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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
OCTOBER —MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
1 OCTOBER 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

'What do you think?' 'Your views are important to us' 'Your voice moves Uber forward'. We are for ever being asked to send feedback, via our computer or iPhone. Everyone, it seems, wants to know what we think, what our opinion is. Hospitals ask you about it — even prisons ask inmates before they leave what their experience was like (probably not Daniel Khaliffe, though). You can then fill in an on line questionnaire, but it can be quite frustrating. Last week, I cancelled an Uber booking quite simply because it was taking too long, and I went by tube instead. This resulted in a survey from Uber asking all sorts of questions, but all I wanted to tell them was it took too long. That was my opinion.

I think a lot of this depends on who is asking the question. If it's some AI programme, that's one thing. If it's Jesus Christ, it's quite another. The gospel today begins with a question from Jesus. He is testing the chief priests and the elders of the people – what do they think. A man has two sons. He asks the first to go and work in the vineyard, and like sons the world over, the boy says no he won't. But then he changes his mind. The other son is full of respect for his father – 'Certainly, Sir'. But then he finds something more interesting to do.

What do you think? There is something of both sons in us, if we are honest with ourselves. There are times when we know what we ought to do, but don't do it immediately, but then think and maybe pray, and our hearts turn to God. There will also, sadly, be times when we respectfully say Yes, but life gets too complex and distracting and we do not do what we have promised.

What do you think? Are your actions aligned with your words? Let us try to give a genuine and wholehearted response to God's call, so that our actions can speak more loudly than our words.

Monsignor Roger.

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

Those who have died recently: Patrick O'Sullivan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Agnes Harrison, Mattie Brennan, Bridie Farrell

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 1 October 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Agnes Harrison	Anni
Sunday	9:00am	Sarah and Charles Laysell	RIP
	10:30am	Kathy and John Macken	Ints
	12 noon	Mattie Brennan	Anni
	6:30pm	Alexander Cormo Berelo Britto	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Agnelo Francisco Fernandes	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Sumanta Fernandes	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Velbijoy Fernandez	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Joe Gunn	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Angelica Fernandes	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Paul Power	Anni

PARISH NEWS

Collection 24 September 2023 amounted to £1,864.54

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

The Comboni Missionary Sisters' Appeal last month raised £719.58. Thank you for your generosity and support for their far -reaching work in proclaiming the Gospel to the marginalised and neediest in our world today.

Youth Group and Registration Form

The next Youth Group meeting will take place on Sunday 8 October at 5:00pm in the annexe, exploring the theme: WHO IS JESUS? with Youth Alpha. All young people from Year 9 to 13 are very welcome. If you haven't yet done so, 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

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 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.

School and Parish

At 9:30am on Monday 2 October, we will be welcoming the Year 3 children from St Mary Magdalen's Junior School to join us at the morning Mass.

The Holy Rosary.

October is the month of The Holy Rosary. In St Mary Magdalen's Parish we have a faithful group who say the Holy Rosary daily after the morning Mass (excluding Sundays). You are invited to join them in October and pray for peace.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2023. For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk

Thank you.



Family Fast Day

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023

Candlelit Procession of Our Lady of Willesden Sunday 8 October at 7:00pm

Join pilgrims and members of the community at Allen Hall Seminary in praying the Rosary for the Protection of London and the gift of Vocations.

Preacher: Canon Stuart Wilson

Our Lady of Willesden Church, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX

Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you!

It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net to find out more. You will be made

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If you are heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/ to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study.

Your Catholic chaplains look forward to meeting you!