

Lent



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH — MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

17 MARCH 2024

Presbytery

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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

We have, indirectly, St Patrick to thank for the fact that we, as Catholics, can go to individual confession to a priest and thereby know the grace of sin forgiven. Nearly everyone knows that St Patrick brought the Catholic faith to Ireland. He first went there as a young man after being kidnapped by pirates. He returned years later as a priest and proclaimed the great truths of our faith. But what many people do not know is that what we know now as confession did not really exist in the early Christian era. It's a long story, but basically anyone who committed sin after baptism was not easily allowed back to the sacraments.

There would be a life of penance and excommunication. By the seventh century it was clear this was not really working as it was intended to. People put off baptism until their deathbeds, rather than risk a life of penance following sin.

Irish monks developed a system of confession with the private recitation of sins which was followed by a private penance. It was they who, far from being fire and brimstone sort of Catholics, made penance more private and more merciful.

We are the inheritors of this grace which has come to the world wide Catholic church from Irish monks. We are now entering that time of year when our minds and souls turn to the suffering of Jesus, and we know that he suffered and died on the Cross to open up heaven for us.

Inspired by this, please make use of the sacrament of penance, reconciliation – or confession as it is often called – this Easter. It is the time of year when all Catholics should come to confession, seeking to rise from sin as Jesus Christ rose from death. There will be a Penitential Service at St Mary Magdalen's church at 7pm on Monday in Holy Week, 25th March There will be a reading of scripture, prayer and a chance to reflect on our lives and then time for individual confession to a priest. There will be six priests with us, the home team plus some visitors. You can choose whom to see.

I encourage you very much to come to this service. Of course, there will be other times for confession in both Kensal Rise and Willesden Green parishes if you cannot manage this time, but this will be our principal act of penance as a community before Easter.

Monsignor Roger.

PRAYER OF ST PATRICK

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



PARISH NEWS

Collection 10 March 2024 amounted to £1,781.66

Standing orders for February: £3,077

Contactless Income for February: £661.60

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

This weekend sees the final session of our Planned Giving Drive. Thank you to our Finance Committee who spoke about the parish finances and I hope, gave you a clearer picture of the need and security of a regular income. This weekend, we are giving you the opportunity to inform us of any donation you wish to make and ask that you consider very carefully moving from Envelopes to a Standing Order, and also Gift Aiding your offering.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you.



Altar Servers There will be a practice for all altar servers to prepare for the Holy Week Services on **Saturday 23 March at 11:00am.**

On Palm Sunday we will be welcoming **Bishop John Sherrington** who will be concelebrating the 12noon Mass.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/2025

For existing envelope users, the envelopes for 2024/25 will be available for collection after Mass next weekend and on the weekend of 6/7 April.

If you are unable to collect in person, please email or phone the office to arrange alternative collection or postage. Thank you.

SCHOOL AND PARISH

We are joined by the children of St Mary Magdalen's at the 9:30am Mass this Tuesday. This Mass will not be live-streamed.

Holy Week Services Please take a leaflet home with all the dates and times of our Holy Week Liturgies. They are available at the back of the church.

Thank You from the Finnerty Family

We would like to thank everyone who offered their condolences on the loss of our mother, Hilda. We would also like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and reception and those who so generously donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Over £2,200 was collected. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 18th March
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
5:30pm

Chapter 9: DO THIS IN MEMORY
OF ME
St Mary Magdalen School

CONFIRMATION

NO SESSION -resumes 15 April

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help at the Holy Week liturgies. If you are available, please take a look at the few slots still remaining Thank you.

Parish Penitential Service: On Monday in Holy Week (25 March) there will be a Penitential Service at 7:00pm with visiting priests and opportunity for individual confession. I encourage you to come to this service so we can prepare together to celebrate the Lord's Passion.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP restarts this weekend at the 1030 Mass. Children from Reception age upwards are very welcome!



**Coming soon...
Watch this space!**



DIOCESAN NEWS

Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger and provides 2.4 million children every day with one meal in their place of education in some of the poorest countries of the world. We are working to reach the next hungry child and to do so need more volunteers in London for administrative tasks or to make phone calls. The work can be done from our office on a Thursday nr Notting Hill/Holland Park or from home. If you would like to know more please contact gerrard.mcmahon@marysmeals.org or 077141-33383. Thank you.

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

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

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 17 March 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Joy	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Joyce Lobo	RIP
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Mary Killian	Anniv
	6:30pm	For all who supported the Finnerty family in their recent bereavement	Ints
Monday	9:30am	Maureen Anderson	Anniv
Tuesday	9:30am	Thomas Dias	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Brian Patrick Monahan	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	Tom Tansey	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Frank Carroll	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Sister Marian McCarthy	RIP

Those who are sick: Phyllis Oliveiro, Simon Mercer, Carol Scanlon Giudice, Yvonne Dike, Elaine Lydon

Those who have died recently: Vince Power, Mary O'Beirne

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Killian, Maureen Anderson, John O'Brien, Michael Corrigan, Jimmy Joe Corrigan