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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

29 OCTOBER 2023

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



The Commandments of Love

(Mt 22:34-40)

Meditation: What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the Law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

God's love rules all

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbour as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

God puts us first in his thoughts

God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8, 16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns - do we put him first in our thoughts? God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbour is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will. God commands us to love him first above all else - his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him. He wants us to love him personally, wholeheartedly, and without any reservation or compromise.

The nature of love - giving to others for their sake

What is the nature of love? Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centred and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. It is a stunted and disordered love which leads to many hurtful and sinful desires - such as jealousy, greed, envy, and lust. The root of all sin is disordered love and pride which is fundamentally putting myself above God and my neighbour - it is loving and serving self rather than God and neighbour. True love, which is wholly directed and oriented to what is good rather than evil, is rooted in God's truth and righteousness (moral goodness).

Love grows with faith and hope

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Paul the Apostle writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh [sinful inclinations], but through love be servants of one another" (Galatians 5:1,13). Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 22 October 2023 to be announced next week

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.



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.

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.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications.

Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Infant and Primary School applications on:

- ◆ **Saturday 18 November 1:00pm—3:00pm**
- ◆ **Sunday 19 November 3:30pm—5:00pm**
- ◆ **Saturday 25 November 1:00pm—3:00pm**

You will be seen on a 'first come, first served basis.' Meetings will take place in the Sacristy. 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). These forms can be found on our parish website at: [Certificate of Catholic Practice Applications – Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden Green \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdow.org.uk)

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:

RECEPTION – 8th November at 3.30pm

NURSERY – 9th November at 3.30pm

Packs are available to download from the school website.

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.

All proceeds go to support events for the group. Our next big function is a festive Christmas meal with activities and a special gift for each member from Santa!

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Funeral Mass of the late **John James (Jim) Feeney** will take place on Monday 6 November at 11:00am at **St Luke's RC Church, Love Lane, Pinner HA5 3EX** followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery.

www.churchservices.tv/pinner

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **James Miller** will take place on Friday 10 November at 11:00am followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

May they rest in peace †

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass

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

Join us for an unmissable **YOUTH GROUP** gathering on **Sunday, November 12th, at 5:00pm** in the annexe. Get ready to be inspired as we host a dynamic **SPEAKER** from **'Catholic Voices'** who will explore the reality of being a **young Catholic** in the modern world.

Explore their **incredible** work at:

<https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/>

YOUTH GROUP - from Year 9 to 13.

New to the group? Please register using the form at the back of the church.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 29 October 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Joseph Flaherty	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Simon João Viegas	RIP
	10:30am	Carole, David and James Portsmouth	RIP
	12 noon	People of the Parish	Ints
	6:30pm	Artemisa Goncalves de Souza	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Patrick Casey Junior & Senior	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	For the souls of the Fernandes and Braganca families	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Susan Keane	RIP
	7:00pm	Patrick O'Sullivan	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Joaquim Jose Fernandes	RIP
	7:00pm	Holy Souls	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Julie Moloney	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Bridie Hall	Ints

Those who are sick: Noreen Joy, Martin Doyle, Phobe Fernandez,

Those who have died recently: Brother John O'Neill, Jimmy Miller, Violet Peiris, Jim Feeney, Norma D'Vaz, Sean Sheeran, Bode Augusto, Fr Timothy O'Connor

