

## Presbytery

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willesdengreen/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/)

*YouTube:* [St Mary Magdalen's RC  
Church, Willesden, London](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StMaryMagdalenChurchWillesden)

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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

17 SEPTEMBER 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A

### BE GENEROUS!

I think St Peter probably thought he was erring on the side of generosity when he suggested to Jesus that he should forgive his brother seven times. He may have been thinking that once was enough! Jesus responds by telling him that he must forgive seventy seven times – in other words, he must be generous beyond reason with his mercy and forgiveness. Jesus then goes on to tell a parable about a man who is let off a debt of £3,000,000 in today's money. Again, generous beyond reason with his mercy and forgiveness. We must ask for the grace to imitate this forgiveness and mercy. Pope Francis, in very moving words in his book *The Name of God is Mercy*, reminds us all, but especially priests who hear confessions, that we must be merciful:

'To follow the way of the Lord, the Church is called on to dispense mercy over all those who recognise themselves as sinners, who assume responsibility for the evil they have committed, and who feel in the need of forgiveness. The Church does exist to condemn people but to bring about an encounter with the visceral love of God's mercy. I often say that in order for this to happen, it is necessary to go out: to go out from the churches and the parishes, to go outside and look for people where they live, where they suffer and where they hope. I like to use the image of a field hospital to describe this 'Church that goes forth'...it offers first aid and immediate care, so that its soldiers do not die'. (*The Name of God is Mercy*, p50)

My prayer is that we will all find forgiveness when we come to the priest in the confessional and are truly sorry for our sins. My prayer is that priests will truly be ministers of God's forgiving love. My prayer is that we will all be generous beyond reason with mercy and forgiveness.

*Monsignor Roger*



*The Return of the Prodigal Son—Rembrandt*

**Those who are sick:** Frank Shine, Robin Tobin

**Those who have died recently:** Geraldine Riordan

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Janelle Nelson, Margaret Ita O'Neill, Catherine Dyra, John Savage, Jimmy Sheehan, Patricia McGovern, Margaret Butler, Manuela Soares, Anna Duarte, Humberto Demetri, Isabel Jose

## PARISH NEWS

**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.

### Thank You, Kathleen

After nearly ten years of dedicated service as parish administrator here at Willesden Green, Kathleen Reddington has taken up a new appointment at the Parish of St John's Wood. I am sure that many of you would like to thank her for all that she has done behind the scenes in the parish office in ensuring the smooth and efficient working of the parish.

We wish Kathleen every blessing in her new appointment.

I am very grateful to Maria Nowicka for covering the office work, in addition to her parish outreach worker role, while a restructure of the roles is being considered. Maria will normally be in the office from 10am - 2pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

Mass cards are now available from the office.

### Signing of School Forms for Roman Catholic Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Applications

Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for **Secondary and Sixth form applications only**

on **Saturday 7 October** 1:00pm—3:00pm  
**Sunday 8 October** 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Monsignor Roger will see you on a first come, first served basis. Meetings will take place in the Sacristy, not Clergy House. Before your appointment please complete a CCP Application form, and a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for (top half of each certificate should be pre-completed). Both of these forms can be found on our parish website at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/> Paper copies will also be available on the table at the back of the church.

### Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications.

The dates that Monsignor Roger will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for these applications, will be announced after the October half-term.

### 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.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**Today is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**, calling us to proclaim the 'Joy of the Gospel'. Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, Pope Francis asks us to allow the Risen Lord to accompany us and transform us so that we can share his mystery of salvation and the wonders that his love has accomplished in our lives.

Follow link for more information and how we are asked to prepare for the Jubilee Year in 2025

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - only a few spaces left!

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](https://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 17 September 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Patricia McGovern	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Jimmy Sheehan	Anniv
	10:30am	John Savage	Anniv
	12 noon	People of the Parish	Ints
	6:30pm	Janelle Nelson	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Margaret Ita O'Neill	Anniv
Tuesday	9:30am	Sonia	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Margaret Tansey	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Margaret Butler	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Angel and Emmanuel	Thanksgiving
	1:00 pm	Funeral - Geraldine Riordan	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Francis Martin Mohan	Anniv