



**ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**FEBRUARY —MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**19 FEBRUARY 2023**  
**YEAR A**

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### Presbytery

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### Parish Clergy

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#### Parish Administrator

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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— Tuesday:** 9:30am\*

**Wednesday:** 9:30am\* & 7:00pm

**Friday & Saturday:** 9:30am\*

\*Livestreamed

### Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:  
One hour before morning Mass

**Confession:** Saturdays:

10:00am—10:30am & 5:30pm— 6:15pm

### Love your enemies (Mt 5:38-48)

**Meditation:** If someone insults you or tries to take advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? Jesus approached the question of just retribution with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. When Jesus spoke about God's law, he did something no one had done before. He gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice - giving each their due - but based on the law of grace, love, and freedom.

#### Grace of the Holy Spirit

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. The Lord Jesus suffered insult, abuse, injustice, and death on a cross for our sake. Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and guilt (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7, I John 1:7, Revelation 1:5). Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of his Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbour, even those who cause us grief and harm.

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. Do you know the power and freedom of Christ's redeeming love and mercy?

#### Freedom and power to love as God loves

God knows our sinfulness and weaknesses better than we do - and he assures us of his love, mercy, and help. That is why he freely gives us his power, strength, and gifts so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters (2 Peter 1:3). Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbour? Ask the Holy Spirit to purify and transform you in the image of the Father that you may know and live in the joy and freedom of the Gospel.

**Prayer.** Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.

*Fr Allan*

## Parish News

**Collection 12 February:** £1,698.18

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

**Pastoral Letter for this Sunday, 18/19 February 2023.** The Cardinal has written a pastoral letter for this Sunday. The Cardinal writes *'to give you every possible encouragement to use these weeks of Lent to refresh and deepen your faith.'* Paper copies are available for you to take home after Mass today or a copy can be viewed on the Parish Website at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-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. Happy Lent!

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023.** Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

## Parish Diary Notices

Date	Time	Group/Location
Monday 20 February	5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>First Holy Communion 2023</b> Ch 3: 'Celebration our rescue' at St Mary Magdalens School
Monday 20 February	6:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Confirmation 2023</b> - Session 5 'Why did Jesus Have to Die?' at Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Friday 24 February	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross - in the church

## Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Margaret Theresa Turner** will take place on Monday 20 February at 12 noon followed by Burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:30pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Mary Carmody** will take place on Tuesday 21 February at 12 noon followed by Burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:30pm

May they rest in peace

## Mass Intentions Sunday 19 February 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Peter & Daniel Mulhern	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Nemesio Larranaga	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	Alice & The O'Connor Family	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	Fr Mick Lally	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Catherine & Antony Murray	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	Funeral - Margaret Turner	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Andy Murphy & Peg Murphy	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	Funeral - Mary Carmody	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Oliver Gilbride	<b>Ints</b>
	7:00pm	Celebrants Intentions	
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Paul Watts	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Thomas Butler	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Tony Murphy	<b>RIP</b>

## 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>.

## Please Pray for...

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Carmody, Margaret Turner, Elizabeth (Betty) Lyons, Kathleen Higgins, John Martin, Louis Brennan, Mark Conroy  
**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Augustine Daroux, John Sullivan, Gabriel Bougouneau, Josephine Bougouneau, Fitzroy Bougouneau, Steven Bougouneau, Fr Mick Lally, Peter & Daniel Mulhern, Michael Whelton, Finbar 'Barry' O'Shea