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

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm 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** THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY —MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS 8 IANUARY 2023 - YEAR A

I think a lot us will remember Saturday 17 December. You may be scratching your head and wondering why, but when I remind you that it was the day the water went off, you will not find it hard to remember it. Many of us suddenly realised how dependent on water we are, and how much we take it for granted that when we turn on the tap, it will flow in abundance. You may remember this was the day of Christmas celebrations in both of the parishes, both of which were under threat from the water shortage. I caused much confusion by cancelling and then reinstating the party at Willesden Green. The school caretaker came through with the good news that the water was flowing!

Today, the prayers and readings turn our attention to the water of baptism. This is water nearly all of us have shared. Some of you may remember your baptism. Many of you will remember the baptism of your children or perhaps of your godchildren. We remind ourselves of our baptism when we bless ourselves with Holy Water. I wonder how clearly you remember the promises taken at baptism? They are some of the most important words a Christian can ever say, either for themselves or for an infant. They are words with which we renounce evil and affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in the Holy Catholic Church.

Like water from the tap, we can sometimes take our baptism and the promises made at it for granted, yet they are as basic to our spiritual life as water is to our physical life. Maybe remind yourselves of yours and your family's baptism by finding the photos.

When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan by John a voice came from heaven: 'This is my Son the Beloved; my favour rests on him'. May we know that God's favour rests on us also, who share in the baptism of Jesus Christ. May we always lead lives pleasing to God our Father.

Monsignor Roger.

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

Those who have died recently: Sean Fox, Maryse Zarzycka, Michael (Mick) Flynn, Anthony Poku, Francis Maguire, Francis McGeown, Ina Murphy, Paddy Mangan, Vera Hayes, Henry Padden, DeAndre Jules-Carbon

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Donnellan, Muriel Bridgette Charles, Louis Keleghan, Jean Edinborough

Parish News

Collection 1 January 2023 amounted to £2,164.55.

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 £809.09 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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. New rotas have been emailed to you. Paper copies are available from the Parish Office upon request.

The Epiphany Mass. It was good to welcome Bishop John to celebrate Mass with us for the Epiphany. The Bishop also enrolled many of our servers into the Guild of St Stephen. We will soon be recruiting for new altar servers - watch this space!

Sound system. The sound system in the church has been upgraded, and I hope there is now better coverage throughout the building. Apologies to Livestream viewers last week for the lack of sound - it was my fault for not explaining everything clearly to the engineer.

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.

Parish Diary Notices 5:30pm -Monday 16 January 2023 6:30pm

First Holy Communion 2023 Parent/Candidate Meeting at St Mary Magdalens Church Confirmation 2023 Monday 6:30pm -"Getting Started" at The Church 7:30pm 16 January 2023 of Transfiguration, Kensal Rise

Accepting Contactless Donations



You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal at the back entrance of the church. Just use your contactless debit/ credit card or smart phone/ device to make a

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient. Payment can also be made for Candles and for your 'Christmas Offering' and 'Crib' donations.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Maryse Claudette Zarzycka will take place on Thursday 12 January at 10:30am followed by Burial at Gunnersbury Cemetery at 12 noon

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late Michael Francis Flynn will take place on Friday 13 January at 12 noon followed by Burial at Kensal Green Cemetery, Harrow Road at 1:30pm

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.

YOU ARE WELCOME.. Their mission is to support organisations to open their doors and provide a warm welcome for those struggling to heat their homes this winter. https:// www.warmwelcome.uk/

New Year's resolution - Volunteering for CAFOD. CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join their mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of CAFOD's volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21 January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1 February. Please email Tony at CAFOD for further details: westminster@cafod.org.uk or telephone: 020 8449 6970.

Newman Catholic College, NW10 publishes a termly Magazine. Please follow the link below and have a glance at the activities happening at Newman: https://www.ncc.brent.sch.uk/ attachments/download.asp?file=2268&type=pdf

Right To Life UK. "As we begin this new year, let us pray that the Holy Spirit would rest on all mothers and fathers expecting a new baby, giving them the peace and serenity they need as the birth of their child draws near. Lord hear us."

Mass Intentions Week commencing 8 January 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Louis Keleghan	Anniv
Sunday:	9:00am	Anne & Harry Manning	RIP
	10:30am	Bill Humphries	Anniv
	12 noon	Jack Leonard	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Joaquim Rodrigues	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Peter Manning	Ints
Wednesda	y 9:30am	Antony John Chalissery	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
	10:30am	Funeral - Maryse Zarzycka	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Mollie Minnock	RIP
	12 noon	Funeral - Michael Francis Flynn	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Sean Hendry	Anniv