

Lent



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH — MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

3 MARCH 2024

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

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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

I would like to thank all of you who filled in the questionnaires over the last two weeks in our parishes. I can tell that, even in a short time, you put a lot of thought into your responses, and I could tell that people from all ages took part. It was also interesting to hear from someone who was visiting from Nigeria who told me that she had been answering exactly the same questions in her parish back home. It will take a while to bring all your thoughts together, but I thought I would give you some headlines from the 500 or so responses in both parishes:

Community Outreach

The neighbourhood (the surrounding streets and houses);

Other faith centres and places of worship within the parish.

The young and the old of the parish.

'Come and see' invitations to parish church after school social events.

Charity Outreach

The homeless

The elderly

The sick

Events and Activities

Prayer groups

Study groups

Faith sharing groups

Coffee mornings

Social events

Open days for the lapsed and the curious of the parish

Days/evenings out – theatre, processions, meals

Our Parishes work more closely together

'Guest speakers' – at Mass or events?

More opportunities to 'stay and mingle' after Mass

These are just the first impressions. There is a lot more to come, and we will be preparing some much more detailed feedback for you. There is much for us to think and pray about in the weeks that lie ahead!

Monsignor Roger.



PARISH NEWS

Collection 25 February 2024 amounted to £1,677.69

Standing orders for January: £3,339

Contactless Income for January: £478.22

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

It is now over four years since the last Planned Giving Drive took place in this parish. Parishioners responded very generously then which saw us through the Lockdown period. The Diocese has asked us to hold another Drive, and it starts this weekend. I know that for many of you it may not be possible to increase your generous giving to the Parish, but I do ask that you consider very carefully moving from Envelopes to a Standing Order, and also Gift Aiding your offering. You will be given full information about all of this in the next three weeks.

I am very pleased to announce that Maria Nowicka has been appointed Parish Administrator. She took on this role on a temporary basis, and now following the diocesan recruiting procedure and interviews, she is formally appointed.

SCHOOL AND PARISH

At 9:30am on Tuesday 5 March, we will be welcoming the students from Newman Catholic College to join us at the morning Mass. This Mass will not be live-streamed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP at the 10:30am Sunday Mass will be restarting again on the 17th March.

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 4th March FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 5:30pm	Chapter 7: BREAD TO OFFER St Mary Magdalen School
Monday 4th March CONFIRMATION 6:00pm	Session 7: IN SEARCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Church of the Transfiguration
Thursday 7th March LENT PRAYER GROUP	10:30am The Church of the Transfiguration OR 7:00pm St Mary Magdalen annexe
Friday 8th March STATIONS OF THE CROSS Praying for Peace	6:00pm in our church

YOUTH GROUP - Year 9 to 13

SUNDAY 10th MARCH at 4:30pm—EARLIER TIME!



We will be preparing a special Youth Stations of the Cross to lead parishioners on Friday, March 15th.

We welcome your artistic ideas!

Registration forms available by the annexe.

DIOCESAN NEWS

As part of our Lenten devotions, Westminster Cathedral Choir will perform JS Bach's retelling of **ST JOHN PASSION**. The event will take place on **Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm** at Westminster Cathedral.

We are delighted to invite you to join us for this devotional performance by our world-famous Choir directed by Master of Music, Simon Johnson, accompanied by a period Baroque Orchestra and joined by outstanding soloists. This is a wonderful chance to hear the Cathedral's superb choir performing one of the greatest pieces of Easter music ever written.

Discounted tickets (by 30%) are available at the following link, using the password below. Prices start from £14.

[https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?](https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00602BD7A81B4F?did=sjp30)

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Password: **SJP30**

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2.30pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their

5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024.

If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the parish office by **Friday 22nd March.** *Thank you.*

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 3 March 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Christopher Quadros	Ints - Health
Sunday	9:00am	Tony McGovern	RIP
	10:30am	Theresa Kilcoyne	Anniv
	12 noon	Phyllis and Tom Attridge	Anniv
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Jacob Pio Fernandes	Ints - Birthday
Tuesday	9:30am	Cirilo Carvalho	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Ruth Theodore	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Simon Mercer	Ints - Get Well
Friday	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
Saturday	9:30am	Urszula Chambers	Ints - Get Well

Those who are sick: Helena Cunningham, Martin Doyle, Phyllis Oliveiro, Simon Mercer, Carol Scanlon Giudice

Those who have died recently: Frank Carroll, Margaret Henchy, Nancy McHugh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Theresa Kilcoyne, Sheila Scanlon, Phyllis and Tom Attridge

Lent Retreat

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

📍 Assumption Priory, Victoria Park Square,
Bethnal Green, London E2 9PB



Donations only



RELIGIOUS OF THE
ASSUMPTION

Sat 16th March

Programme: Morning Prayer & Reflections (11am)
• Lunch • Afternoon Activities • Stations of the Cross •
Adoration • Confessions • Social • Mass (6pm)

To register email: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

VOLUNTEERING FAIR



Saturday 9 March 2024

3 pm - 5 pm

Westminster Cathedral Hall

Ambrosden Avenue, London, SW1P 1QH



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ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST

An ecumenical service to mark the anniversary
of the martyrdom of Archbishop Romero

Prayerful & Prophetic Resilience in the Face of Injustice

Archbishops Oscar Romero
and Denis Hurley

Saturday, 16 March 2024
11am, St Martin-in-the-Fields
Trafalgar Square, London



Speaker

Dr Raymond Perrier

*Director of the Denis Hurley Centre,
South Africa*



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ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN WESTMINSTER JUSTICE AND
PEACE FOR AN ONLINE 9-DAY NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR
THE HOLY LAND

Our Lady Untier of Knots: Novena for the Holy Land

In this Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots, we pray for the
populations of Palestine and Israel suffering the terrible
consequences of violence and war and for an end to all war.

**Join us for as much or as little of the Novena as you are able*

**Led by: Mary
Pierre-Harvey,
Hounslow
Parish**

**Dates: 29th
February - 8th
March, 2024,
8.00-8.45pm**

**Sign up on
Eventbrite or
email
justiceandpeace
@redow.org.uk to
get the Zoom link**

