a cuppa, go on outings, welcome guest speakers, barbeques, lunches, Fish & Chips purchased periodically for the group, an annual trip to the seaside and a Christmas dinner. Annual membership is £10.00 and entrance fee is £4 for every Wednesday attended.

If you have any questions please contact Gillian Horrell, mobile: 07535 449 893 or email: <a href="mailto:pamgillstan@hotmail.com">pamgillstan@hotmail.com</a>



# 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.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 16 October 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Louis Keleghan	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	Ints
	10:30am	Kathleen & Sean Higgins	RIP
	12 noon	Lucy O'Donovan Family	Ints
	6:30pm	Private Intention	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Mary & Tony McKenzie	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Deborah Morgan Family	Ints
	6:00pm	Janelle Nelson - Memorial Mass	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Antonio Joao Fernandes	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Helen Chivers	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Mary & Tony McKenzie	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Alex Rodrigues	RIP

## **Diocesan News**

**Operation Elf** is the campaign by *PACT*, the Prison Advice and Care Trust, to enable prisoners to give a Christmas gift to their child. This year they are asking supporters to buy a gift card with a £15 value only. If you want to donate more please buy multiples of £15 cards. A good choice is a One4All gift card from the Post Office or online which can be used in lots of shops. No e-cards or e-vouchers as these are difficult to distribute. All cards need to reach *PACT* by 30 November ready for Christmas Family Visit days in December. Please send to: Operation Elf, Pact, 29 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UA and tell them who you are so they can thank you.