



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 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

Where is the Rich Soil?

One glance at the back garden of the Clergy House will tell you that I am not very interested in gardens. If I want to go and sit outside, I much prefer to go to somewhere like Roundwood Park, rather than sit in solitary splendour at the back of the Clergy House. The only things who are really at home there at the moment are the six fox cubs I have counted rushing around and playing with each other and any rubbish they might find. I think they feel so secure because I never use it.

Even I, however, can understand the parable of the Sower, which we have heard in today's gospel. I think it must be one of the best known of Jesus' parables. They made such an impression on those who heard them for the first time, as they do on us who hear them over two thousand years later. Jesus did not use the language of the scribes in his dialogue with the ordinary people of Galilee. He did not use the solemn style of the priests in Jerusalem. Instead, with infinite creativity he invented images and told stories to which his hearers could so easily relate. As I say, even I can understand this parable, and anyone who worked on the land, or who sowed seeds around their homes, would know exactly what their Lord was saying to them.

Teachers, catechists, priests and above all parents may sometimes wonder just what effect what they are trying to teach people about God has. We worry that what we say sometimes seems to go in though one ear and out through the other. I can preach a homily about gossip, only to find myself involved in just such a thing later with someone who heard my homily! A child fresh from First Holy Communion is next seen when they are asking for Confirmation.

There is a temptation to restrict our teaching of the sacraments and the love of God only to those who are faithful Catholics. I think we have to know that we, all of us, have to listen to the parable today. The ground may not look too promising as we try to sow the seed of God's love, but after years of meeting people who are returning to the faith, I know that this seed can and does bear fruit years and maybe decades later. Take courage, teachers, catechists, priests and parents. Try not to judge those who come looking for the sacraments – just pray that seed is sown in rich soil.

Monsignor Roger

Parish News

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 9 July: £1,703.21

Standing orders for June: £3,338.00

Contactless Income for June: £370.44

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Peter's Pence Collection recently raised £442.93. This collection will help 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. Thank you.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Rota.

A new rota has been emailed to you. Paper copies are available from the Parish Office upon request.

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. £250 deposit and completed booking form are required by 1st of August. Do not send money or paperwork to the parish.

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/>

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 16 July 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Sunday :	9:00am	Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern & all the McGovern Family	Anniv
	10:30am	Kathleen Higgins	RIP
	12 noon	Ciara Molloy	Ints
	6:30pm	Kathy Casey	RIP
Monday:	9:30am	Tina Geraghty	Anniv
Tuesday:	9:30am	Michael Brady	RIP
Wednesday:	9:30am	Ann & Ted Ballard	RIP
Thursday:	9:30am	Susan & Tom Mallaghan	Anniv
Friday :	9:30am	Kathleen Mullan	RIP
Saturday:	9:30am	Alex Joyce	RIP

Please Pray for...

Those who have died recently:

Will Blake, Fr Mark James Leenane, Kathleen Horvath

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary & Dan O'Sullivan, Patrick & Mary Ann McGovern & all the McGovern Family, Geoff Mason

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 again this 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 next 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.

St Patrick's Spirituality Summit. This summit is focused on how to grow in the spiritual life. It will be exploring different ways of praying as well as being led through the day by renowned spiritual author Fr Jacques Philippe. It is on Saturday 29 July 2023 from 11:00am—8:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, W1D 4NR. For more information and to book your place, visit <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/spirituality>.

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.

Young Adults Formation. The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such as Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. There are two choices of dates: 14 - 21 August or 30 August - 6 September. To find out more, please enquire by 31 July by emailing the COLW Sisters at:

freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org. Address: Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4AZ. Telephone: 01362 421 442. Website: www.walsinghamcommunity.org

Right To Life UK. "Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn. Lord hear us."