

# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE —MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 JUNE 2023 - YEAR A

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## Presbytery

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## Parish Office

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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\*, 11:00am & 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

## Do not be afraid of those who kill the body (Mt 10:26-33)

**Meditation:** What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. *I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord.* (Psalm 34:4,9,11)

## Godly fear, reverence, and respect for God's ways produce wisdom and right judgment

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's heart, mind, and soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of cowardly fear and sinful pride that refuses to do what is right, good, and just - especially in the face of opposition and evil. Do you trust in the power of God's love and truth that can conquer every fear and form of evil and wrongdoing? The Lord Jesus willingly embraced the cross for our sake to atone for our sins and to free us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Do you believe in the power of his cross and victory over death, despair, and sin?

## Proclaim boldly what no earthly power can destroy - the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility from those who refused to believe in him. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: *Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.* The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, it is my joy and privilege to be your disciple. Give me strength and courage to bear any hardship and suffering which may come my way in your service. May I witness to others the new life, joy and victory you have won for us through your cross and resurrection.

*Fr Allan*

## Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick:** Richard Pogson, Kathleen Doyle, John O'Sullivan

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Miller, John Barrett,  
Rita Crehan, Jean Sullivan

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

Antony Winston Netto

## Parish News

**Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 11 June:** £1,521.20

**Standing orders for May:** £3,325.00

**Contactless Income for May:** £852.09

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**Ordinations to the Priesthood, Diocese of Westminster.** Please pray for Francis and all those men who have been ordained for our diocese to the priesthood by the Cardinal on 24th June 2023. May they dedicate themselves to the service of the Church and faithful celebration of the Sacraments.

**Ss Peter and Paul, Holyday of Obligation,** Thursday 29 June 2023. Masses will be at 9:30am and 7:00pm.

**Peter's Pence Collection.** The annual *Peter's Pence* collection takes place next weekend. The *Peter's Pence* Collection is the Pope's fund to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. The proceeds of the collection, are used to assist the Holy Father in his work.

**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. The price is £1,450.00. A deposit of £250.00 is required by 1 August. A brochure detailing the Pilgrimage is available at the back of the church.

**Gift Aid.** Shortly we will make our claim to HMRC for our Gift Aid refund for the 2022/2023 tax year. 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.

**Parish Database.** All parishioners, both old and new, should complete a parish registration form. If you have registered previously, and your personal contact information has changed, please complete another form as General Data Protection Regulations requires us to ensure all data held is up to date and accurate. Registration forms can be found in the rack in the side porch or at the back of the church. Completed forms should be posted through the door of the Presbytery. Thank you.

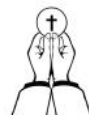
**Parish Newsletter.** All notices for the weekly Sunday Parish newsletter should be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late  
Mary Miller  
will take place on Wednesday 28 June at 11:30am  
followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:00pm  
May she rest in peace

## Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 25 June 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	Caroline Thomas	RIP
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Liz Brady	RIP
	11:00am	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Mario Jose Francisco Braganca	RIP
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Anna Marie McNamara	RIP
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Mary & Tony MacKenzie	
	11:30am	Funeral - Mary Miller	RIP
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Rita Crehan	RIP
	7:00pm	Celebrants Intentions	Ints
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Maria Melone	RIP



## Ordination and First Mass of Fr Francis Thomas

Deacon Francis, who many of you know as he grew up in this parish, was ordained a priest by Cardinal Nichols in Westminster Cathedral yesterday.

On Sunday 25 June, Francis will be celebrating his First Mass in our church at 11:00am.

**Please note this Mass will replace the 10:30am and 12 Noon Masses**

and will be followed by a parish lunch' in St Mary Magdalen's Junior School. Food and drinks will be provided

We hope to see you All there!

## Diocesan News

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June 2023. For the abolition of torture:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan.** Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the *Caritas* network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more at: [cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict](https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict)