

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY—MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 MAY 2023 - YEAR A

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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: 9:30am* & 11:30am

Tuesday— Saturday: 9:30am*

*Livestreamed

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:

One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am &

5:30pm— 6:15pm



King Charles III when he was Prince of Wales at the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman
(Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales)

There may have been some words from the Coronation service, which, for Catholics in England, might have been rather difficult to hear. They form part of the Oath of Allegiance, which the King took, as he said:

"I Charles do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant..."

This oath was drawn up in very different times from our own, and they reflect the history which lies behind the monarchy in our lands. They are important in our own age also – the King has said that he is a faithful Anglican.

But, I hope you also saw something else which was also very significant at the Coronation. For the first time (I think) since the coronation of Queen Mary in 1553 there was a Catholic bishop taking part in the service – HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Over the past five hundred years or so, the Catholic Church in England has gone through many different times. From being the faith of the Monarch Henry VIII, the Church was then persecuted for centuries, with many dying for their faith. Then came the toleration of the Catholic Church, and the lifting of the many restrictions which Catholics endured. The Second Vatican Council has brought about a new relationship between the Church and other communions.

We have much to be grateful to King Charles for. The photograph above shows this so clearly. It was taken at the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman, a convert from the Church of England. It is a cause of great thanksgiving that centuries after the break with the Catholic Church and its persecution, the then Prince Charles was present at this Mass. This would have been unthinkable even fifty years ago. We must pray for our King, that God will give him the grace he needs as he begins his reign.

Monsignor Roger

Please Pray for...

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

Those who have died recently: Zozimo Templado, Eileen Bougouneau

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Catherine (Babs) Barrett, Anthony Barrett, James Varley, Nancy Quirke, Nancy & Michael Dollery, Juan & Vincencia Gutierrez

Parish News

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 30 April: £1,436.20.

Standing orders for March: £3,341.00

Contactless Income for March: £440.55

Priest Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Praying the Rosary. The Rosary Group meet every weekday morning in the Lady Chapel after Mass. Why not join them and pray the Rosary to Mary throughout the month of May, as it is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

YOUTH GROUP - CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YEAR 9 TO YEAR 13! Thank you to everyone who has already filled out the survey questions - we really want to make this a success so your thoughts and ideas are an enormous help. If you haven't had the chance yet, please fill out the five survey questions on the small sheet available at the back of the church and post your reply in the 'Youth Group Survey' box by May 14th. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed! If you would like to see our young people more involved in the church and have a couple of hours to spare once a month, please think of helping out and supporting our Parish Outreach Worker in helping to run our Youth Group, starting next month. If you have any questions or would like to put yourself forward, please contact Maria at: wgvolcoordinator@rcdow.org.uk. A DBS check will be required.

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 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 newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon Wednesdays. Please take your newsletter home with you after Mass and share it with friends and family.



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. 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

**TOMORROW MONDAY 8 MAY 2023, THERE WILL BE A
MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT 11:30AM WITH SPECIAL MUSIC,
FOLLOWED BY A BRING AND SHARE LUNCH¹ IN
ST MARY MAGDALEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL
FROM 12:45PM UNTIL 3:00PM.
THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN.
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 7 May 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	King Charles III	Ints
Sunday :	9:00am	James Varley	Anniv
	10:30am	Peter & Marita Fernandes	Ints
	12 noon	Melody Family	RIP
	6:30pm	Jose Joao Quadros	RIP
Monday:	9:30am	Juan Gutierrez & Vivencia Gutierrez	Anniv
	11:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving - Coronation	
Tuesday:	9:30am	Kelleher Family	Ints
Wednesday:	9:30am	Nancy Quirke	Anniv
Thursday:	9:30am	Nancy & Michael Dollery	Anniv
Friday :	9:30am	Mary Killian	Ints
Saturday:	9:30am	Joseph Dempsey	Ints

Diocesan News

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.

Vocations Evening. On Wednesday 17 May 2023, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The regular evening Mass at 6:00pm will be followed by a gathering in the social centre for a short presentation, informal conversations and refreshments. Nearest tube: Bond Street/Baker Street.

Visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis's Mother. Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, will be visiting the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on Thursday 1 June at 6:30pm. Following a Sung Mass, Antonia Salzano will give a talk about her recently-beatified son, his life and his relationship with Our Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19 November to Monday 27 November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. It will include visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow Airport. Costs are £2265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement; travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886 666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 020 7798 9173.