

Presbytery

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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

OCTOBER —MONTH OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

15 OCTOBER 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Here are some beautiful thoughts about the Synod in Rome from the National Reporter:

'Pope Francis on Oct. 4 officially opened a long-anticipated Vatican summit on the very future of Catholicism, encouraging its participants — bishops and laypeople alike — to reject the temptations of doctrinal rigidity and to embrace a vision of the church that is open and welcoming to all.

"The blessing and welcoming gaze of Jesus prevents us from falling into some dangerous temptations: of being a rigid church, which arms itself against the world and looks backward; of being a lukewarm church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world; of being a tired church, turned in on itself," Francis said in a homily in St. Peter's Square that marked the start of the month long Synod of Bishops' synod on synodality.

Some 450 delegates from all over the world have descended onto Rome for the occasion, representing a wide array of views and often sharp divisions on some of the hot button issues facing the church, such as clergy abuse, the role of women's ministry, inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics and other questions surrounding the structure of church authority.

While the synod will allow widespread debate on these issues, the pope used his opening homily to caution against relying on "human strategies, political calculations or ideological battles" and instead urged "unity and friendship" in the weeks ahead.

"This is the primary task of the synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a church that looks mercifully at humanity," he said.

"A church that is united and fraternal, that listens and dialogues; a church that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith. A church that has God at its centre and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally," he continued.'

Monsignor Roger

PARISH NEWS

Collection 8 October 2023 amounted to £1,941.98

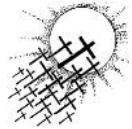
Standing orders for August: £3,383.00

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 Communion, Confirmations, Marriages and Deaths into the parish registers. It is painstaking work which requires great diligence. Thank you very much, Ellen. Monsignor Roger.

Solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday 1 November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 7:00pm.



All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2 November with Masses at 9:30am and 7:00pm. During November Masses will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the inner presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Mass of Remembrance, for all those whose funerals or memorials have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:00pm on Wednesday 22 November. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2024

Application forms are available after all Sunday Masses, from Monsignor Roger on the remaining weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 October.

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.

CONVENT OF JESUS AND MARY CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY - 21 Park Avenue, Willesden, NW25AN

www.cjminfantschool.co.uk

Open days for Nursery and Reception 2024 will be held on the following dates.

RECEPTION – 8th November at 3.30pm

NURSERY – 9th November at 3.30pm

Packs are available to download from the school website or to collect from the school office.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass

at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 6th November at 11.30am.

FUNERAL NOTICES

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.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **William Mannion** will take place on Friday 27 October at 11:30am followed by burial at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery at 1:00pm

May they rest in peace ☩

DIOCESAN NEWS

THE SUMMIT for 13-18 year olds

Join the Westminster Youth Ministry at

The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden,

NW10 9AX

on

Tuesday 31st October at 7-9pm

For an evening of food, games and an encounter with Jesus!



The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Divine Mercy Retreat at Most Precious Blood and St Edmund Champion RC Church,

115 Hertford Road, Edmonton, London N9 7EN

on Saturday 21 October 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 15 October 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Daniele Torrieri	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	Ints
	10:30am	Joaquim Bartolomeo Rodrigues	Anniv
	12 noon	Brendan & Kevin Duncan	Anniv
	6:30pm	Ernest Sargeant	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Adiela & Manuel	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Colleen Carpen	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Eileen Lehen	RIP
	11:00am	Funeral - Patrick O'Sullivan	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Anne Murphy	Ints
Friday	9:30am	Linda & Mary Brien	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Hinot Nugusse	RIP

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

Those who have died recently: Patrick O'Sullivan, Fr Dominic McKenna, Jim Feeney, William Mannion

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brendan Duncan, Corazon Gomez, Daniele Torrieri