



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
FEBRUARY —MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12 FEBRUARY 2023
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Parish office opening times:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Mass Times This Week

Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

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

Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*
*Livestreamed

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession: Saturdays:
10:00am—10:30am & 5:30pm— 6:15pm

You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you (Mt 5:17-37)

Meditation: Why do people tend to view the "law of God" negatively rather than positively? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day."

For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the Ten Commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law because it placed burdens on people which God had not intended.

The essence of God's law. Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another.

Reverence and respect. Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbour lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbour. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways?

The Holy Spirit transforms our minds and hearts. Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Saviour and Humble Lord. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who encourage others, especially the younger generations, to love, respects, and obey the Lord. Do you trust in God's love and allow his Holy Spirit to fill you with a thirst for holiness and righteousness in every area of your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with a burning desire and reverence for God's life-giving word so that you may grow day by day in the wisdom and knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, begin a new work of love within me. Instil in me a greater love and respect for your commandments. Give me a burning desire to live a life of holiness and righteousness. Purify my thoughts, desires, and intentions that I may only desire what is pleasing to you and in accord with your will.

Fr Allan

Parish News

Collection 5 February: £1,827.75.

Standing orders for January: £3,371.00. Thank you.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2023. Due to the half term break there will be no classes this Monday 13 February 2023. Classes will recommence on Monday 20 February 2023.

Ash Wednesday —the start of Lent. Masses on Wednesday 22 February 2023 will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm. Don't forget to do something extra as well as giving things up during Lent—perhaps an extra Mass or pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm in the church.

FLAME 2023. *Flame* is the biggest Catholic youth event in the UK and will take place on Saturday 4 March 2023 at OVO Wembley Arena. It starts at 12 noon until 5:40pm. The theme is "Rise Up!" Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. It is open to everyone aged school Year 9 (usually 14 years old) through to University age. The cost is £24. Should you wish to join us on this fantastic day out, register your interest and pay for your ticket through the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year will commence on 9 April 2023. If you have a set of envelopes and no longer use them or would like to have a set of Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year, please let the Parish Office know. Standing Order is however the easiest way to contribute to the church. Both Planned Giving envelopes and Standing Orders can allow your contributions to be Gift Aided. This means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you have any questions regarding Planned Giving.

In response to the Parish Synod Consultation, I am pleased to announce that Maria Nowicka has been appointed as Parish Outreach Worker. She will be helping us all with Adult Formation, Caritas Social Action and Youth Ministry.



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 donation. 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.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Matilda Blaize
will take place on Friday 17 February at 12:15pm
followed by Cremation
at West London Crematorium at 1:45pm
May she rest in peace

Mass Intentions Week Commencing Sunday 12 February 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Brege Howard	Ints
Sunday :	9:00am	Cecilia & James Lindford	Anniv
	10:30am	Baltazar & Odelia Benoit	Ints
	12 noon	Teresa & Jim Cafferkey	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday:	9:30am	Muriel & Alvino Fernandes	Ints
Tuesday:	9:30am	Martina, Kenneth, Ava & Leonard	Ints
Wednesday:	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Thursday:	9:30am	Michael Whelton	Anniv
Friday :	9:30am	Henry & Patricia Cummins	RIP
	12:15pm	Funeral - Matilda Blaize	RIP
Saturday:	9:30am	Elizabeth & Charles Goldsmith	RIP

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention February 2023. For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal. CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Marriage Encounter is a Catholic movement to help enrich marriage, nurture healthy family relationships and bring God to the heart of your marriage and family. Next residential is on 3-5 March in Swindon, or 13-14 May 2023 Online at: <https://wwme>.

Lourdes Pilgrimage—Friday 21 to Friday 28 July 2023. Please register your 'Expressions of Interest' at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

Please Pray for

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

Those who have died recently: Phils Modeste, Catherine Delsol, Raymond Modeste, Matilda Blaize, Mary Carmody, Margaret Turner, Elizabeth (Betty) Lyons, Roberto Tanzi, Kathleen Higgins, John Martin, Louis Brennan, Mark Conroy

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Neville Bryan, Francis Benoît, Lucita Benoît, Oliver Simon, Mick & Josephine Howard, Ellie McAndrew Murphy, May McClay, Cecilia & James Lindford, Patricia Corboy