

# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL —MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

23 APRIL 2023 - YEAR A

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## Presbytery

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Parish Website:

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YouTube:

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

Facebook:

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## Parish Clergy

### Parish Priest

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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



As some of you may be aware, I love the work of the artist Caravaggio. He was a most complex person, who got into trouble with the law, whose relationships were stormy and often outside what the Church would approve of, but he was an extraordinary artist who turned the world of art upside down, and got into trouble with many people, clergy included, who did not like his realistic portrayal of religious themes.

Look at the painting above. It shows us a miracle, but there are no thunderclaps or bolts of lightning here. Not an angel to be seen. This is the appearance of Jesus Christ to two frightened men, running away for their lives from Jerusalem. They have told him their story. Now he shows them who he is. No trumpets; no gold; no beauty. A scruffy innkeeper, two men in very ordinary and torn clothes, not much of a meal. Yet it is here that God makes Himself known. The art critics of the day were scandalised by the ordinariness of this picture.

Jesus makes Himself known to us in our ordinary lives also, as we tell him our stories in prayer. He makes Himself known in Bread and Wine – two very ordinary things. It is in our day-to-day life, in our meals together, in our talking together, in accompanying one another through joy and sadness, that Christ will make himself known.

*Monsignor Roger*

## Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick:** Breda Foley, James Hayes

**Those who have died recently:** Joe Moloney, Patrick Costello

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

Molly Ayres, Michael Connell Jnr, Michael Connell Snr, Patrick & Gladys McGowan

## Parish News

**Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 16 April:** £1,402.69

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

**Contactless Income for March:** £440.55

**The Family of the late Mary Brady** would like to thank most sincerely all those who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards and for all the kind words that helped them through a difficult time. A Mass will be offered for your intentions on Wednesday 21 June at 9:30am.

**Priest Training Fund.** Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. 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, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code on the poster to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you.

**First Holy Communion 2023.** Next Saturday 29 April at 11:00am and 2:00pm, our First Holy Communion children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. May the Lord bless them on this special day and in their future Christian life.

**Walkathon.** Our Confirmation Candidates are doing a sponsored walk in Roundwood Park on Saturday 29 April at 10:00am for the charity *Mary's Meals*. I hope if one of them asks you to sponsor them you can help. *Mary's Meals* provides food for hungry school children all over the world.

**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!** We would like to hear from you about what you would like from a Youth Group in our parish. Look out for the survey questions over the next few weeks.

**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.



**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 BE OUT THIS WEEKEND: 22/23 APRIL.  
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)**

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

### Mass Intentions Sunday 23 April 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	William Langan	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Molly Ayres	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Frank Lydon	<b>RIP</b>
	12 noon	Mary Oghogho Iyamu	<b>RIP</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Joan Manuel Antonio Fernandez	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Victor Haddad	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Sean Fox	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Patrick Killian	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Patrick Maloney	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Maria Fernandes	<b>Anniv</b>
	11:00am	First Holy Communion Mass	
	2:00pm	First Holy Communion Mass	

### Parish Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group/Location</u>
Monday 24 April	5:30pm	<b>First Holy Communion 2023</b> Rehearsal for Group 1 (11am FHC Mass) at <u>St Mary Magdalen's Church</u>
Monday 24 April	6:30pm	<b>Confirmation 2023</b> - Confessions at <u>St Mary Magdalen Church</u>
Tuesday 25 April	8:00pm	Finance Committee Meeting <u>Sacristy</u>
Friday 28 April	5:30pm	<b>First Holy Communion 2023</b> Rehearsal for Group 2 (2:00pm FHC Mass) at <u>St Mary Magdalen's Church</u>
Saturday 29 April	10:00am	<b>Confirmation 2023</b> - Sponsored Walkathon at Roundwood Park
Saturday 29 April	11:00am	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> - Group 1 at <u>St Mary Magdalen's Church</u>
Saturday 29 April	2:00pm	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b> - Group 2 at <u>St Mary Magdalen's Church</u>