

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL — MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 APRIL 2024



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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 good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep
(Jn 10:11-18)**

Meditation: Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

Do you listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls you to himself?

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Saviour of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Saviour he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Cyril of Alexander, a 5th century church father comments on Jesus as our Good Shepherd:

"He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up his life fighting in defence of his sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ. For man has departed from the love of God, and fallen into sin, and because of this was, I say, excluded from the divine abode of paradise, and when he was weakened by that disaster, he yielded to the devil tempting him to sin, and death following that sin he became the prey of fierce and ravenous wolves. But after Christ was announced as the True Shepherd of all men, He laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16), fighting for us against that pack of inhuman beasts.

"He bore the Cross for us, that by His own death he might destroy death. He was condemned for us, that He might deliver all of us from the sentence of punishment: the tyranny of sin being overthrown by our faith: fastening to the Cross the decree that stood against us, as it is written (Colossians 2:14). Therefore as the father of sin had as it were shut up the sheep in hell, giving them to death to feed on, as it is written in the psalms (Ps. Xlviii.16), He died for us as truly Good, and truly our Shepherd, so that the dark shadow of death driven away He might join us to the company of the blessed in heaven; and in exchange for abodes that lie far in the depths of the pit, and in the hidden places of the sea, grant us mansions in His Father's House above. Because of this he says to us in another place: Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom (Luke 12:32)."

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 7 April 2024 amounted to £1,451.50

Collection 14 April 2024 amounted to £1,355.92

Standing orders for March: £3,124.00

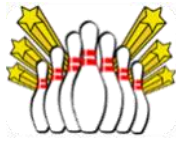
Contactless Income for March: £640.43

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Following a fall in church on Palm Sunday, Monsignor Roger has fractured his knee, this means that you will be seeing a little less of him in the next few weeks. Please keep him in your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP - Year 9 to 13

Next meeting on: **SUNDAY 12th May**



**COME AND JOIN US FOR
A FUN AFTERNOON BOWLING!**

To sign up and for further details please email the office:
willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk

All welcome—registration forms available by the annexe.

SCHOOL AND PARISH

We are joined by the pupils of St Mary Magdalen school at the 9:30am Mass this Monday. This Mass will not be live-streamed. Please see <https://www.churchservices.tv/> for other live Masses.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception and Funeral Service of the late

Cath Coffey

will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 6:30pm

followed by a Requiem Mass on 25th April at

Our Lady, Queen of All Creation, Hemel Hempstead at 2:15pm

May she rest in peace ☩

Mass Intentions Week commencing

Sunday 21 April 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	People of the Parish	Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Thomas DSouza & family	Thanksgiving
	10:30am	Celestino Albarote Cabahug	RIP
	12 noon	William Langan	Anniv
	6:30pm	Kamala Brereton	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Elaine Lydon	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Sean and Breda Hough	Ints
Wednesday	9:30am	Maria Fernandes	RIP
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Friday	9:30am	All Souls of the Cardoso family	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Hilda Finnerty	RIP

DIOCESAN NEWS

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **49** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year **3** deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese.

The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.



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Sunday 12th May, 3pm
Procession of Our Lady of Willesden
The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden,
1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX
John pilgrims in praying the Rosary for the protection of London.
Preacher
Fr Pius Collins O. Praem

Our Lady of Willesden May Procession

The annual **MAY PROCESSION** in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on

**Sunday, 12th May,
at 3pm.**

PARISH DIARY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Rehearsals take place on Friday 3rd May. See email for times.
	<u>First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 4th May: 11:00am & 2pm</u>
Monday 22 April 6:00pm CONFIRMATION	Session 11—Update! Confession Church of The Transfiguration
COFFEE/TEA MORNING	Tuesday after morning Mass with some helpers from St Mary Magdalen's School

Those who are sick: Helena Cunningham, Timothy Hannah, Ethel Cuff, Carmeletta O'Sullivan

Those who have died recently: Crispin Robinson, Mary Ellen Callaghan, Phyllis Oliveiro, Cath Coffey, Fr David Williamson, Fr John Warnaby

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Langan



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Bakerloo and Overground to Willesden Junction | Buses 18, 187,
206, 220, 226, 228, 260, 266 & 487

The London Eucharistic Octave

25th May – 2nd June 2024

Celebrating the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church



Saturday 25th May | 6pm
SUNG MASS OPENING THE OCTAVE

Monday 27th – Friday 31st | 6:30pm
Mass in the various Rites and Uses
of the Catholic Church

Thursday 30th – Saturday 1st June | 7am – Midnight
Quarant'Ore Devotions | maidenlane.org.uk/forty

Sunday 2nd June | 11am
PONTIFICAL MASS OF CORPUS CHRISTI WITH THE NUNCIO
His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía
at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane with Procession to Warwick St
Followed by | 3:30pm
THE CONTINUATION OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
From Warwick Street to Spanish Place via the Ukrainian Cathedral



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Organised by the Westminster Diocesan Parishes of
Maiden Lane, Warwick Street, Spanish Place & the Rosary Shrine, with the Ukrainian Cathedral & the Order of Malta
www.catholiclondon.org

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2024

All events taking place at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB, except for the afternoon Procession on Sunday 2nd, which departs at 3:30pm from Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, W1B 5LZ

Saturday 25th May | 6pm | Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity

SUNG MASS OPENING THE OCTAVE

Mass in the Roman Rite (English)

Sunday 26th | Mass in the Parishes as advertised

Monday 27th | 6:30pm

Mass in the Dominican Rite

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Joseph Bailham, OP, *Parish Priest of the Rosary Shrine*

Tuesday 28th | 6:30pm

Mass in the Maronite Rite (West Syriac)

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Fadi Kmeid, LMO, *Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church*

Wednesday 29th | 6:30pm

Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski

Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Great Britain

Thursday 30th | 6:30pm | Votive Mass of Corpus Christi

Mass in the Roman Rite (Latin) opening the Annual *Quarant'Ore* Devotions

Celebrant: Fr Alan Robinson, *Rector of Corpus Christi*

Preacher: Fr Julian Large, Cong.Orat., *Provost of the London Oratory*

Exposition from the end of Mass until Midnight

Friday 31st | 7am – Midnight

| Continuation of *Quarant'Ore*

6:30pm

| The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass in the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Mark Elliott-Smith, *Rector of Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street*

Saturday 1st June | 7am – 6pm

| Continuation of *Quarant'Ore*

6:00pm

| Mass Closing *Quarant'Ore*

Sung Mass in the Roman Rite (English)

Preacher: Mgr Philip Whitmore, *Rector of St James's, Spanish Place*

Sunday 2nd June | 11:00am

PONTIFICAL SUNG MASS OF CORPUS CHRISTI

His Excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB, followed by the Procession to Warwick Street

followed by | 3:30pm

THE CONTINUATION OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Departing from Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, W1B 5LZ to St James's, Spanish Place via the Ukrainian Cathedral. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Warwick Street from 2pm.

Solemn Benediction will conclude the Octave.



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OUR LADY OF RANSOM

HOW BEAUTY DRAWS US



CLOSER TO GOD

FR PATRICK VAN DER VORST

Founder of Christian.Art and former Director of Sotheby's Europe

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY | 7.00PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho

TICKETS

guild-ransom.co.uk/events



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