



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY — MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

21 JANUARY 2024

Presbytery

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Parish office open:

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

This Parish is part of Westminster
Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDDT)
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

It is now five years since the Cardinal appointed me as Parish Priest of Willesden Green and two years since he appointed me as Parish Priest of Kensal Rise. The last two years have seen both parishes really emerging from the shadow of Covid, and the Mass counts carried out in October show that people are returning to Mass. I am so pleased to see new faces almost every week in both communities, and to hear the children in church.

All over the diocese parishes, while maintaining their independence, are working in partnership. You may be aware of the pairings of Harrow Road and Bayswater, of Archway and Tollington Park, of Mill Hill and Burnt Oak, and most recently St John's Wood and Marylebone. In our own parishes, Fr Allan and I, as priests appointed to both parishes, share the pastoral care between the two communities. The sacramental programmes are shared between the parishes – the First Communion at St Mary Magdalen's Primary School and the Confirmation at Kensal Rise. I am very grateful to the families and catechists who enable this to happen. We also have been advertising social events in both parish newsletters so that we can get to know one another and give a strong Catholic witness to our neighbourhoods. I am thinking, for example, of the Summer Fair and The Christmas Dinner at Kensal Rise and of Fr Francis' First Mass and the coronation celebrations at Willesden Green

Throughout the Diocese, parishes are developing growing relationships with each other, and are finding some new ways of thinking and working with changing resources and fewer priests. In our own parishes, where there were once three priests there are now two.

I am very grateful to all who have been helping this development to happen. The fruit of your work is two flourishing parishes. I look forward to seeing more growth in the future.

God bless you all,
Monsignor Roger

Today is the Sunday of the Word of God

To help us respond to Jesus' invitation to listen to and cherish his Word, there are many apps now available to download on our phones enabling us to carry the Word wherever we go. Here are just two ideas:



Ascension App - inspires you to read and pray with the Bible.

[Ascension | Bible & Catechism – Apps on Google Play](#)

[Ascension | Bible & Catechism on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)

Hallow App - a prayer aid which includes Scripture. It does require a subscription after a free period which gives you access to audio recordings.

[Hallow – Android Apps on Google Play](#)

[Hallow: Prayer & Meditation on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)

Click on the link to download the app.

PARISH NEWS

Collection 14 January 2024 amounted to £1,844.43

Standing orders for October: £3,432.00

Contactless Income for December: £528.73

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

LENT PRAYER COURSE—*We Dare To Say*

During Lent, we will be running a Prayer Group and invite you to come on a journey through the Lord's Prayer. This is a five-week course called 'We Dare To Say', that has been specially prepared for the Year of Prayer, the penultimate year of preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*.



We hope it will lead to a deeper understanding of those words which the Lord gave us as the pattern of all prayer, a sure foundation to our praise and petitions.

Further details to follow.



PALM ASHES To help us prepare for the Lenten Season, please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the beginning of February so they can be burned for use on Ash Wednesday (14th February). *Thank you.*

NEW TO THE PARISH... please fill out a registration form to be added to our database and mailing list. You will find the form in the entrance area (by the annexe). *Thank you.*

Online Donations We apologise to anyone who has tried to use the faulty 'Donate' link on our website—the problem has now been fixed. Thank you for your patience.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 22nd January FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 5:30pm	Chapter 1: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER St Mary Magdalen School
Monday 22nd January CONFIRMATION 6:00pm	Session 2: WHAT CAN WE KNOW ABOUT GOD Church of the Transfiguration
Tuesday 23rd January After 9:30am Mass	Coffee Morning in the annexe
Thursday 25th January 7:00pm	ALPHA reunion meeting in the church

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Hanora 'Noreen' Joy and Maurice Anthony Joy
will take place on Tuesday 23rd January at 11:30am
followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:00pm

May they rest in peace ☩

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January:

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Saturday 10th February 2024, 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

To help with the planning, you are asked to book a free ticket, this can be done through the parish office.

Tickets are in 3 categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

To reserve a place, please contact the office with the following information:

Name, Contact Details, Number and type of Ticket.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 21 January 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Joan Doyle	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	Ints
	10:30am	Michael Brady	Anniv
	12 noon	Elizabeth Cronin	Anniv
	6:30pm	Yvonne Dike	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Ann Kennedy	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Kathleen McKenna	RIP
	11:30am	Funeral—Noreen & Mossie Joy	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Martin Doyle	Get well Ints
Friday	9:30am	Carmeletta O'Sullivan	Get well Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Mary Carmody	Anniv

Those who are sick: Elaine Lydon, Carmeletta O'Sullivan

Those who have died recently: Mossie Joy, Noreen Joy, Johnson Massicott, Bernadette Noone (née McInerney), John Cronin, Hilda Finnerty, Patrick Clifford, Bins Castillo Carandang

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Antony John Chalissery, Elizabeth Cronin, Michael Brady, Mary Shaughnessy, John O'Brien, Margaret Turner, Pamela and Bill Conway, Francis Benoît