

## Presbytery

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## Parish Clergy

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## Parish Office

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Parish office open:  
Tuesday-Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

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  
23 OCTOBER 2022  
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C

## God, be merciful to me a sinner.

I had a fight the other day. Don't worry, it wasn't with another person. It was part of my ongoing struggle with technology, with which I am utterly hopeless. I had pushed the wrong button on my remote and the BBC iPlayer app disappeared from my TV. This is about the only channel I watch – I'm making my way through New Tricks at the moment – and now I couldn't watch it. I tried everything, even googling 'How do I reinstall BBC iPlayer on my TV. But nothing worked. It was a fight I thought I had lost. So I turned the TV off, went to sulk in my bedroom, and turned it on again about 30 minutes later – lo and behold, there was BBC iPlayer! All I needed to do was turn it off and turn it on again. It was that simple. I have put a note on the TV to remind me for next time.

The simple way is often the best way. Simple words, simple gestures, simple stories – these sit in the memory and move us often much more directly than something over complicated. The parable in the gospel today is Jesus speaking at his most simple, his most accessible. Who cannot understand what he is saying? I am sure that Jesus' simple words that the tax collector and not the Pharisee went home at rights with God will have struck home to his hearers. They will have been shocked, perhaps; offended, perhaps; angry, perhaps – but they will have understood Jesus' simple words.

We, too, are challenged by the simple words of Jesus. We do not earn our way into heaven by many long prayers; we cannot buy the love of God. What we must do, quite simply, is open our heart to him and ask for his mercy. The words 'Lord I am not worthy' which we say every time before we receive the Eucharist should be not only on our lips but in our hearts.

Monsignor Roger

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

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Duncan Michael Adamson,  
Veronica Jumbo, Denis Fogarty Snr, Matty Brennan

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

## Parish News

**Collection 9 October 2022** amounted to £1,755.59. Standing orders for September amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

**Funeral of the late Matty Brennan** will take place on Tuesday 25 October at 1:00pm at Kensal Green Crematorium. All are welcome to join afterwards for soup and sandwiches in The Rising Sun, 25 Harlesden Road NW10 2BY. May he rest in peace.

**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. Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only. Deadline for applications is Thursday 3 November 2022.

**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.

**Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 7 November at 11:30am.

**Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications.** On Saturday 12 November from 2:00pm - 4:00pm and Sunday 13 November from 4:30pm - 6:00pm, Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications. 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/>

**Mass of Remembrance**, for all those whose funerals have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:30pm on Thursday 17 November. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).** 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: [allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk)

**Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School and Nursery Open Days.** If you have a child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2023, open days will take place on the following dates: **Reception: 8 November at 3:30pm, Nursery: 9 November**

**at 3:30pm.** There is no requirement to book a place.

**St Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group** will be holding a charity 'Race Night' on Saturday 12 November at Tonys Bar 356-360 Willesden High Road commencing at 8:00pm. Please arrive early to reserve your table. The Parish Special Needs Group is a registered charity which has been active in the community for over 50 years. All monies raised from the evening will be used to pay for a Christmas lunch and gifts for people in and around the parish with learning disabilities and who need permanent care. This will be the Group's first event since the Covid pandemic began. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



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: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/> Anyone unable to book online should contact the Parish Office.

**Volunteers are required to steward the procession. Please let the Parish Office know if you are available. You would need to arrive at the church at 10:45am and will be given guidance.**

## Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Veronica Jumbo will take place on Friday 28 October at 12 noon followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:30pm

May she rest in peace

## Diocesan News

**World Mission Sunday** This year, World Mission Sunday falls on 23 October. This year's theme is 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund to support developing or impoverished Catholic communities around the world: visit: <https://missio.org.uk/wms>

## Mass Intentions Week commencing 23 October 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Antonio Santan Barreto	<b>Anniv</b>
Sunday	9:00am	Caetano Pereira	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	Monica & Pamela Morrow	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	Maria Williams	<b>RIP</b>
Monday	9:30am	Bridie Rock	<b>Ints</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Sister Raymunda	<b>Ints</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	<b>Ints</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Mary Maher	<b>RIP</b>
Friday	9:30am	Joseph Flaherty	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	Funeral - Veronica Jumbo	<b>RIP</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Carole Portsmouth	<b>Anniv</b>