



## ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH — MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

12 MARCH 2023 - YEAR A

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### Presbytery

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### Parish Clergy

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### Parish Office

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#### Parish Administrator

Kathleen Reddington

#### 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

How are you at taking risks? Maybe you're the sort of person who likes to live life on the edge – driving in the fast lane, enjoying a risky sport, walking into a room full of strangers and just starting to chat. I am not that sort of person – I gave up driving ten years ago because I thought I was an accident waiting to happen. So, I have to tell you, I was not looking forward to taking many of our young confirmation candidates on their trip to Flame last weekend. We live in a world of risk assessments, which tell you all the things which can go wrong, and these weigh on my mind. I have to tell you, it was a risk worth taking. Just to see 8000 young people celebrating their Catholic faith together was inspiring.

There is a risk in the encounter we read about in the gospel today. It is the beautiful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Two thousand years later, this does not seem so extraordinary, but in the time of Jesus they were both taking a huge risk simply by talking to each other. What they were risking was their good name and reputation in a very small world. Jewish people simply did not talk to Samaritan people. Men and women who neither related nor married simply did not talk to each other. And, to make matters worse, this woman was clearly someone with 'a past'. People might draw all sorts of wrong and scandalous conclusions by seeing Jesus talk to her.

It was a risk worth taking. The woman, who knows the Messiah is coming, hears these amazing words of Jesus: 'I who am speaking to you, I am he.' He reveals himself as the Messiah, the Christ. She has had an encounter with God.

So many of you take risks in the deepest sense of that word – you have met, fallen in love and married. You have brought new life into the world. You have moved continents and countries to care for your children and families at home.

May we all be given courage to take risks under God's grace!

Monsignor Roger

## 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 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

**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.

**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. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

## Parish Diary Notices

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group/Location</u>
Monday 13 March	5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>First Holy Communion 2023</b> Ch 8: 'Fruit of the Vine' <u>at St Mary Magdalens Church</u>
Monday 13 March	6:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Confirmation 2023</b> - Session 8 Prayer-Staying in touch with the Living God' at Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Friday 17	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church

### **Mass Intentions Sunday 12 March 2023**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	Denis O'Connor	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Ellen Dunn	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Bernard, Teresa & Bernadette Mahon	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	May & Ronnie McClay	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Mick Sherlock	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Patricia Corbo	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Fr James McNulty	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Bridget McNulty	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Mary Killian	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Lar Rigley	<b>Anniv</b>

## Diocesan News

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention March 2023.** For victims of **abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13 May 2023 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the Parish Office at: [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk) the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) no later than Thursday 30 March 2023.

**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:** Mary Brady

**Those who have died recently:** Maureen Humphries, Phils Modeste, Raymond Modeste

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr James McNulty CSSp, Mary Killian, Ellen Dunn, May & Ronnie McClay, Dennis O'Connor, Mary Teresa Ryan