

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL — MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14 APRIL 2024



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Willesden, London - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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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

There was a lot of excitement about the total eclipse of the sun which took place last week. It was clearly visible on the coast of Mexico and travelled across 13 US states in just under two hours. It makes amazing viewing on



BBC iPlayer. The world gradually became shrouded in darkness and an extraordinary halo was visible around the moon. All this works, I am told, because the sun is roughly 300 times further away from the earth than the moon, and it is also 300 times larger than the moon. It is this coincidence that makes this most dramatic of physical marvels happen.

This coincidence could have a divine origin.

The physical marvel of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is emphasised in many of the accounts in the gospel. Think of Thomas and his doubts dispelled by Jesus standing in front of him. In today's gospel, Jesus appears in front of his friends, and to reassure them that he is not a ghost, he shows them his hands and his feet, and eats a piece of fish in front of them. Jesus' resurrection is a physical fact, a divine marvel.

The recent eclipse of the sun is a powerful image of the marvel of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus' death and burial momentarily brought darkness and obscured his divine nature, as the darkness of the moon eclipsed the brightness of the sun. Yet, just as the sun emerges from behind the moon bringing back light, so does Jesus emerge from the tomb, shining forth in glorious resurrection.

As the recent eclipse left so many in wonder and amazement at the power of God's creation, so the reality of Jesus' resurrection should fill us with awe and reverence. May we be filled with faith and confidence in the power of God's love to overcome darkness in our own lives.

Monsignor Roger.



PARISH NEWS

Easter Offering Collection amounted to £5,305.16

Standing orders for March: £3,124.00

Contactless Income for March: £640.43

Thank you for your generosity and very kind donations.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

Thank you so much to those of you who filled in the 'My Parish Commitment' form. We are currently updating our records and thank you for your patience while we process the applications.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We also wish to thank those of you who volunteered to help with activities in the parish. If you indicated that you would like to help with social events, you should have received an email with the details of our next Social Committee meeting which is on **Tuesday 23 April at 7:00pm**. If anyone else is interested in supporting our community events, please email the office.

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.

SCHOOL AND PARISH

We are joined by the students of Newman Catholic College at the 9:30am Mass this Tuesday. This Mass will not be live-streamed. Please see <https://www.churchservices.tv/> for other live Masses.

YOUTH GROUP - Year 9 to 13

Next meeting on:

SUNDAY 12th May



All welcome—registration forms available by the annexe.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024/2025

For existing and new envelope users, the envelopes for 2024/25 are available now for collection.

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

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>
CONFIRMATION	Sessions resume on 15 April
COFFEE/TEA MORNING	Tuesday after morning Mass

DIOCESAN NEWS

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next



weekend. 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 generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

All new Catholics are invited to attend a special Mass at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 11 May at 6:00pm**. Nearer the date, please look on <https://rcdow.org.uk/events/> for further details of a talk beforehand.

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.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 14 April 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Ana Piedade Braganza	RIP
Sunday	9:00am	Rose and Jimmy Phillips	Anniv
	10:30am	People of the Parish	Ints
	12 noon	Mary Molloy	Anniv
	6:30pm	Loretta Earley	RIP
Monday	9:30am	Mary Cotter	RIP
Tuesday	9:30am	Bridie Hughes	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Patrick Boland	Anniv
Thursday	9:30am	All Souls of the Mendes Family	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Andre Cardoso	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Michael Redmond	Anniv

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

Those who have died recently: Charles Till, Crispin Robinson, Mary Ellen Callaghan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Molloy, Rose and Jimmy Phillips, Tess McGloin, Edward Benoît, Eugene Lee