

## Presbytery

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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 (WRC DT)  
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

8 OCTOBER 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

## THIS IS THE LANDLORD'S HEIR: COME, LET US KILL HIM

(Mt 21:33-43)

**Meditation:** What is the message of the parable of the vineyard? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent.

### *The Lord's vineyard in the house of his people*

Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

### *Gift of the kingdom*

Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom - a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him (see John 15:1-11). He entrusts his gifts and grace (unmerited favour and blessing) to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labour for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see 1 Corinthians 15:58).

We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you follow and serve the Lord Jesus with joyful hope and confidence in the victory he has won for you and the gift of abundant new life in the Holy Spirit?

### Prayer

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us - for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake. (prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 13th century)

*Fr Allan*

## PARISH NEWS

**Collection 1 October 2023** amounted to £1,654.44

**Standing orders for August:** £3,383.00

**Contactless Income for August:** £386.45

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**A well-deserved retirement.** After many years – decades in fact – as Parish Registrar, Ellen Gomes is putting her bottle of ink away and retiring. The priests of the parish owe her much gratitude for faithfully entering Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages and Deaths into the parish registers. It is painstaking work which requires great diligence. Thank you very much, Ellen. Monsignor Roger.

### YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEKEND!

Calling all young people from Year 9 to Year 13 - please come and join us at the Youth Group meeting this Sunday, 8 October at 5:00pm in the annexe. Bring a friend too and enjoy some group games, pizza and the next episode of Youth Alpha— 'Who is Jesus?'

If you have not filled out a Registration Form yet, they are available at the back of the church. Please post in the wooden box or through Clergy house door, or you can fill one out at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there!



### 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.

### 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.

Completed forms must be returned by Saturday 4 November 2023

## FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Jackie Grefte** will take place on Wednesday 11 October at 12:00noon followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:45pm

Flowers can be delivered to James Crook, 109 High Road, Willesden, NW10 2SL by Tuesday 10 October.

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The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Patrick O'Sullivan** will take place on Wednesday 18 October at 11:00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery.

Family flowers only.

Donations to the Stroke Association UK.

*May they rest in peace* ☩

### Parish Finance Report

This weekend, members of the Parish Finance Committee will be distributing the Parish Finance Report 2022, and will be available to talk to after each Mass.

### Mass Count

You may have noticed someone walking around the church with a clicker, this is because we are asked by the Diocese to count our parishioners over four weekends every year.

### School and Parish

At 9:30am on Tuesday 10 October, we will be welcoming the Year 9 students from Newman Catholic College to join us at the morning Mass.

### Helping Seafarers

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Our parish raised **£554.53** Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk)

### Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 8 October 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Barrett	<b>Anniv</b>
Sunday	9:00am	O'Sullivan Family	<b>Ints</b>
	10:30am	Private Intention	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	Richard Pogson	<b>RIP</b>
	6:30pm	Graham Stack	<b>Ints</b>
Monday	9:30am	Alexander Cormo Berelo Britto	<b>RIP</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary Whelton	<b>Anniv</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Kehinde Okusauya	<b>Anniv</b>
	12noon	Funeral - Jackie Grefte	<b>RIP</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Jose Ramos	<b>Anniv</b>
Friday	9:30am	Bridget Mulhern	<b>Anniv</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Francisco Patricio Rodrigues	<b>Anniv</b>

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

**Those who have died recently:** Jackie Grefte, Patrick O'Sullivan Fr Dominic McKenna

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kehinde Okusauya, Bridget Mulhern, Mary Whelton, Paul Power, Jose Ramos, Michael Barrett