



# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL — MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2 APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: Registered Charity Number 233699

## Presbytery

Peter Avenue, Willesden Green, NW10 2DD

Tel: 020 8451 4677

Parish Website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/>

YouTube: [St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](#)

## Parish Clergy

### Parish Priest

Monsignor Roger Reader KCHS

Email: [rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk)

### Assistant Priest

Father Allan Alvarado Gil

Email: [allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk)

Email: [kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:kensalrise@rcdow.org.uk)

### Sri Lankan Chaplain

Father Ruwan Deshapriya

[ruwanhp@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ruwanhp@rcdow.org.uk)

## Parish Office

Email: [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk)

## Mass Times This Week

Monday—Wednesday: 9:30am

**Maunder Thursday:** 8:00pm

### Good Friday:

Children's Stations of the Cross: 10:00am

Stations of the Cross: 11:30am

The Passion: 3:00pm

### Holy Saturday:

The Easter Vigil: 8:00pm

**Easter Sunday:** 9:00am, 10:30am (includes Children's Liturgy) 12:00 noon

*No Evening Mass*

## Eucharistic Adoration

Monday—Wednesday: 8:15am—9:15am

## Confession

Monday—Wednesday: 10:00am—10:30am

Penitential Service: Monday 3 April 7:00pm

Good Friday: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Holy Saturday: 10:00am—11:00am

## Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mt 21:1.11)



**Meditation:** Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.*

Those who believe, hope, and love receive Christ's kingdom of peace and eternal life. The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

**Prayer.** Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honoured as the King of glory!

*Fr Allan*

## Parish News

**Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 26 March:** £1,431.88

**Standing orders for February:** £3,288.00

**Contactless Income for February:** £399.50

**Thank you** for your patience and understanding whilst the Sacristy and church floors were being restored. I am sure you will all agree that the floors look absolutely marvellous!

**Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year 2023/2024** for existing users are available for collection from the sacristy after Mass. The new envelopes should be used commencing next Sunday 9 April 2023. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you need any assistance with Planned Giving.

**Holy Week and Easter Week Timetables** are available on the tables and racks at the back of the church or in the side porch to take home with you today. Please give them out to anyone who may be thinking of coming to the parish over Easter.

**Penitential Service.** Tomorrow Monday 3 April, there will be a Penitential Service at St Mary Magdalen's church at 7:00pm. I encourage you all to come to this service.

**Easter Offering.** The offering on Easter Sunday, as on Christmas Day, is one of the main sources of income, for priests in the parish. For those who support the parish by using the Planned Giving envelopes, you will find an 'Easter offering envelope', in your envelope box. Parishioners who support the parish in other ways, may wish to use one of the Easter envelopes, that will be found on the tables in the church or on your benches. Donations can also be made under 'Easter Offering' on the contactless machine at the back of the church. Those presently not attending public Mass, may wish to drop their Easter Offering into the presbytery letter box. Your support is appreciated.

**Holy Places Collection.** There will be a collection for the Holy Places after the liturgies on Good Friday.

**Easter Sunday.** Please note there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday 9 April 2023.

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation sessions 2023.** Classes will recommence after the Easter holidays on Monday 17 April.



## 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. The Machine can be used to make an offertory donation, to pay for candles and to make an 'Easter Offering' 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 Notice

The Reception of the late **Mary Teresa Brady** will take place on Monday 10 April. The cortège will leave James Crooks, Funeral Directors, 109 High Road, Willesden London NW10 2SL at 4:40pm followed by the Reception at 5:00pm.

The Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 11 April at 11:00am followed by Burial at Paddington Old Cemetery at 12:30pm  
Family flowers only please

May she rest in peace

## Mass Intentions Sunday 2 April 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	Christopher Quadros	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Bridget Connell	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	James Cleary & Kathleen Cleary	<b>RIP</b>
	12 noon	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
	6:30pm	Joseph & Bridget McNulty	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Eamon O'Brien	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Julia Naughton	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Sr Sarah Lennon	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	
	10:50pm	Compline	
<b>Friday :</b>	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lords Passion	
<b>Saturday:</b>	8:00pm	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	

## Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick:** Peter Corcoran, Monica Lynch, Breda Foley

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Brady, Fr Henry Young

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Eddie O'Shaughnessy, Michael O'Connor, Bridget Connell, Oliver Fay

## Diocesan News

**The Passion—Trafalgar Square 7 April 2023.** Wintershall performances at 12noon and 3:15pm. For more information visit: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london>



## Price reduction for WYD 2023 - last chance to book!

This is the last chance to join *Westminster Youth Ministry* for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from 25 July to 9 August to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. There are a few places remaining at this price. Applications close on **14 April 2023**. For more information and booking forms please email: Phobe Prendergast: [phobeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:phobeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk) or Holly Cook: [hollycook@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hollycook@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 3757 2516.