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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
24 SEPTEMBER 2023
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

WHY BE ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?

(Mt 20:1-16)

Meditation: What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times labourers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The labourers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon labourers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have laboured a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labour can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labour out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbour with a generous spirit as well.

Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit

The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbour as well. We labour for the Lord to bring him praise, honour, and glory. And we labour for our neighbour for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbour willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 10 September 2023 amounted to £1,682.18 Collection 17 September 2023 amounted to £1,316.49

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.

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 <u>Secondary and Sixth form applications only</u>

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 precompleted). 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.

The rain did not defeat us! Thanks to all who came to help from both Kensal Rise and Willesden Green with the Family Fun Day last Sunday. We were all a bit glum when the heavens opened, but, thanks to Chris Bailey's contacts at the Sports Centre, we were able to go indoors. I'm not sure what the other users of the gym made of the Country Dancing and the End Ball, but those who braved the rain had a great time.

Youth Group and Registration Form

The next Youth Group meeting will take place on **Sunday 8 October** at **5:00pm in the annexe.** All young people from Year 9 to 13 are very welcome. Please fill out a new registration form, available at the back of the church, and post in the box or through Clergy house door. *Thank you*

Dear Children,

If you are in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 we would love you to join us for our **Children's Liturgy** on Sundays.

Come to the **10:30am Mass** (during Term Time) and learn about the Gospel for the day and your Catholic faith. At the end of the session you will have a Learning Sheet to complete at home and return the following Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!



God Bless, Mrs Chappet and Miss Cox

Helping Seafarers

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Stella Maris is the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its work is vital in helping those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable **Stella Maris** to continue its important work, so please give generously. **Thank you**

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 24 September 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Coral Gouveia	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Carole, David & James Portsmouth	RIP
	10:30am	Zozimo Templado	RIP
	12 noon	Sister Maureen Smyth	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Sean Faughey	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Paddy McDonagh	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Abel Boyejo Mafe	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Alexander Cormo Berelo Britto	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Sean Faughey	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Mary Molly	RIP

Those who are sick: Frank Shine, Robin Tobin, Mossie Joy, Martin Doyle, Jim Feeney

Those who have died recently: Patrick O'Sullivan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Coral Gouveia, Sister Maureen Smyth, Abel Boyejo Mafe, Gabriel Bougouneau, Sister Milburga Fernando, Carlton (Mervin) Benoit