

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY—MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 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

Father, it is time for you to glorify me (Jn 17:1-11)

Meditation: In his Last Supper discourse with his beloved disciples Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here and the willing offering of his life for us. How does the cross reveal this glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of Jesus' redemptive sacrifice which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation (Rm 8:1). Jesus gave his Father the supreme honour and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross for our sake. In times of defence the greatest honour belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens. The Lord Jesus freely and willingly offered up his life out of obedience to his Father and love for us.

Jesus reveals the glory of God to us. Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation - the eternal Word who became flesh for our sake (Jn 1:14) - and the Cross of Christ which won for us pardon, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son to set us free from slavery to sin, guilt, and condemnation. His sacrificial death brings us new life - the abundant life of peace and joy which God wishes to share with each one of us. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love - a love that is merciful, sacrificial, and generous beyond measure.

We can know God personally. Jesus also speaks of the knowledge of God. Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally and be united with God in a personal relationship of love and friendship. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the personal and experiential knowledge of God as our eternal Father - the one who knew us before creation (Eph 1:4 and Rm 8:29) and who knit us in our mother's womb (Ps 139:13 and Jr 1:5). Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like.

A unity of love that endures forever. In Jesus Christ we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God - a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you hunger to know God personally and to be united with the Father in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the unity of the Holy Spirit who dwells with us? The Lord Jesus invites each of us to enter more deeply into a personal relationship of love and oneness of mind, heart, and spirit with the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created us in love for love.

Fr Allan

Parish News

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 14 May: £1,813.44

Standing orders for April: £3,330.00

Contactless Income for April: £882.49

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2023. Thank you very much to all who have worked so hard in so many ways to make our First Holy Communion Masses and the Confirmation Mass recently so beautiful. This has involved the commitment of catechists over many weeks, as well as all the administration, cleaning, flower and music planning. 41 children have received the Body of Christ for the first time, and 38 young people have received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. May God bless you all.

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.

LOOKING FAR AHEAD. I am planning a pilgrimage with Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead at St George's Sudbury to Italy in April or May of 2024. We will visit The Holy House of Loreto (Our Blessed Lady), Assisi (St Francis), Padua (St Anthony) and Venice (St Mark). This is only in the very early stages of planning, but I hope to be able to give you more news soon. Mgr. Roger.

Gift Aid. Could we please ask that you inform the Parish Office if your tax status has changed since you completed a *Gift Aid* declaration as we are only allowed to claim *Gift Aid* for current tax payers. Also, if you are now in a position to *Gift Aid* your donations please email/telephone the Parish Office and we will forward you the relevant form to complete. This is a valuable contribution to our parish finances.

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 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. It can also be viewed online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2023/>

Please Pray for...

Those who are sick:

Breda Foley, James Hayes, Mary O'Beirne, Richard Pogson, Kathy Doyle

Those who have died recently:

Fr Richard Marriott, Alexander Joyce, Helen McCarthy

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 21 May 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Barbara Shalom	RIP
Sunday :	9:00am	Mary & Walter Manning	RIP
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Susan Keane	Anniv
	6:30pm	Sean Costello	Anniv
Monday:	9:30am	Tommy O'Brien	RIP
Tuesday:	9:30am	Teresa Collins	Ints
Wednesday:	9:30am	Mario Jose Francisco Braganca	RIP
Thursday:	9:30am	Private Intention	
Friday :	9:30am	Helen McCarthy	RIP
Saturday:	9:30am	Mary Kiely	RIP

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.

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> For further details visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage webpage: www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/ or contact Elizabeth Uwalaka at the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173.

CAFOD - Following the footsteps of the Saints. You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10 June for a short time exploring our faith, why we campaign and how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers and a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10:30am - 1:00pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information please contact Tony Sheen at: tsheen@cafod.org.uk or for booking please visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).



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.