

## Presbytery

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Church, Willesden, London](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB4m91Fm3DlY9Zt021E0A0g)

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## Parish Clergy

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## Parish Office

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### Parish office open:

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

This Parish is part of Westminster  
Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT)  
Registered Charity No: 233699

## Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of  
Sunday)  
Sunday: 9:00am\*,  
10:30am (Includes Children's  
Liturgy) 12noon & 6:30pm  
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am\*

## Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:  
One hour before morning Mass

## Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am  
5:30pm— 6:15pm  
& At Call  
\*Livestreamed



**ST MARY MAGDALEN  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER —MONTH OF  
THE SORROWFUL MOTHER  
10 SEPTEMBER 2023  
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A**

## THERE'S LOTS GOING ON

Maybe one of the signs that the summer holidays are over and people are returning to work and school and to their normal routine is the beautiful sunny weather we enjoyed at the beginning of this week. I have asked quite a number of people about their summer holidays and, especially if they were in England or Ireland, they have said they had a good time apart from the weather! The normal newsletter also shows us that we are getting back to so many of our activities after the summer break.

I very much hope that you will be able to come to the **Family Fun Day** which is happening on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 2 – 4pm (let's hope for sun!) at the Willesden Sports Centre. Of course, the Mass is at the heart of everything that we do as Catholics, but it is not all prayers, readings and formality. The parish is also a community, where we can come together as people from many, many different backgrounds and ages and have some fun! There will be activities for the younger people on 17<sup>th</sup> September, but it will also be a chance for everyone just to be together. I am so pleased that both parishes will be coming together for this event.

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September there is the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. This, of course, has the Mass and the Rosary at its heart, but again it will be a chance for pilgrims from both parishes to enjoy one another's company from both parishes.

Looking ahead, at Kensal Rise there will be the **Race Night** on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. It promises to be great evening of fun and excitement – at my last Race Night I did not pick a single winner, but it was most enjoyable. At Willesden Green, the **Alpha course** will be starting soon, and this will be a chance simply to get to know Jesus Christ better. In both parishes, registration for the **Sacramental programmes** will begin soon. The Social Committees in both parishes will be planning events for the future.

St Paul reminds us today that Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour. In our parishes we can show our love in so many ways – at the Mass, on pilgrimage, in prayer groups - and also in the things we do together simply for fun.

*Monsignor Roger*

**Those who are sick:** Christine O'Sullivan, Frank Shine, Robin Tobin

**Those who have died recently:** Fr Pat Egan, Geraldine Riordan, Peter Corcoran, Eric Llupar, Patrick Donleary, Neville Kelly

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Noreen Kelly, Mary and Alan Stathan, Norrie Fox, Kay Papp, Stanislaw Klis

## PARISH NEWS

**Collection 20 August 2023** amounted to £1,742.90  
**Collection 27 August 2023** amounted to £1,588.32  
**Collection 3 September 2023** amounted to £1,491.65

**Standing orders for July:** £3,320.00

**Contactless Income for July:** £483.40

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**Comboni Missionary Sisters CMS Mission Appeal** will take place this weekend. The Comboni Missionary Sisters are a religious and international Missionary Congregation. Sr Asmeret A Abreha will speak at all Masses. For more information about their work visit: [www.comboniane.org](http://www.comboniane.org)

**Parish Diary 2024.** Our 2024 diary is now open for booking Masses. Please contact the parish office.



### Alpha

Last call for registering on the autumn Alpha course, starting on Thursday 21 September. All sessions are on Thursdays at 6:30pm with one Saturday retreat. Please contact Maria at [wgvolcoordinator@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:wgvolcoordinator@rcdow.org.uk) by Tuesday 12 September.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2024

All children due to receive First Holy Communion (currently year three and above), and make their Confirmation (currently year nine and above), will need to obtain an application form, which will be available after all Sunday Masses, from Monsignor Roger on the weekends of 30 September/1 October, 7/8 October, 14/15 October and 21/22 October.

Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only.

Fully completed forms must be returned with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and donation of £50 by 12 noon on Saturday 4 November 2023. Dates, times and venue of both First Holy Communion/Confirmation sessions and parents' meetings will be provided once all necessary arrangements have been confirmed.

### Signing of School Forms

Dates are currently being arranged for Certificates of Catholic Practice to be signed, these will be announced in the newsletter next week.

### FAMILY FUN DAY FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon of activities:

Tug-of-War    End Ball    Shuttle Relay    Country Dancing  
Face Painting and more!

**Sunday 17 September from 2:00 to 4:00pm**

**at Willesden Sports Stadium.**

Entrance through the car park.

Bring a picnic. No alcohol please.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September 2023. For people living on the margins:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On Saturday 23rd September, the Parishes of Kensal Rise, Stonebridge, Willesden and Willesden Green will be travelling to Walsingham for the day, along with many other Parishes from the Diocese of Westminster.

There are only 50 places available on the Pilgrimage, and these will be honoured on a first come, first served basis.

The cost per person is £30, which includes the coach to and from Walsingham, along with a £5 Pilgrimage Levy Fee for Walsingham.

Please do bring appropriate clothing for walking, a picnic and water.



There will be two pick up / drop off points on the day. The first will be at 7:00am at either The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise, NW10 3HT OR St Mary Magdalen's, Willesden Green, NW10 2DD, this will be confirmed once the coach has been filled, the Church with the most Pilgrims will be chosen as the pick up / drop off point. The second pick up / drop off point will be at 7:30am from Our Lady of Willesden, NW10 9AX.

Please go to [transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk/Walsingham-pilgrimage-2023](http://transfigparishkensalrise.org.uk/Walsingham-pilgrimage-2023) to book your place, or take a booklet from the back of the church.

### Open Air Mass in the Gardens of St Rose's Chapel

The Dominican Sisters are holding an open air Mass on Saturday 23rd September at 3:00pm at 160 Anson Rd, London NW2 6BH. "This is an opportunity for us all to come together as a community to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us." *Sister Raymunda.*

### Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 10 September 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Patricia McGovern	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Noreen Kelly	Anniv
	10:30am	Kathy & John Macken	50th Wedding Anniversary
	12 noon	People of the Parish	Ints
	6:30pm	Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca	RIP
Monday	9:30am	William Sherlock	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Matthew Kennedy	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Norrie Fox	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Maureen Fogarty	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Vijitha Fernandes	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Richard Pogson	RIP