



# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE — MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)

11 JUNE 2023 - YEAR A

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## Presbytery

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[St Mary Magdalen's RC Church, Willesden, London](#)

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## Parish Clergy

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## Parish Office

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Parish Administrator

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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

## CORPUS CHRISTI

Did you ever receive a prize when you were at school? In the whole of my school days, I managed to win just one prize- it was for English when I was in the Vth form. The prize itself was the Oxford Book English Verse, which I still dip into every now and again. It was a good feeling to go up on to the stage at speech day, shake hand with the Head Master and be given the book. I enjoyed English and did my best.

There is a temptation to regard the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ as a prize for good behaviour. Rather than relying on the grace and love of God, we can sometimes think that it is only by working hard that we will ever be good enough to receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, gently tries to correct this way of thinking in his Encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*. He says 'The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine for the weak.'

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. In both parishes, the children who have made their First Holy Communion will take part in a procession as a sign of their thanksgiving for this wonderful sacrament. My prayer for them, and for all of us who regularly receive the Body of Christ, is that we may draw strength and healing from this gift of God. The Eucharist, the Bread of Life in today's gospel, is not reserved only for those who have reached perfection, but it is a source of strength and healing for us all, for sinners in need of God's mercy. The Eucharist is the Bread of sinners, the Bread of forgiveness and the Bread of unity. It may well be that there are sinful elements of our lives which require penance and absolution. When we bring together the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and the reception of Holy Communion we can then truly know God's love for us, and his reaching out to us in healing. The Eucharist is not a prize won for perfection, but rather the medicine of forgiveness and love.

*Monsignor Roger*

## Please Pray for...

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

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

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

Julia Egan, Tom Gilgunn, Michael Bourke

## Parish News

**Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 4 June:** £1,614.21

**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 today 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.

**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 will be available next weekend.

**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.

### Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 11 June 2023

<b>Saturday:</b>	6:30pm	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Sunday :</b>	9:00am	Mary Brady	<b>RIP</b>
	10:30am	Eileen Costello	<b>Anniv</b>
	12 noon	Tom Gilgunn	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	Bernadette McHugh & Matthew Crooke	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:30am	Michael Bourke	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:30am	Luis Travasso	<b>RIP</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:30am	Jack Francisco Fernandes	<b>Ints</b>
<b>Friday :</b>	9:30am	Julia Egan	<b>Anniv</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	9:30am	Breda Desmond	<b>RIP</b>



## 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.

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

**Westminster Cathedral Friends** are hosting a quiz with a Fish and Chip supper, on Wednesday 14 June at 6.30pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QW. Enjoy a good night out whilst supporting the Cathedral. Advanced booking by 10.00am on Wednesday 14 June for catering to be finalised.

On Tuesday 20 June at 7:15pm Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme *Coronation Reflections*. Full details of events and online booking on our webpage <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> . Contact [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk)

**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.