



## **ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**NOVEMBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**5 NOVEMBER 2023**

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

### **Presbytery**

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Parish Website: [Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden Green – Church of St Mary Magdalen \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden Green – Church of St Mary Magdalen (rcdow.org.uk))

*YouTube:* [St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube](http://St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube)

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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 (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*

In the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, I reprinted an article about the Synod which has been happening in Rome. The Synod concluded last week, and a **Letter of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the People of God** was published. There is not room to reproduce all of it here, but I have chosen some extracts, which I think should inspire all Catholics:

“To progress in its discernment, the Church absolutely needs to listen to everyone, starting with the poorest. This requires a path of conversion on its part, which is also a path of praise: “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children” (Luke 10:21)! It means listening to those who have been denied the right to speak in society or who feel excluded, even by the Church; listening to people who are victims of racism in all its forms – in particular in some regions to indigenous peoples whose cultures have been scorned. Above all, the Church of our time has the duty to listen, in a spirit of conversion, to those who have been victims of abuse committed by members of the ecclesial body, and to commit herself concretely and structurally to ensuring that this does not happen again.

The Church also needs to listen to the laity, women and men, all called to holiness by virtue of their baptismal vocation: to the testimony of catechists, who in many situations are the first proclaimers of the Gospel; to the simplicity and vivacity of children, the enthusiasm of youth, to their questions, and their pleas; to the dreams, the wisdom and the memory of elderly people. The Church needs to listen to families, to their educational concerns, to the Christian witness they offer in today's world. She needs to welcome the voice of those who want to be involved in lay ministries and to participate in discernment and decision-making structures.

To progress further in synodal discernment, the Church particularly needs to gather even more the words and experience of the ordained ministers: priests, the primary collaborators of the bishops, whose sacramental ministry is indispensable for the life of the whole body; and deacons, who, through their ministry, signify the care of the entire Church for the most vulnerable.”

*Monsignor Roger*

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

**Those who have died recently:** Brother John O’Neill, Norma D’Vaz, Bode Augusto, Jim Feeny, Jimmy Miller, Sean Sheeran, Carl Gomes

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Leslie Cross, Amy Alice Ryan, Tom Mahony, John O’Sullivan

**Collection 22 October 2023** amounted to £2,067.83  
**Standing orders for August:** £3,383.00  
**Contactless Income for August:** £386.45  
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

**St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group** invites you to a 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.  
We look forward to seeing you there!

**The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on **Monday 6th November at 11.30am.**

**Remembrance Sunday, 12 November 2023.** The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

**Parish Mass of Remembrance** for all those whose funerals or memorials have taken place in our church, particularly in the last year, will be celebrated at **7:00pm on 22 November.**

St Mary Magdalen **Youth Group** meets next **Sunday, November 12th, at 5:00pm** in the annexe.  
We welcome a **SPEAKER** from **'Catholic Voices'** who will explore the reality of being a **young Catholic** in today's world.  
*YOUTH GROUP - from Year 9 to 13.  
New to the group? Please register using the form at the back of the church.*

**School and Parish** At 9:30am on Monday 6 November, we will be welcoming the Year 4 children from St Mary Magdalen's Junior School to join us at the morning Mass.  
Please note, this Mass will not be live-streamed.

**Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School and Nursery**  
Open days for Nursery and Reception 2024:  
**RECEPTION – 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm**  
**NURSERY – 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm**  
More information available on the school website.

**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 \(rcdow.org.uk\)](http://rcdow.org.uk)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).** If you are an adult who is not Catholic, or who has not made their Confirmation, and would like to be prepared for the sacraments in the RCIA process, please contact Fr Allan: [allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allanalvarado@rcdow.org.uk)

**FUNERAL NOTICES**  
The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Sean Sheeran** will take place on Monday 6 November at 6:30pm followed by Repatriation to Ireland.  
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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 family of the late Patrick O'Sullivan** wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who supported them - for your prayers, flowers, cards and donations to the Stroke Association UK. God bless.

**The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection.**  
Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.  
Please give generously using the envelopes at the back of the church. You can also donate online at: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)—the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance of your kindness.



**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention:**  
**In November**, we pray that the Holy Father, in fulfilling his mission, may continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.  
*'Unity is the fruit of prayer, for prayer allows the Holy Spirit to intervene, opening our hearts to hope, shortening distances and holding us together in times of difficulty.'* – Pope Francis

**Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 5 November 2023**

Saturday	6:30pm	Leslie Cross	<b>Anniv</b>
Sunday	9:00am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
	10:30am	People of the Parish	<b>Ints</b>
	12 noon	Victoria Antao	<b>Anniv</b>
	6:30pm	Amy Alice Ryan	<b>Anniv</b>
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
	6:30pm	Funeral - Sean Sheeran	<b>RIP</b>
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	<b>RIP</b>
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	<b>Ints</b>
Thursday	9:30am	Martin and Pat Doyle	<b>Ints</b>
Friday	9:30am	Dave Carroll	<b>RIP</b>
	11:00am	Funeral - James Miller	<b>RIP</b>
Saturday	9:30am	Patrick O'Sullivan	<b>RIP</b>