

# ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL — MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 APRIL 2024



## Presbytery

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YouTube: [St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube](http://St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube)

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## Parish Office

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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

## Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them (Jn 20:19-31)

### Meditation

Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

### Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

### Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life

When Thomas finally had the courage to re-join the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again.



When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

*Fr Allan*

## PARISH NEWS

**Easter Offering Collection** amounted to £5,305.16

**Standing orders for March:** £3,124.00

**Contactless Income for March:** £640.43

**Collection in support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land:**

Totalled £1,451.92

*Thank you for your incredible generosity!*

## YOUTH GROUP - Year 9 to 13



Next meeting on:

**SUNDAY 12th May**



*All welcome—registration forms available by the annexe.*

## PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

Thank you so much to those of you who filled in the 'My Parish Commitment' form. A lot of you have begun a new standing order and signed up for gift aid. We also wish to thank those of you who volunteered to help with activities in the parish- we will be in touch.

If you weren't here and you wish to fill in a form, they are available at the back of the church.

## MAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY.

By kind invitation of Mgr. Jeremy Fairhead, there will be a meeting for all who going on this pilgrimage at St George's Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury HA0 2QE on

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.**

We will discuss the shrines we will be visiting, and also transport to and from Gatwick airport. Mgr. Jeremy will be providing some *Cucina Italiana* – Italian food – to whet our appetites.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/2025

For existing and new envelope users, the envelopes for 2024/25 will be available for collection after Mass this weekend.

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

**Coffee/Tea Morning** on Tuesdays is taking a break for Easter and will start up again on Tuesday 9th April.



## PARISH DIARY

<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Rehearsals take place on Friday 3rd May. See email for times. <u>First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 4th May: 11:00am &amp; 2pm</u>
<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	Sessions resume on 15 April

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NEXT MONTH

Franco	Evelyn	Isabella	Xander
	Sophia	Olivia	Shedael
Althea	Sumiko	Jaxson	Eva
	Joao	Zion	Kiara
Lucas	Jean		Carla
	Henry		Stephen
Finley	Mateus		Chloe
	Kimberley		Alan
Tia	Karina		Jacob
	Naveyah	Milena	Maria
Giliyah	Axel	Alfie-Lee	Allen
	Max	Sienna	Ralph
Maria	Samantha	Aline	Ronan
			Eric
			Hugo
			Sara
			Eugene

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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.**

Homilist: Fr Pius Collins, O. Praem.

of the Norbertine Canonry of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

### Mass Intentions Week commencing

**Sunday 7 April 2024**

Saturday	6:30pm	Thomas Egan	Anniv
Sunday	9:00am	Peter Minster	Anniv
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	May and Ronnie McClay	Anniv
	6:30pm	Agnes Cleary	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Joao B Fernandes	Anniv
Tuesday	9:30am	Howard Thompson	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	Ints
Thursday	9:30am	Henryk Nowicki	Anniv
Friday	9:30am	Regina Mendes & Antonio Mendes	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Margaret Henchy	RIP

**Those who are sick:** Yvonne Dike, Mary Walsh, Gareth Hayes

**Those who have died recently:** Aleksandra Betkowska, Mary Hammerton (Keleghan), Celestino Albarote Cabahug, Charles Till

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Thomas Egan, Henryk Nowicki, Peter Minster, Elizabeth Mason, Michael O'Connor