



# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL — MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

16 APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

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## Presbytery

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YouTube:

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

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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) 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

## Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them (Jn 20:19-31)

**Meditation:** Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

### Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

### Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life

When Thomas finally had the courage to re-join the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, through your victory over sin and death you have overcome all the powers of sin and darkness. Help me to draw near to you and to trust in your life-giving word. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and strengthen my faith in your promises and my hope in the power of your resurrection.

*Fr Allan*

## Parish News

**Easter Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 9 April:** £5,551.37

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

**Contactless Income for March:** £440.55

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers.** A new rota has been emailed to you. A paper copy is available upon request from the Parish Office.

**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.

**What happens if you go into hospital?** In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that, on entering hospital, you indicate that your details (or those of your relative) are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you, or your relative, would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

## Parish Diary Notices

Date	Time	Group/Location
Monday 17 April	5:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>First Holy Communion 2023</b> Ch 6: 'The Word of the Lord' at <u>St Mary Magdalen's School</u>
Monday 17 April	6:30pm - 7:30pm	<b>Confirmation 2023</b> - Session 11 'Update! Confession! at <u>Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise</u>
Monday	7:30pm	Social Committee - Sacristy

## Mass Intentions Sunday 16 April 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	Ana Piedade Braganza	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Maryse Zarzycka	<b>RIP</b>
	10:30am	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	Agnes Cleary	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	P J Mahoney	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Patrick Boland	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Sadie Kirwan	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Festus Somoila Yesufu-Eke	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Michael Redmond	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Queen Elizabeth II	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Xavier Santalino Fernandes	<b>Anniv</b>

## Please Pray for...

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

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Peter James Maher

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

William Langan, Agnes Cleary, Patrick Boland, Michael Redmond, Annie Dempsey, Jonathan Dempsey



## 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 WILL GO OUT NEXT WEEKEND: 22/23 APRIL.  
THE USUAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY - NO NUTS, AND  
NO WAY TO KEEP FOOD WARM.**

**RSVP BY EMAIL TO:**

**[WILLEDENGREEN@RCDOW.ORG.UK](mailto:WILLEDENGREEN@RCDOW.ORG.UK)**

**LET'S MAKE IT A DAY FOR US ALL TO REMEMBER!**



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.  
Amen.

## Diocesan News

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention April 2023. For a culture of peace and non-violence:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

**Annual Mass for Migrants.** The Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster are celebrating the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1 May 2023, at 12 noon. This year it will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams sm. All are welcome.

**May Procession.** The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden at 3:00pm on Sunday 14 May. The preacher will be Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols from 21 to 28 July 2023. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>