

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

May —Month of The Blessed Virgin

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B

12 May 2024

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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*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am asking you to engage with the national debate on two very important issues;

1. RIGHT TO LIFE
2. EDUCATION

It is crucial that the voices of ordinary people are heard in these debates so that our politicians understand how we are feeling!

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's webtool, at https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments. The Bill will be debated on 15th May, so please contact your MP NOW. Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

LIFTING THE FAITH BASED ADMISSIONS CAP

We are delighted and encouraged by the recent announcement from the Government on the decision by the Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan, to lift the faith-based admissions cap on new free schools in England, subject to a public consultation. The decision paves the way for Catholic free schools to open, having previously been excluded under the 50 percent cap or 'rule' which would have forced schools to turn away some Catholic pupils.

The Bishops' Conference have welcomed this announcement stating, "Dioceses are well placed to respond to differing local educational demands around the country, including the provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Parents can welcome this also. Catholic education not only provides a high performing school sector and promotes the formation of children in values and virtues; it is more ethnically diverse than other schools, educates more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds, and builds social cohesion within our communities." The Department for Education also has plans to enable new faith-based academies for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The Catholic Church has a long history of SEND provision, in Westminster we host 2 non- maintained Catholic SEND schools who could benefit from this announcement. We request that you ensure you parish communities are made aware of this consultation and respond via the links below before the closure of the consultation on 20th June 2024.

More information can be found via this link to the DfE website:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-lift-cap-on-faith-school-places

The link to the consultation can be found here:
https://consult.education.gov.uk/faith-schools-policy-team/faith-school-designation- reforms/

Monsignor Roger

PARISH NEWS

Collection 5 May 2024 amounted to £1,678.71

Standing orders for April: £3,299

Contactless Income for April: £791.01

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Priest Training Fund – Thank you

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund. We raised **£1,295.54** to support our seminarians.
Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

FEEDBACK MEETING ON OUR SYNODAL CONSULTATIONS

We invite you to a meeting on **Tuesday 14 May at 7:00pm** in the church to present a summary of your responses on the latest Synodal consultations.

Please do come along to hear and share ideas of how we can reach out to others, strengthen our faith and our community.



GIFT AID Please notify the Parish Office if any of your contact details have changed or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and wish to cancel your gift-aid declaration. We can only claim Gift Aid for current taxpayers. Additionally, if you're now able to Gift Aid your donations, please get in touch and we'll provide you with the necessary form. Gift-aid contributions greatly benefit our parish finances. Thank you.

We kindly ask you not to remove the flowers in Our Lady's Chapel. These are generously given by parishioners to honour Our Lady. Thank you.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 12 May 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary Sullivan	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Phil McGovern	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Elaine Lydon	**RIP**
	12 noon	Mary Killian	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Gliceria Castaneda	**Birthday Ints**
	3:30pm	Reception - Michael O'Leary	
Tuesday	9:30am	Elaine Lydon	**RIP**
	11:00am	Funeral—Michael O' Leary	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Ernie and Catherine Lindford	**Anniv**
	10:45am	Funeral—Mary Ellen Callaghan	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Chiara Vallenie Carvalho	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Susan Keane	**Anniv**

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception of the late

Michael Joseph O'Leary

will take place on Monday 13 May at 3:30pm

The Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 14 May at 11:00am

followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery 12:30pm

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The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

Mary Ellen Callaghan

will take place on Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 10:45am

followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 12:15pm

May they rest in peace ✞

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May:

For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns and Seminarians.
We pray so that religious, monks, nuns and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

The **Episcopal Ordination** of Monsignor Jim Curry as an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 12 noon. No tickets needed. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

How Beauty Draws Us Closer To God

A talk by Fr Patrick Van Der Vorst, founder of Christian Art, at **St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho** on **Friday 17 May at 7:00pm.**
For tickets go to: guild-ransom.co.uk/events

SCAN TO SIGN UP

PARISH DIARY

CONFIRMATION GROUP CONFESSIONS	Monday 13 May at 6:00pm St Mary Magdalen Church
COFFEE/TEA MORNING	Tuesdays after morning Mass

Those who are sick: Ineda Braganca, Pauline Davison, Ronald Pitkin, Noel Armstrong, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Ethel Cuff, Timothy Hannah

Those who have died recently: Michael O'Leary, Mary Ellen Callaghan, Martin Doyle, Mary Louis

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Sullivan, Ernie and Catherine Lindford, Phil McGovern, Henry Coyle, Anne Bernadette McHugh, Matthew Crooke, Amanda (Mandy) Glenn, Augustine Williams