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This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust 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

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
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Today you will be with me in paradise (Lk 23:35-43)

Meditation: Do you recognize that the Lord Jesus has been given all authority and power by his Father in heaven to reign over all creation - including the heavens and the earth? Jesus was crucified for his claim to be the Anointed King sent by the Father in heaven (Jn 18:37 and Lk 23:38) to establish his kingdom not only for his people Israel, but for all nations and peoples as well (Dn 7:13-14; Mt 24:30 and Mt 26:63-64).

Jesus' claim to kingship. Jesus came to deliver his people, and the whole world, from the worst kind of tyranny possible - from bondage to sin, guilt and condemnation, and from the wages of sin which is death (Rm 6:23) and separation from an all-merciful and just Father who gave us his son to set us free and to adopt us as his beloved sons and daughters. Jesus came to conquer hearts and souls for an imperishable kingdom - a kingdom ruled not by force or fear - but by the power of God's righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rm 14:17).

When Satan tempted Jesus during his forty day fast in the wilderness, he offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Mt 4:8-9). Jesus knew that the world was in Satan's power. And this was precisely why Jesus came - to overthrow Satan's power and deception over the earth. Jesus knew that the way to victory was through obedience to his Father's will and plan to lay down his life for us and reverse the curse of sin and death for us. The Father sent his only begotten Son into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it through the atoning sacrifice which Jesus would make for us through the shedding of his blood on the cross of Calvary.

Which ruler and kingdom do you serve? The Scriptures tell us that there are ultimately only two kingdoms in this world which are opposed to one another - the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom is ruled by one lord or master - the Lord Jesus Christ who is the true "Light of the World" - and the false messiah and deceiver who is called the "anti-Christ" and the "angel of light" who rules over men and women through the power of false promises, lies, and temptation to sin and disobedience.

If we follow the Lord Jesus and entrust our lives to him he will open our eyes to the light of his truth and guide us by his Holy Spirit along the path that leads to our true homeland with God. If we follow the course which is set by the ruler of this present world - a world which is opposed to Christ and blinded by Satan - then we will discover that sin, pride, and deception will lead us down a path of destruction, death, and separation, rather than life, freedom, and friendship with God and the people he has redeemed with the precious blood of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Which kingdom will you serve - today, tomorrow, and for all eternity? This present world will pass away, but God's kingdom will endure forever. If we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and King and submit to his rule for our lives, we become citizens of heaven and inherit an everlasting kingdom which is ruled by righteousness, peace, and love. Is the Lord Jesus the true King and Master of your life?

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: Jim Feeney

Those who have died recently: John Daroux, Denis Fogarty Snr, Kevin (Brendan) Duncan, Daniele Torriere, Thomas Bradley, Alice (Amy) Ryan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bill Mawn,

Brian McAlinden, Teresa McGovern

Parish News

Collection 6 November 2022 amounted to £1,401.43. Standing orders for October amounted to £3,814.00. Thank you.

Confirmation 2023. There will be a first meeting in the church on Monday 5 December 2022 at 7:00pm, for Confirmation parents/ carers and candidates, who have registered. Dates, times and venue of both Confirmation sessions and parents' meetings will be provided at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you all there.

An email was sent earlier in the week to all parents/carers and candidates regarding this 'First Meeting' if you did not receive one can you please inform the parish office to ensure we have your correct details going forward.

Christmas International Party on Saturday 17 December 2022 from 6:00pm - 10:00pm at St. Mary Magdalen School Hall. Plenty of food and drink to tickle your palate, music to put you into the festive mood, prizes galore with raffle tickets and Santa to greet you all. A family evening to bring in the Spirit of Christmas!

Christmas Mass Times. Please note that Christmas Masses will be as follows:

- Saturday 24 December 2022—6:30pm Mass (First Mass of Christmas) with Nativity play.
- Saturday 24 December 2022—Carols at 9:30pm followed by Mass at 10:00pm.
- Sunday 25 December 2022, Masses at 9:00am, 10:30am and 12 noon. There is no evening Mass.

Any of the above Masses will fulfil the Christmas obligation. Christmas 2022 and New Year 2023 leaflets will be available next month.

Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem)

which is based in Nottingham, and whose goal it is to support and help the Christian families in the Holy Land to stay at work as olive wood carvers; one of the most important sources of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. By selling their products it helps to prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem has highlighted there are only 41,000 Christians left in the area. The Good Shepherd Company will be at our church to sell the olive wood carvers products, on the weekend of the 10/11 December.

Parish Database. All parishioners, both old and new, should complete a parish registration form. If you have registered previously, and your personal contact information has changed, please complete another form as General Data Protection Regulations requires us to ensure all data held is up to date and accurate. Registration forms can be found in the rack in the side porch or at the back of the church. Completed forms should be posted through the door of the Presbytery. Thank you.

Parish Newsletter. All notices for the weekly Sunday Parish newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.

HELLO CHILDREN!



Dear Children,
If you are in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3,
Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 we would love you to
join us for our Children's Liturgy on

Sundays. Come to the 10:30am Mass (during Term Time) and learn about the Gospel for the day, Mass and your Catholic faith. At the end of the session you will have a Learning Sheet to complete at home and return the following Sunday. You will, also, tell your parents/carers what you have been learning.

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

God Bless, Mrs Chappet and Miss Cox

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November 2022. For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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.

SVP. The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to *SVP* or by bank transfer to NatWest sort code 60-60-04, account no. 46088237. Thank you so much for your support.

Christmas Celebration. The annual Christmas Celebration concerts at Westminster Cathedral takes place on 20 and 21 December. For tickets visit: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 20 November 2022

Saturday	6:30pm	Brian McAlinden	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Teresa McGovern	Anniv
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	William O'Sullivan	RIP
	6:30pm	Bill Mawn	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Sean Gavigan	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Domnic Antonette	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Patrick O'Connor	RIP