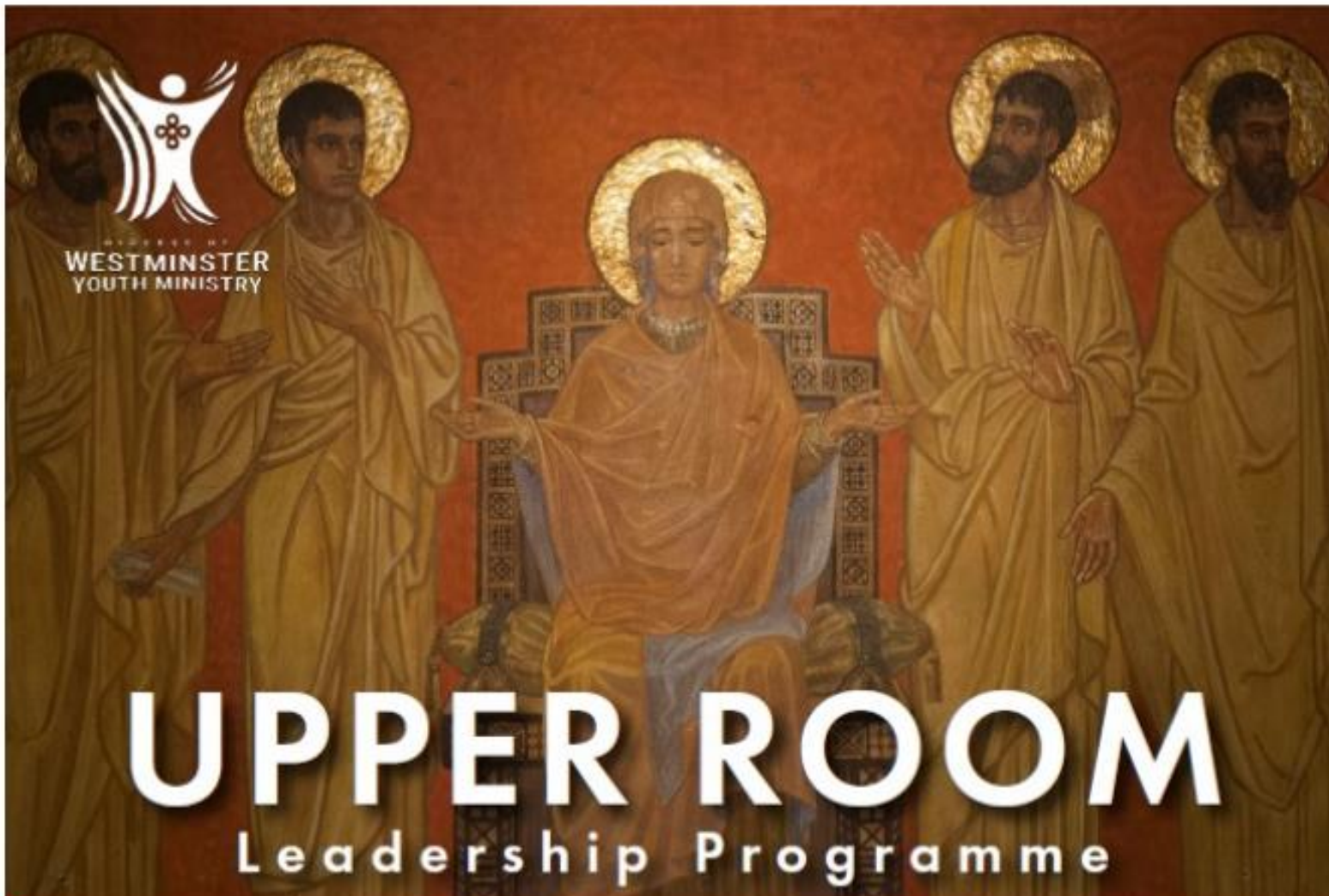
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Flaherty, Eric, Ann and Stanley Lindford, Kevin Hennessy, Delton (Big John) Daroux

Join us for an evening of food, games
and an encounter with Jesus!

THE SUMMIT

The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, NW10 9AX
• Tuesday 31st October • 7-9pm • 13 - 18 year olds •





UPPER ROOM

Leadership Programme

"Make disciples of all nations..."

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.





Diocese of Westminster

19th - 26th July 2024

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

"...come here in procession."

Join
Serve
Support



**Pilgrimage led by
Cardinal Vincent Nichols**

Contact **Elizabeth Uwalaka** at:

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rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes