



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY—MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 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

Now that Wimbledon is over, the Antiques Roadshow is back at its proper time on Sunday evenings. It is a favourite show among the burglars in His Majesty's Prisons, and I enjoy it a lot as well. It is, of course, very interesting to hear about the provenance and skill of a particular antique, but I think the bit everyone (especially the burglars) is interested in is how much it is worth. Last Sunday, Fiona Bruce was taking us through various sorts of pearl, which, I learned, can come from many sorts of gastropod, not just the oyster – sea snails and clams can also make them. She showed us some so-called flaming pearls, the final one was called a Melo Melo dragon pearl, and it weighed 100 carats. The expert told Fiona that there were only ten like this in the world – and its value was an astonishing £200,000.

Pearls are intensely beautiful, and have been valued for centuries. Their value and lustre would have been known by all who heard about them. In the first two of today's parables, Jesus has moved from the soil and the sea to the world of treasure. He is inviting people to contemplate what is most valuable. In the second, he speaks of a merchant who has an idea of what he searching for, finds it (maybe a Melo Melo pearl) and sacrifices everything he has to purchase it.

This parable of Jesus is about searching, finding and sacrificing. If we do these things, then we will find the kingdom of heaven, the place of fulfilment and love. It is part of human nature to search – I am sure you all know people, young and old, who are searching for something in their lives. You may well be searching yourself. To find Jesus is to find what you are searching for – he is the Way, the Truth and the Life. But, to stay true to Jesus and his kingdom will require sacrifice, will require giving things up. The merchant found his pearl, and sold everything he had to buy it. For many of us, to follow Jesus will mean living in a different way, having different priorities. In a world which is increasingly about self-fulfilment, self-identification and self-care, the call of Jesus is to look beyond self. There are values which are greater than us; there are values which call us to look beyond our own needs – when we sacrifice our needs to those of others, then we will find true treasure, then we will have the pearl of great value.

Monsignor Roger.

Parish News

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 16 July: £1,400.77

Collection (loose plate & envelopes) 23 July: 1,456.38

Standing orders for June: £3,338.00

Contactless Income for June: £370.44

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Confessions. From Saturday 19 August 2023 to Saturday 9 September 2023, Saturday Confessions will commence at the later time of 6:00pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy 2024. IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION.

The pilgrimage to Italy - Assisi, Loreto and Padua - next year, is now filling up. 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.

Holy Day of Obligation—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday 15 August with Masses at 9:30am & 7:00pm

First Holy Communion/Confirmation 2024. Information regarding these programmes will be made available in September via the Parish newsletter.

Parish Newsletter. For the month of August there will be a Summer version of our newsletter. With less going on in August, there will be one page inside, including our important prayer lists and Mass Intentions, and then on the second page some activities for our younger parishioners (and others too!) which relate to the Sunday readings. I hope you will be able to enjoy some rest in August. God bless you all.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 30 July 2023

Saturday:	6:30pm	Villela Vargas	RIP
Sunday :	9:00am	Leandro Vargas	RIP
	10:30am	Mary Brady	RIP
	12 noon	Christian Justin Joseph	Anniv
	6:30pm	Candice Bubb & Cliver Sampson	
Monday:	9:30am	John & Margaret Hough	Anniv
Tuesday:	9:30am	Mary Miller	RIP
Wednesday:	9:30am	John Walsh	RIP
Thursday:	9:30am	Jenny Dias	Ints
Friday :	9:30am	Stanford & Plesney	Ints
Saturday:	9:30am	Joaquim Fernandes	Anniv

Please Pray for...

Those who are sick: Robin Tobin, Noreen Joy

Those who have died recently: Malcolm Clifford, Sean Faughey

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Leon & Esmenia Hufana, John & Patrick Rice, Joaquim Fernandes

ST MARY MAGDALEN SPECIAL NEEDS GROUP

WOULD LIKE TO SAY

"THANK YOU!"

TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE

SUMMER RAFFLE 2023



YOUR INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY HAS MEANT THAT WE HAVE RAISED

A MAGNIFICENT **£1,544.00.**

THESE MONIES WILL GO TOWARDS THE

SUMMER AND CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR LOCAL PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, WHICH WE ORGANISE EACH YEAR.

A LIST OF ALL THE LUCKY WINNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE CHURCH. ANY WINNERS WHO HAVE NOT PICKED UP THEIR PRIZE CAN DO SO AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS FROM THE SACRISTY BY 23 AUGUST.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR MAKING THE RAFFLE SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS!

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.

CELEBRATE SUMMER family activity pack. Download the brand new *CELEBRATE* online family activity pack for summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch, this online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the *CELEBRATE* Summer Psalm walk in this pack at your local park or on holiday? Use this link to download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

March for Life, 2 September 2023. This year's theme is 'Freedom to Live'. 10:30am: Mass at Westminster Cathedral; 10:30am - 1:00pm: Events/Stalls/Talks/Testimonies at The Emmanuel Centre; 1:30pm: March for Life (Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square); Please visit: www.marchforlife.co.uk.

Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage - Sunday 8th October 2023. This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. The course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20. Fundraising goal: £300. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness and end homelessness for good. Sign up: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>