



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 JULY 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

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children (Mt 11:25-30)

Meditation: Do you want to know the mind and heart of God? Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his followers the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about our relationship with him? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of the earth as well as heaven. He is both the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything. His authority, wisdom, and gracious care extends to every living thing, and his boundless love and goodness is directed to the welfare of each person made in his image and likeness. He is the source of all human life. That is why all fatherhood and motherhood are ultimately derived from him (Ephesians 3:14-15).

Through Jesus we have access to God the Father. To see the Lord Jesus is to recognize and know the true nature of God and his personal love for us. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over every man and woman whom he has created in his image and likeness (Gn 1:26-27). God the Father loved us even while we were lost in ignorance and blinded by sin and pride. He sent us his Only Begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely gave up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (Jn 3:16, 1 Jn 2:2, 1 Jn 1:7). Paul the Apostle tells us that Jesus is the image of God (Col 1:15). He is the perfect revelation of God - a God who loves us totally, unconditionally, and without reservation. What can separate us from the love of God? Only our own stubborn pride, wilfulness, and rebellious attitude towards God and his will for our lives.

Jesus makes an incredible promise to those who acknowledge him as their Lord and Saviour. If we pray in his name - the name Jesus means God saves - then the Father in heaven will hear us as if his only begotten Son was speaking to him directly. That is the unity, blessing, and promise he wishes for each one of us. And that is why we have the confidence and boldness to pray as Jesus taught his disciples, Our Father who art in heaven... give us this day our daily bread, and deliver us from temptation. Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his perfect love and care for you?

The sweet yoke of Jesus. What does the yoke of Jesus refer to in the Gospel (Mt 11:29)? The Jews used the image of a yoke to express submission to God. They spoke of the yoke of the law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the kingdom, the yoke of God. Jesus says his yoke is "easy". Yokes were tailor-made to fit the oxen well. We are commanded to put on the "sweet yoke of Jesus" and to live the "heavenly way of life and happiness".

Jesus also says his "burden is light". There's a story of a man who once met a boy carrying a smaller crippled lad on his back. "That's a heavy load you are carrying there," exclaimed the man. "He ain't heavy; he's my brother!" responded the boy. No burden is too heavy when it's given in love and carried in love. Jesus offers us a new kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. In his kingdom sins are not only forgiven but removed, and eternal life is poured out for all its citizens. This is not a political kingdom, but a spiritual one.

Freedom from sin and guilt. The yoke of Christ's kingdom, his kingly rule and way of life, liberates us from the burden of guilt and from the oppression of sinful habits and hurtful desires. Only Jesus can lift the burden of sin and the weight of hopelessness from us - and give us a weight of love and glory in exchange. Jesus used the analogy of a yoke to explain how we can exchange the burden of sin and despair for a burden of glory and yoke of freedom from sin. The yoke which Jesus invites us to embrace is his way of grace and freedom from the power of sin. Do you trust in God's love and submit to his will and plan for your life?

Fr Allan

Parish News

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 2 July: £1,876.46

Standing orders for June: £3,338.00

Contactless Income for June: £370.44

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

The Family of the late Mary Miller would like to thank all those who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards and helped in any way. Also, a big 'thank you' to Monsignor Roger for a lovely service.

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy 2024. IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION. If you are interested in this pilgrimage to Italy - Assisi, Loreto and Padua - next year, please ask at the Sacristy for a brochure. If you wish to book a place on this pilgrimage, you must complete and send the booking form (enclosed in the brochure) **to the travel agent** ensuring that the reference WILL01 is in the box at the top right hand side of the form. A deposit of £250 and the completed booking form are required by the 1st of August. Do not send any money or paperwork to the parish.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

John Joseph O'Sullivan

will take place on Wednesday 12 July at 11:00am followed by
Cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

May he rest in peace

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 9 July 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Tom Creed & Tommy McHugh	Anniv
Sunday :	9:00am	Fr John Power	Anniv
	10:30am	Catherine & William Dyra	Anniv
	12 noon	Peter Mangan & Dec'd Family	Anniv/RIP
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday:	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
Tuesday:	9:30am	Dennis Gray	Ints
Wednesday:	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
	11:00am	Funeral - John Joe O'Sullivan	RIP
Thursday:	9:30am	Sarah Murphy	Anniv
Friday :	9:30am	Mary & Dan O'Sullivan	Anniv
Saturday:	9:30am	George Mowatt	RIP

Please Pray for...

Those who have died recently: Will Blake,
John Joe O'Sullivan, James Hayes, Fr Mark James Leenane

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mick O'Brien , Fr John Power, Peter Mangan, William Dyra, Sarah Murphy

SPECIAL NEEDS GROUP SUMMER RAFFLE 2023

The parish Special Needs Group are holding a summer raffle.

First prize—£200 cash;

Second prize—£100 Marks and Spencer voucher;

Third prize—£75 Sanzio Restaurant voucher,
plus many more wonderful prizes.

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards a Summer and Christmas party for local people with learning disabilities.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Sunday Masses this weekend 8/9 July and next weekend 15/16 July.

Tickets cost £1.

All winners will be announced in the Annexe or outside the church, weather permitting, after 12 noon Mass on Sunday 23 July.

Diocesan News

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July 2023. For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for *Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation* hosted by CAFOD on 14 July, 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please visit: www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage of Reparation. There will be a Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham on Saturday, 5 August 2023, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. It will take as its theme 'Accepting the Gift.' For further information visit: www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

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.

Right To Life UK. "The Lord tells us that He has revealed the mysteries of the Kingdom to little children. Let us, therefore, ask for the grace to protect all children - born and unborn - from every form of harm. Lord hear us."