



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY — MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

4 FEBRUARY 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 (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

The first time I went to Lourdes I was about 6 months old. My parents were having a holiday in the Pyrenees and I was being carted about in the back of the car in a drawer from a wardrobe which was acting as a carry-cot. Not surprisingly, I remember nothing of this visit, but it did make an impression on my parents – non-Catholics- and I'm afraid it wasn't a good one. Even in 1959 Lourdes was full of shops selling holy bric-a-brac, and the many cafes and hotels which are still there today. My parents could not see beyond this to the heart of Lourdes, and my mother reminded me of this when I took a pilgrimage from New Southgate parish in the Jumbulance.

Today's gospel, about the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, brought Lourdes to my mind, which I was thinking about anyway as the feast comes next week. Fever was a very serious condition in the time of the New Testament. There were no drugs like aspirin or paracetamol to reduce it. You just had to let the illness take its course, and hope and pray that the fever would pass and the person would survive. In the gospel we witness Jesus entering the house and, being moved by compassion for this woman, he takes her by the hand and raises her up. The word spread quickly about Jesus' healing power and the whole city gathered at the door – imagine the noise, the shouting and the chaos, bringing the sick and those in need of healing.

Pilgrims come in great numbers to Lourdes, and their pilgrimage mirrors the scene in the gospel. They are seeking a deeper connection with God and often carry with them the burden of illness. There can be great crowds in Lourdes. However, it also possible to find peace and prayer there – for example the Blessed Sacrament chapel. It is possible to meet the Lord in the Sacrament of Confession. Here the pilgrim can also encounter Jesus Christ.

I am told that the details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will soon be published. You might want to consider joining that pilgrimage. But know this too, we can encounter the healing touch of Jesus Christ here in NW10 in the Mass, in Confession and in one another.

Monsignor Roger.



PARISH NEWS

Collection 28 January 2024 amounted to £1,438.16

Standing orders for December: £3,118

Contactless Income for December: £528.73

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS CONTINUES...

In preparation for the October 2024 Synod Assembly in Rome, in the next few weeks we will be taking part in two further consultations, building on our previous discussions and reflecting on our sense of mission. Watch this space!



YOUTH GROUP - Year 9 to 13

SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY at 5:00pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of challenges and games to test your stamina and thinking skills!

All welcome—registration forms available by the annexe.

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*.

When: Thursdays in Lent

Start: Thursday 15th February for 5 weeks

Where: Willesden Green parish—in the annexe at **7:00pm**
Kensal Rise parish—in the Newman Room at **10:30am**
 (following 10am Mass)

You are very welcome to join either group.

ASH WEDNESDAY The beginning of Lent this year falls on Wednesday 14th February. Holy Mass with distribution of ashes will take place at **9:30am** and **7:00pm**.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY A reminder that the remaining balance needs to be paid by **Monday 26 February**.

Baptism Preparation The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 13 April** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 5th February FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 5:30pm	Chapter 5: GLORY TO GOD St Mary Magdalen School
Monday 5th February CONFIRMATION 6:00pm	Session 4: JESUS, MORE THAN A MERE MAN Church of the Transfiguration

Those who are sick: Elaine Lydon, Carmeletta O’Sullivan, Esme Ellington

Those who have died recently: Hilda Finnerty, Patrick Clifford, Phil Baines, Eden Espineda, Mary Daly, Edward Pope, Patrick Kennedy, Edward Dudley

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bridget McNulty, Maureen Jarmulowicz, Lucita Benoît, Oliver Simon, Estela Saavedra, Hanna O’Connor, Joyce Lobo, John Boland, Zofia Nowicka

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception of the late **Matilda (Hilda) Finnerty** will take place on Monday 5th February at 7:00pm.

The Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 6th February at 11:00am followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12:30 pm

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

Patrick Anthony Clifford

will take place on Friday 9th February at 12:30pm

followed by cremation at

West London Crematorium at 13:45 pm

May they rest in peace †

JOB VACANCY IN OUR PARISH:

Please see the advertisement below for the position of Parish Administrator:

jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-willesden-green

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for February:

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. More information to follow.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 4 February 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Nora Lynch	Anniv
	10:30am	Zofia Nowicka	Anniv
	12 noon	Bridget McNulty	Anniv
	6:30pm	Aggie Dermody	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Maureen Jarmulowicz	Anniv
	7:00pm	Reception - Hilda Finnerty	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Louise Keating	RIP
	11:00am	Funeral—Hilda Finnerty	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Hanna O’Connor	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Hilda Finnerty	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Alice Doris	Get Well Ints
	12:30pm	Funeral—Patrick Clifford	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Hilda Finnerty	RIP