

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

19 NOVEMBER 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

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 You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness (Mt 25:14-30)

Meditation: What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. Wealthy merchants and businessmen often had to travel abroad and leave the business to others to handle while they were gone.

Why did Jesus tell this story and what can it teach us? Most importantly it tells us something about how God deals with us, his disciples and servants. The parable speaks first of the Master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the Master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. The master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants' conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master's money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master's money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however, do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

God rewards those who use their gifts for serving him and the good of others

What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honours those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships, and be the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time, and resources you give me for your glory and your kingdom.

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 12 November 2023 amounted to £1,683.18

Standing orders for September: £3,185.00 Contactless Income for September: £475.54

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Parish Mass of Remembrance at 7:00pm on 22 November.

At this Mass there will be special music to help us remember the late Bert Burby who contributed so much to the musical life of this parish.



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St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group would like to **thank everyone** who backed the recent Race Night.

Special appreciation goes out to the team at Tony's Bar,
Willesden, for hosting the event and all our wonderful sponsors.
Thanks to the collective support, the evening raised

an impressive £1,924.00!

This will be used to fund the Christmas lunch and gifts from Santa.

If you would like to join the Special Needs Group or know someone who would like to take part in the events we plan, please contact the Parish Office on 020 8451 4677

CONFIRMATION 2024

The first meeting for Confirmation candidates <u>and</u> parents will be held on **Monday 11 December at 7pm** in St Mary Magdalen Church. Important information regarding the course will be shared at this meeting. All those who have registered are required to attend.

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, today, Sunday 19 November: 3:30pm—5:00pm and 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)

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**

The family of the late Jimmy Miller would like to thank all those who attended his funeral, sent Mass cards or helped in any way. We are very grateful.

Thank you

to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection.

We raised £1,103.96.

Friday, December 8th at 7pm In St Mary Magdalen's School Hall

★ Get ready to test your knowledge and assemble your teams!

Friends of the Holy Land.

This weekend, Peter Rand, a volunteer with Friends of the Holy Land (FHL), will be sharing the impact on the Christian community in Gaza and elsewhere of the horrific developments in the last few weeks. Peter has visited Gaza on a number of occasions, most recently in March, so brings a real insight into the situation. There will be a retiring collection and Peter will bring some leaflets about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk



HAVE YOU WATCHED THE LETTER?

www.theletterfilm.org

The Letter, tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 19 November 2023

Saturday	6:30pm	Bill Mawn	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Theresa McGovern	Anniv
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	William O'Sullivan	RIP
	6:30pm	Brendan Howard	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Joao B Fernandes	Anniv
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
	7:00pm	MASS OF REMEMBRANCE	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Bode Agusto	RIP

Those who are sick: Noreen Joy, Martin Doyle, Kathleen McGloin, Yvonne Dike

Those who have died recently: Anthony Joseph Clark, Lorraine Sherlock

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bill Mawn, Muriel and George Wilson, William O'Sullivan, The-

resa McGovern, Brendan Howard

Advent Retreat

For University Students & Young Adults (18-30s)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



Sun 3rd Dec

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock, London, W8 4BB (Kensington)

Programme: Mass (12.15pm) • Lunch (1pm) •
Start of Retreat (2pm) • Holy Hour (4pm) •
End of Retreat & Social (5.30pm)

To register email: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Let there be peace on earth Advent Retreat for young adults aged 18-35 10:30am-2.30pm



Facilitated by Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin fc)

FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA

Cost: by donation

For more information and/or to book your place scan here:

