

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY—MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

28 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 - Saturday: 9:30am*

Livestreamed

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:

One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am &
5:30pm— 6:15pm

At Call



MARY IN MAY.

It is always wonderful when the Solemnity of Pentecost comes in the month of May.

Pentecost in May enables us to focus our prayer on Our Blessed Lady and her

openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in her life. Through this openness, Jesus Christ

was born; through this openness, the Church came into being;

through this openness, we are able to turn in prayer to the Mother of God.

I recently went to a most beautiful exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum. It is called 'Donatello Sculpting the Renaissance.'

Donatello expressed his deep faith in sculpture, and there are many inspiring works by this artist in the exhibition. For me, the most

moving piece is the one you can see in the photograph above. It is called 'The Pazzi Madonna' and was carved around 1410. It drew my

attention and moved my heart because of the natural intimacy it shows between mother and child – just look at how their faces are

almost joined as they gaze into each other's eyes. This is the intense and unique relationship between a mother and her baby. This is the

Mother we call on to pray for us to her Son – no wonder he hears her prayers.

In Luke's gospel we read the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary: '*The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will*

cover you with its shadow' Mary opened her heart to the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ was born. As we strive to open our hearts to the

Holy Spirit, may the love of Jesus Christ be made known through us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Monsignor Roger

Please Pray for...

Those who are sick:

Richard Pogson, Peter Petrou

Those who have died recently:

Alexander Joyce, John Rigley, Maureen Humphries

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria del Puerto Garcia-Talavan, Eddie Ginnelly, Kathleen Quarrel, Thomas Carmody, Gilberta Giraud

Parish News

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 21 May: £1,401.96

Standing orders for April: £3,330.00

Contactless Income for April: £882.49

HELP! - Request for Cash Counters please. We need more volunteers to count our weekly collection. Can you spare an hour every 3 weeks? The more volunteers we have the lighter the commitment would be. If you can help, please let the Parish Office know. Full training will be given. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey about what you would like to see included in our Youth Group sessions. We had over 40 positive responses and a summary of your ideas is displayed at the back of the church. We are delighted to announce our first session...please read on.

YOUTH GROUP - Calling all Young People from Year 9 - Year 13!

In partnership with the *Westminster Youth Ministry*, we're thrilled to kick off our first session with a bang. Come and join us as we gather to celebrate our shared Catholic faith. With engaging discussions and interactive activities, we'll delve into the depths of our faith, exploring its timeless teachings and discovering how they resonate with our modern lives. Join us for our very first session on **Sunday 11 June at 5:00pm in the church annexe**. Together, let's ignite the flame of faith within us and shine brightly for the world to see!

Attention all adults of our parish! We are seeking dedicated volunteers, who have a couple of hours to spare once a month, to help us create an incredible experience for our young people. Whether you have a background in youth ministry or simply a desire to make a positive difference, we welcome your involvement. Don't worry if you feel unsure or inexperienced – we will provide training and support. Your commitment and willingness to make a difference are what truly matter. Please contact Maria at: wgvolcoordinator@rcdow.org.uk. A DBS check will be required.

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy 2024. We are planning a pilgrimage to Assisi (St Francis), Loreto (The Holy House of Our Lady), Padua (St Anthony) and Venice (St Mark). The dates have now been decided - 20 - 26 May 2024, and we will be able to give you an approximate price soon.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 28 May 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Mary O'Brien	
Sunday :	9:00am	Paul Cunningham	RIP
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Eddie Ginnelly	Anniv
	6:30pm	Kathleen Quarrel	RIP
Monday:	9:30am	Maureen Humphries	RIP
Tuesday:	9:30am	Eddie Rooney	RIP
Wednesday:	9:30am	Breda & Tim Kelleher	Ints
Thursday:	9:30am	Liam Gibbons	RIP
Friday :	9:30am	Lar Rigley	Anniv
Saturday:	9:30am	Brigid Boland	Anniv



Ordination and First Mass of Deacon Francis Thomas

Deacon Francis, who many of you know as he grew up in this parish, will be ordained a priest by Cardinal Nichols in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 24 June at 10:30am.

Francis will be celebrating his First Mass in our church on Sunday 25 June at 11:00am. This will replace the 10:30am and 12 Noon Masses. This will be followed by a parish lunch' in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School.

There will also be a Vigil of Prayer for Francis on 23 June at 6:30pm, the night before he is ordained.

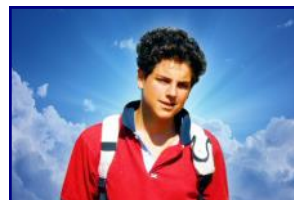
More details to follow...

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2023. For Church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church, New Priory, Quex Road, Kilburn London NW6 4PS on Saturday 17 June from 1:30 pm to 4:30pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 19 June at 11:30am.



Two Talks by Blessed Carlo Acutis' mother.

Antonia Salzano, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, is making a short visit to London. On

Wednesday 31 May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, there will be Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction presided over by Bishop Hudson, especially for young people of the diocese. During this time Antonia will talk about her son's trust and focus on the Lord in the Eucharist. On **Thursday 1 June at 6:30pm** in the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, there will be a Sung Mass after which Antonia will also talk about her son, his life and his relationship with the Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo. All are welcome to both these events.