

# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE — MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4 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\*, 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

## John 3:16-18. God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

**Meditation:** What does Scripture tell us about God and how he relates to us? When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with the people of Israel, he revealed the nature of his character and his personal love for them: "The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6).

God is all-loving, faithful, merciful, and forgiving by nature. God's love is supreme because it directs, orders, and shapes everything he does.

**Triune nature of God.** The Lord Jesus has revealed to his disciples the great mystery of our faith - the triune nature of God and the inseparable union of the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission is to reveal the glory of God to us - a Trinity of persons - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to unite us with God in a community of love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the blessed Trinity.

The Jews understood God as Creator and Father of all that he made (Dt 32:6) and they understood the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son (Ex 4:22). Jesus reveals the Father in an unheard of sense. He is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son, who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father (see Mt 11:27). The Spirit, likewise, is inseparably one with the Father and the Son. The mission of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit are the same. That is why Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will reveal the glory of the Father and the Son and will speak what is true. Before his Passover, Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" and Helper who will be with Jesus' disciples to teach and guide them "into all the truth" (Jn 14:17,26; 16:13). In baptism we are called to share in the life of the Holy Trinity here on earth in faith and after death in eternal light.

Clement of Alexandria, a third century church father, wrote: "What an astonishing mystery! There is one Father of the universe, one Logos (Word) of the universe, and also one Holy Spirit, everywhere one and the same; there is also one virgin become mother, and I should like to call her 'Church'."

**We can know God personally.** How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us as we open our hearts with expectant faith and yield to his work in our lives. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who would be their Teacher and Guide. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence (Is 11:2-3).

*Fr Allan*

## Parish News

**Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 28 May:** £1,866.69

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

**Contactless Income for May:** £852.09

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**Solemnity of Corpus Christi.** There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12 noon Mass next Sunday 11 June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, from the church to the Grotto of Our Lady outside the church. We invite all the children who made their First Holy Communion this year to participate in the Blessed Sacrament procession and to attend in their First Holy Communion outfits to give thanks. We also welcome the children from the Convent of Jesus and Mary Infant school and St Mary Magdalen's Junior School to this Mass.

**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 to those who have already volunteered.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick:** Richard Pogson, Kathleen Doyle, Peter Petrou

**Those who have died recently:** Alexander Joyce, John Rigley, Mary Bryanston, Mary Miller, John Barrett

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Timothy & Catherine Kelleher, Brigid Boland, Gerry & Josie Rice, Gilbertha Giraud, Leroy Lewis, Carol Davies



## 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.

**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.

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

## Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 4 June 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	Ruben & Ranzila Quadros	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Timothy & Catherine Kelleher	<b>Anniv</b>
	10:30am	Gerry & Josie Rice	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	Rafter Family	<b>RIP</b>
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Kathleen Rigley	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Joe Malone	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Maureen Humphries	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Helan Filomina Rebello	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Kathleen Higgins	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Ann & Donie Kelly	<b>Ints</b>

## 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.

**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.