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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
22 OCTOBER 2023

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar (Mt 22:15-21)

Meditation: What do we owe God and our neighbour? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another" (Romans 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested.

Coins inscribe the owner's name and authority on them

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

We have been "stamped" with God's image and likeness

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

Prayer

Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love. (prayer of Anselm, 1033-1109 AD)

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 15 October 2023 amounted to £1,652.71

Standing orders for August: £3,383.00 Contactless Income for August: £386.45

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

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



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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, please the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass

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



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.

Final call for collecting forms for First Holy Communion and **Confirmation 2024**

Application forms are available after all Sunday Masses, from the celebrating priest this weekend.

Completed forms must be returned by Saturday 4 November 2023

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.

Message from Monsignor Roger: I have been to see Brother John O'Neill who is receiving care in a hospice. He was at peace and comfortable, and I was able to thank him for all the work he has done in the parish and over the years. May God bless him.

Join us for a night of fun and fundraising!

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group invites you to our charity 'Race Night' on Saturday, November 11th, starting at 8:00pm at Tony's Bar, 356-360 Willesden High Road. Every penny raised goes straight into creating

unforgettable moments at our annual Christmas Lunch and summer party. Your presence will make all the difference... we hope to see you there!

***** **SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday, December 8th at 7pm, for our next social gathering. Here's a hint: Brush up on your trivia, teams are in play!



FUNERAL NOTICES

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 he rest in peace 🕏



CAFOD Launches Emergency Crisis Appeal

In the midst of escalating conflict and a rising death toll in both Israel and Gaza, Cardinal Vincent Nichols continues to call upon the faithful for prayers to seek peace for all affected communities. CAFOD have initiated an Emergency Crisis Appeal that presents an opportunity for all to contribute towards the cause of peace in a variety of ways. Follow this link to access more information: https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/cafod-calls-on-ukgovernment-to-protect-citizens-in-israel-gaza-conflict

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 22 October 2023

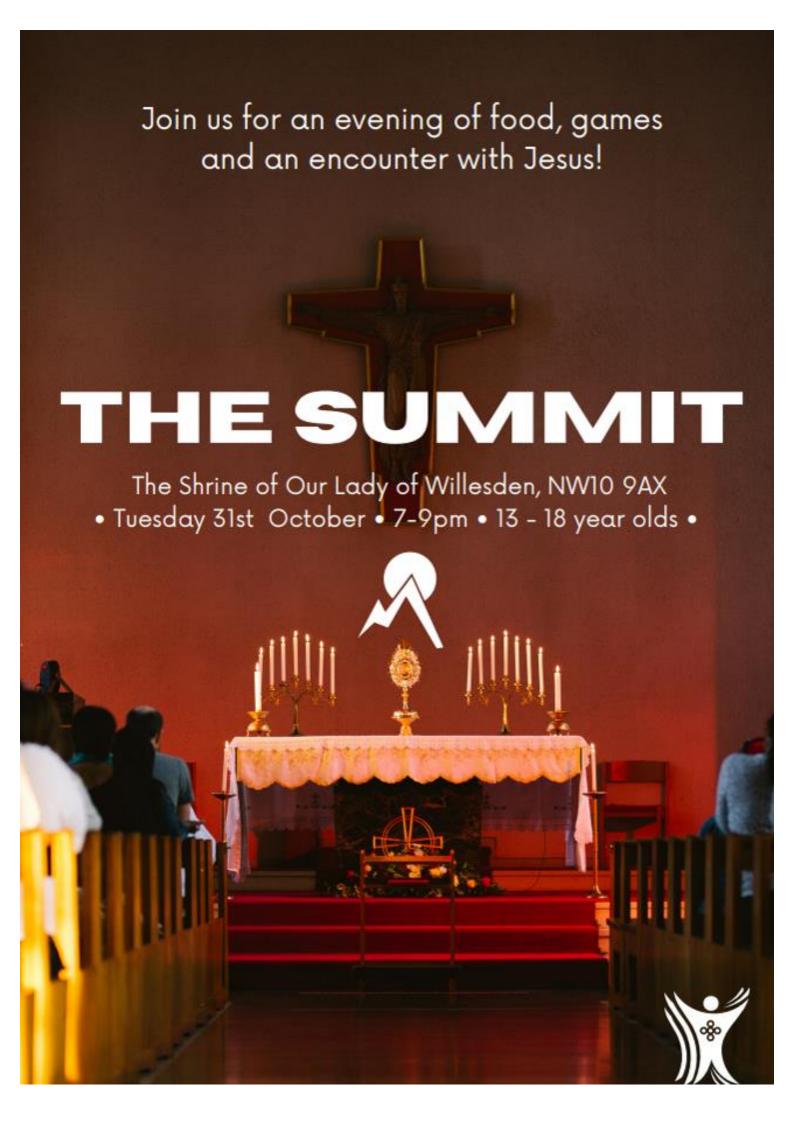
Saturday	6:30pm	Louis Keleghan	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	Richard Kavanagh	RIP
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Breda	Ints
	6:30pm	All the Saints Thanl	ksgiving
Monday	9:30am	Martin Brien	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Frank Gormley	Anniv
Wednesday	9:30am	Jim Armstrong	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Gerald and Mary McCarthy & family	Ints
Friday	9:30am	Mary and Alan Statham	Anniv
	11:30am	Funeral - William Mannion	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Eric, Ann and Stanley Lindford	Anniv

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

Brother John O'Neill

Those who have died recently: Jim Feeney, William Mannion, Fr Dominic McKenna, Jimmy Miller, Violet Peiris

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Gormley, Mary and Alan Statham





Aged 18 - 22? Ready for the next step in your faith journey?

Westminster Youth Ministry is taking 20 young Catholics on this exciting leadership training course, beginning at the start of Advent and culminating in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, during which the young leaders will support the Redcaps as they accompany sick or elderly pilgrims.

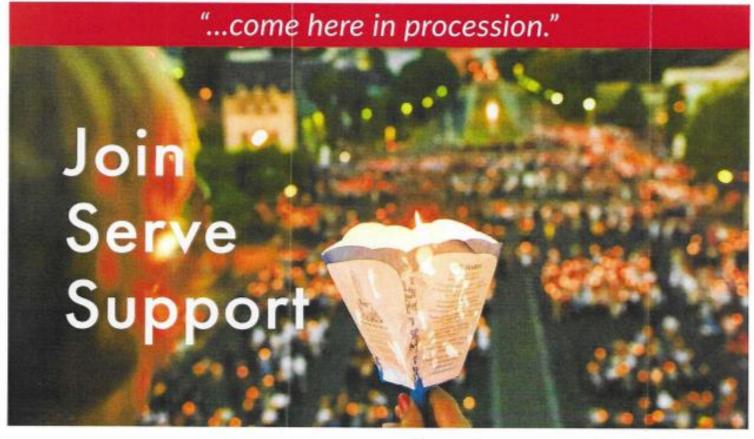
Application deadline: 11 November 2023

Visit youth.rcdow.org.uk to apply or email youth@rcdow.org.uk for more information.





ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES





Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka at: 0207 798 9173 lourdes@rcdow.org.uk rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes