

# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL — MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

30 APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

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## Presbytery

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## Parish Clergy

### Parish Priest

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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) 12 noon & 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

## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD BE A PRIEST?

Last week I had a message from a man asking to come and see me for a chat. I set time aside for him, and wondered what it was he wanted to speak to me about – a marriage? A sick friend? A theological conundrum? As it turned out, it was none of these things. He was a little bit nervous, but what he wanted to talk about was the fact that he felt that he might have a vocation to the priesthood. He said that this feeling had been with him for almost as long as he could remember, but that only recently had he been able to put it onto words. What helped him was a parishioner asking him if he wanted to be a priest. That spurred him on to come and see me.

This is the weekend when we think about and pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Here at St Mary Magdalen's we must pray especially for Deacon Francis Thomas, whom many of you know maybe since he was a boy in the parish. He recently had the good news that the Cardinal will ordain him a priest on 24th June at Westminster Cathedral. He will be saying his First Mass here in this church the next day, Sunday 25th June. To enable as many people to attend as possible, I am going to bring the 10:30am and the 12 noon Masses together, and Francis' Mass will be at 11:00am. This will be followed by a celebration lunch' at St Mary Magdalen's School, where he was a pupil. It will be a time of great rejoicing and thanksgiving for our parish.

The diocese needs more priests. When I was talking with the young man about priesthood, I told him it was a wonderful way of life, a way to serve God and bring His grace to the people of God. It's not without its problems, of course, but it is a great privilege to serve Christ and his church in this way.

What was key to encouraging this man was words from other parishioners suggesting he might have a vocation. If you know any young (or not so young) men who might have a vocation talk to them. Pray for them. It is from parishes like this one that vocations come.

**Monsignor Roger**

## Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick:** Breda Foley, James Hayes, Mary O'Beirne

**Those who have died recently:** Zozimo Templado, Eileen Bougouneau

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick Killian, J.P. Gunarthne, Patrick Cleary

## Parish News

**Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 23 April:** £1,756.50.

**Standing orders for March:** £3,341.00

**Contactless Income for March:** £440.55

**Priest Training Fund.** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **five men** were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you.

**First Holy Communion 2023.** Congratulations to the 41 children from our Parish who celebrated receiving First Holy Communion yesterday for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. May the Lord bless them in their future Christian life.

**Tea/Coffee Morning.** For anyone attending morning Mass on Tuesdays, please join us for a chat and some refreshments in the annexe afterwards. Everyone welcome

**Youth Group - CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YEAR 9 TO YEAR 13!** Please fill out the five survey questions on the small sheet in the newsletter and post your reply in the 'Youth Group Survey' box at the back of the church by May 14th. Thank you!

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING**

**CHARLES III.** On Monday 8 May 2023, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:30am with special music, followed by a bring and share lunch' in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School from 12:45pm until 3:00pm. There will be activities for children. Please let us know if you are coming and if you are able to bring some food. Food lists are available at the back of the church. The usual restrictions apply - no nuts, and no way to keep food warm. **RSVP by email to: [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk)**

**Planned Giving Envelopes for the new tax year 2023/2024.** If you have not yet picked up your box please contact the Parish Administrator either by telephone on 020 8451 4677 or email at: [willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk) and it will be posted to you. If you would like to have a set of Planned Giving envelopes for the new tax year, or contribute to the church via Standing Order please complete an application form which are available on the table at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**Parish Newsletter.** All notices for the weekly Sunday Parish newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.



### **PRAYER FOR THE KING.**

*Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*  
*Amen.*

### **Mass Intentions Sunday 30 April 2023**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	Maureen Humphries	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	J.P. Gunarthne	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Sean Fox	<b>RIP</b>
	12 noon	Patrick Cleary	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Sean Fox	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Margaret Donlon	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Margaret Caulfield	
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Marie Kissane	
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Tom Bradley	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Bellara Fernandes	<b>Anniv</b>

## Diocesan News

**Exhibition: St Francis of Assisi.** The National Gallery is holding an exhibition from 6 May to 30 July 2023 exploring the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi. Curated by the National Gallery's Director, Dr Gabriele Finaldi, and Dr Joost Joustra, the Gallery's Curator in Art and Religion, the exhibition will include paintings by Botticelli, Sassetta, Caravaggio, Murillo, El Greco, and Antony Gormley as well as a new commission from Richard Long. Admission to the exhibition is free and so is likely to be attractive to many people and very popular. For further information see the exhibition's website at <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisi>