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This Parish is part of Westminster
Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust
Registered Charity No: 233699

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm & 12 midnight
Sunday: 9:00am*, 10:30am (Includes
Children's Liturgy) 12noon & 6:30pm

Monday— Friday: 9:30am*

Saturday: 9:30am* & 6:30pm

*Livestreamed

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

JANUARY —MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 JANUARY 2023 - YEAR A

'Look: there is the Lamb of God' (Jn 1:29-34)

Meditation: John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Ex 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Cor 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Rm 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Mt 10:28).

John points to Jesus' saving mission - to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Ex 29). John recognized that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

The Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus truly is - the Son of God and Saviour of the world. When John says he did not know Jesus (Jn 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things.

Fr Allan

Those who are sick: James & Gareth Hayes, Peter Corcoran, Valerie Fredrick

Those who have died recently: Paul Burke, Sean Fox, Anthony Poku, Francis Maguire, Francis McGeown, Ina Murphy, Paddy Mangan, Vera Hayes, Henry Padden, DeAndre Jules-Carbon, Mary Sweeney

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sheila Rice, Muriel Bridgette Charles, Sean Hendry, Helen Langan, Austin Sweeney

Parish News

Collection 8 January 2023 amounted to £1,390.20.

Standing orders for December amounted to £3,427.00.
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Crib Offering 2022. Please visit the crib where you will see that the Kings have now arrived. Your generosity for the *Catholic Children's Society* has already raised £912.60 which will be most welcome for families struggling this winter. The crib will remain in church until Candlemas (The Presentation of the Lord): 02 February 2023.

Mary Sweeney Funeral (former Parishioner 1973 - 2006).
Mary's funeral will take place on Thursday 2 February at 11:00am at the Sacred Heart of Jesus and St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, London Road WD23 1BA. May she rest in peace.

What happens if you go into hospital? In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that, on entering hospital, you indicate that your details (or those of your relative) are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you, or your relative, would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

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.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Ina Patricia Murphy will take place on
Thursday 19 January at 12:15pm followed by Cremation at
West London Crematorium at 1:45pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Francis Patrick McGeown will take place on
Friday 20 January at 11:00am followed by Burial at
St Mary's Cemetery at 1:00pm

May they rest in peace

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2023. For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Peace Sunday. This Sunday, 15 January, is Peace Sunday and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace." He asks us, "What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us more forward and try to make our world a better place?" A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in *Pax Christi*, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>.

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to *Pax Christi*, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY.

First Holy Communion 2023



The First Holy Communion Programme for all those who have registered **begins on Monday 16 January 2023** with a Parent/Candidate meeting at St Mary Magdalen Church at 5:30pm. A letter and timetable outlining the Programme have been emailed to you. If you have any questions regarding the Programme please email: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

CONFIRMATION 2023



The Confirmation Programme for all those who have registered **begins on Monday 16 January 2023** with Session 1 "Getting Started" at the Church of Transfiguration, Kensal Rise NW10 3HT on the corner of Chamberlayne Road and Wrentham Avenue. The 6, 52 and 302 'busses stop at Whitmore Gardens. Classes will start at 6:30pm. A letter and timetable outlining the Programme have been emailed to you. If you have any questions regarding the Programme please email: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Mass Intentions Week commencing 15 January 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Sunday :	9:00am	Bernard Collins	Ints
	10:30am	St Mary Magdalen's School	Ints
	12 noon	Antonette Fernandes	Ints
	6:30pm	Austin Sweeney	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Terenco Da Costa & Chanelle De Souza	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Peter Manning	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Helen Langan	Anniv
	12:15pm	Funeral - Ina Murphy	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Rita Cummins	RIP
	11:00am	Funeral - Francis McGeown	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Fr Duncan Adamson	RIP