



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY — MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

11 FEBRUARY 2024

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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

The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured (Mk 1:40-45)

Meditation: Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. The medical knowledge of his day would have regarded such contact as grave risk for incurring infection. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean, unapproachable, or unloving towards others.



Prayer

Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your love
and make me clean and whole in body, mind,
and spirit.

May I never doubt your love
nor cease to tell others of your mercy and
compassion.

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 4 February 2024 amounted to £1,818.35

Standing orders for January: £3,339

Contactless Income for January: £478.22

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*.



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**.



NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

The students are taking part in CAFOD's & SCIAF's "The Big Lent Walk" on Friday 8th March 2024, by walking the 12 iconic London Bridges. Please scan the QR code below or visit <http://tinyurl.com/LentWalkNCC> to donate! Your sponsorship can and will change lives.

Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

This year these are our focus areas for Lent: CAFOD is helping fishing communities feed their families in Liberia, SCIAF is focused on women and girls in Rwanda facing gender-based violence.



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

CHARITY COLLECTIONS IN 2023

Last year our fundraising campaigns raised an incredible **£11,848.92**

in support of the following charities:

Holy Places	£997.31
Peter's Pence	£442.93
Sick and Retired Priests	£1,123.96
Priests' Training Fund	£1,153.88
Cardinal's Lenten Appeal	£93.50
Apostleship of the Sea	£554.53
CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeals	£2,554.47
Catholic Children's Society	£1,409.25
Comboni Sisters' Appeal	£840.02
Mary's Meals	£484.33
Friends of the Holy Land	£2,194.74

On behalf of all the charities, thank you for your amazing generosity!

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!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

As it is half-term, there will be no sessions this week.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MATRIMONY

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

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 11 February 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Maura Hickson	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	James Murphy	RIP
	10:30am	Paddy O'Connor	RIP
	12 noon	Pat Butler	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Cecilia and James Lindford	Anniv
Tuesday	9:30am	Nelly Lennon	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Kathleen and Martin Momgan and family	Ints
	7:00pm	John and Nora Momgan and grandchildren	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Benny and Margaret McDade	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Peggy Corbo	Anniv
Saturday	9:30am	Michael Whelton	Anniv

Those who are sick: Elaine Lydon, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Esme Ellington, Helena Cunningham, King Charles III

Those who have died recently: Eden Espineda, Mary Daly, Edward Pope, Patrick Kennedy, Edward Dudley, Janina Mencfel

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peggy Corbo, Cecilia and James Lindford, Benny and Margaret McDade, Pat Butler, Augustine (Justine) Daroux