



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH—MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

5 MARCH 2023 - YEAR A

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Parish office opening times:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and
Fridays :
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

His face shone like the sun

Mt 17:1-9

Meditation: Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? God made a promise to Abraham that he would make him a channel of great blessing not only to his own family and future descendants but to all the families of the earth as well (Gn 12:3)! The condition for the fulfilment of this promise was simple and straightforward - "Go from your family and country to the land that I will show you" (Gn 12:1). Abraham not only believed in God's promise, he promptly obeyed and did as the Lord commanded him. God chose Abraham as his instrument of blessing - that through him and his descendants would come, the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ who would reveal the glory and blessing of God's kingdom and bring salvation for all who would call upon his name.

Christ's way to glory

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory - follow me - obey my words. Take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessing of my Father's kingdom - your name, too, will be written in heaven. Jesus fulfilled his mission on Calvary where he died for our sins so that Paradise and everlasting life would be restored to us. He embraced the cross to win a crown of glory - a crown that awaits each one of us, if we, too, will follow in his footsteps.

Luke's Gospel tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep (Luke 9:32)! Upon awakening they discovered Jesus in glory along with Moses and Elijah. How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a block until we can see past it to the glory of God.

We are partakers of his glory

Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Jesus Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, keep me always alert to you, to your word, your action, and your constant presence in my life. Let me see your glory.

Fr Allan

Parish News

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE CHURCH FOR BUILDING WORKS

As I am sure you will have noticed, the wooden floor of the church is in urgent need of restoration. It is worn in many places, scratched and some of the blocks have become loose.

The restoration of the Sacristy floor will take place from Wednesday 8 March until Saturday morning 11 March. The Sacristy and flower room will be closed.

The restoration of the main church floor will take place from the morning of Monday 20 of March until Saturday afternoon 25 March. The church will be closed during this time.

The Masses, with their intentions, will still be offered either in private or at a concelebrated Mass at The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise. This Canon Law applies: *Can. 945 §1. In accord with the approved practice of the Church, any priest celebrating or concelebrating is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention.*

Local Mass times while the church is closed:

Transfiguration Kensal Rise, Chamberlayne Road NW10 3HT:
Tuesday – Friday 10:00am.

Sacred Heart, Quex Road NW6 4PS: Monday – Saturday
10:00am.

St Mary & St Andrew, Dollis Hill, Dollis Hill Lane NW2 6HE:
Monday – Wednesday 9:30am

St Agnes Cricklewood, Cricklewood Lane, NW2 1HR: Monday –
Friday 9:15am

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 26 February: £1,743.76

Standing orders for January: £3,371.00

Contactless Income for January: £849.07

Dona Contactless Device has unfortunately been stolen. It will be replaced as soon as possible.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3 March– Lent Appeal. A second collection will take place after all Masses this weekend when your donations this Lent to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Envelopes are also available or you can donate online at: cafod.org.uk/give.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023. Parishioners can pick up a *Cardinal's Lenten Appeal* donation leaflet at the back of church. 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.

Parish Diary Notices

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group/Location</u>
Monday 6 March	5:30pm - 6:30pm	First Holy Communion 2023 Ch 7: 'Bread to Offer' at St Mary Magdalens School
Monday 6 March	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Confirmation 2023 - Session 7 'In Search of the Holy Spirit' at Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Friday 10 March	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Elizabeth Lyons will take place on Tuesday 7 March
at 11:00am followed by
Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Mark James Conroy will take place on Tuesday 7 March
at 1:00pm followed by
Cremation at West London Crematorium at 2:30pm

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions Sunday 5 March 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Billy Hughes	Anniv
Sunday :	9:00am	John O'Neill	Ints
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Phyllis & Tom Attridge	Anniv
	6:30pm	Oliver Gomes	Anniv
Monday:	9:30am	John Armstrong	RIP
Tuesday:	9:30am	Noreen Carolan	Anniv
	11:00am	Funeral - Elizabeth Lyons	RIP
	1:00pm	Funeral - Mark Conroy	RIP
Wednesday:	9:30am	Agnes Trimble	Ints
Thursday:	9:30am	Deceased members of Casmir Roman & Cecilia D'Souza	RIP
Friday :	9:30am	St Mary Magdalen & St Martin De Porres	
Saturday:	9:30am	May Rigley	Anniv

Please Pray for...

Those who are sick: Mary Brady

Those who have died recently: Fr Seamus Joseph Fullam, Elizabeth (Betty) Lyons, Mark Conroy, Maureen Humphries

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Billy Hughes, Phyllis & Tom Attridge, George & Beatrice Wallace, Noreen Carolan, Alex & Yvonne, Oliver Gomes