

## Presbytery

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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

30 OCTOBER 2022

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

## Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus (Lk 19: 1- 10)

**Meditation:** What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honor of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

### Faith welcomes Christ in our heart and home

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) urges us to climb the sycamore tree like Zacchaeus that we might see Jesus and embrace his cross for our lives:

Zacchaeus climbed away from the crowd and saw Jesus without the crowd getting in his way. The crowd laughs at the lowly, to people walking the way of humility, who leave the wrongs they suffer in God's hands and do not insist on getting back at their enemies. The crowd laughs at the lowly and says, 'You helpless, miserable clod, you cannot even stick up for yourself and get back what is your own.' The crowd gets in the way and prevents Jesus from being seen. The crowd boasts and crows when it is able to get back what it owns. It blocks the sight of the one who said as he hung on the cross, 'Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing... He ignored the crowd that was getting in his way. He instead climbed a sycamore tree, a tree of 'silly fruit.' As the apostle says, 'We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block indeed to the Jews, [now notice the sycamore] but folly to the Gentiles.' Finally, the wise people of this world laugh at us about the cross of Christ and say, 'What sort of minds do you people have, who worship a crucified God?' What sort of minds do we have? They are certainly not your kind of mind. 'The wisdom of this world is folly with God.' No, we do not have your kind of mind. You call our minds foolish. Say what you like, but for our part, let us climb the sycamore tree and see Jesus. The reason you cannot see Jesus is that you are ashamed to climb the sycamore tree. Let Zacchaeus grasp the sycamore tree, and let the humble person climb the cross. That is little enough, merely to climb it. We must not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but we must fix it on our foreheads, where the seat of shame is. Above where all our blushes show is the place we must firmly fix that for which we should never blush. As for you, I rather think you make fun of the sycamore, and yet that is what has enabled me to see Jesus. You make fun of the sycamore, because you are just a person, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men.' [Sermon 174.3]

The Lord Jesus is always ready to make his home with each one of us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in every area of your life?

*Fr Allan*

**Those who are sick:** Jim Feeney

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Duncan Michael Adamson,  
Denis Fogarty Snr, Amy Ryan, John Daroux

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Eric, Ann &  
Stanley Lindford, Carole Portsmouth, Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan, John O'Sullivan, Kevin Hennessy

## Parish News

**Collection 16 October 2022** amounted to £1,542.21. Standing orders for September amounted to £3,495.00. Thank you.

**The Sick & Retired Priests' collection is next week.** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

**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.

**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.

**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. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

**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/>

## 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.

**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. No e-cards or e-vouchers as these are difficult to distribute. 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.

## Mass Intentions Week commencing 30 October 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Manning	<b>Ints</b>
Sunday	9:00am	Eric, Ann & Stanley Lindford	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Grazmila & Francis Andrade	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
	6:30pm	Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan	<b>Anniv</b>
Monday	9:30am	Gerard Donovan	<b>RIP</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
Friday	9:30am	Margaret Hogan	<b>RIP</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>