

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June —Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 June 2024

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This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT)
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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*

A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand

(Mk 3:20-35)

Meditation: Is the Lord Jesus honoured in your home? Why would Jesus' relatives be so upset with him when he began his public ministry? On one occasion Jesus remarked that a man's enemies will be the members of his own household (Mt 10:36). The Gospel of Mark records the reaction of Jesus' relatives when he went home: they came to seize him. They, no doubt, thought that Jesus must have gone mad or become a religious fanatic.
How could a good home-body from Nazareth leave his father's carpentry trade and go off to become a traveling preacher?

Jesus had thrown away the security and safety of a quiet and respectable life close to his family and relatives. He, undoubtedly, expected opposition from the Jewish authorities. The hardest opposition, however, may come from someone close to us, even your own kin. Jesus met opposition with grace and with determination to fulfil his Father's will. Are you ready to obey and follow the Lord even if others oppose your doing so?

"Lord Jesus, may I always put you first and find joy in doing your will. May your love and charity grow in me, especially in the face of opposition and adversity."

When danger lurks, what kind of protection do you seek? Jesus came to free us from the greatest danger of all - the corrupting force of evil which destroys us from within and makes us slaves to sin and Satan (John 8:34). Evil is not an impersonal force that just happens. It has a name and a face and it seeks to master every heart and soul on the face of the earth (1 Peter 5:8-9). Scripture identifies the Evil One by many names, 'Satan', 'Beelzebul - the prince of demons', the 'Devil', the 'Deceiver', the 'Father of Lies', and 'Lucifier', the fallen angel who broke rank with God and established his own army and kingdom in opposition to God. Jesus declared that he came to overthrow the power of Satan and his kingdom (Jn 12:31).

Jesus asserted his authority to cast out demons as a clear demonstration of the reign of God. God's power is clearly at work in the exorcisms which Jesus performed and they give evidence that God's kingdom has come.

What is the basis of our hope and confidence in God? Through Jesus' death on the cross and his victory over the grave when he rose again on the third day, Satan has been defeated and death has been overcome. We now share in Christ's victory over sin and Satan and receive adoption as God's sons and daughters. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord enables us to live a new life of love and freedom from slavery to sin. The Lord Jesus is our refuge and strength because he makes his home with us (Jn 15:4) and gives us the power and help of the Holy Spirit. Do you take refuge in the Lord and allow him to be the Ruler of your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are my hope and salvation. Be the ruler of my heart and the master of my home. May there be nothing in my life that is not under your lordship."

What is the essence of being a Christian? It is certainly more than doctrine, precepts, and commandments. It is first and foremost a relationship - a relationship of trust, affection, commitment, loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, thoughtfulness, compassion, mercy, helpfulness, encouragement, support, strength, protection, and so many other qualities that bind people together in mutual love and unity. God offers us the greatest of relationships - union of heart, mind, and spirit with himself, the very author and source of love (1 John 4:8,16). God's love never fails, never forgets, never compromises, never lies, never lets us down nor disappoints us. His love is consistent, unwavering, unconditional, and unstoppable. Nothing can deter him from ever leaving us, ignoring us, or treating us unkindly. He will love us no matter what. It is his nature to love. That is why he created us - to be united with him and to share in his love and unity of persons (1 John 3:1). God is a trinity of three divine persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and a community of love. That is why Jesus challenged his followers and even his own earthly relatives to recognize that God is the true source of all relationships. God wants all of our relationships to be rooted in his love.

Fr Allan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 2 June 2024 amounted to £1,467.82

Standing orders for May: £3,497

Contactless Income for May: £391.43

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

THE NEW LECTIONARY

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has asked that we use a new lectionary from Advent Sunday this year. The lectionary is the collection of readings from the scriptures to be used at Mass. We will need a new set for our church, comprising of four volumes. Already, three people have come forward offering to donate a volume in memory or recognition of a loved one. This will be inscribed in the book. If you would like to donate the final volume, please contact Monsignor Roger by *15th June*.



Some of you will remember Josie Redmond who has died recently. She served the parish faithfully for over 25 years. May she now rest in peace.

Baptism Preparation The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 6 July** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 11 June	Coffee/Tea after morning Mass with pupils from St Mary Magdalen's school
Tuesday 11 June 11:00am	Brent Deanery School's Mass
Thursday 13 June 7:00pm	 Summer School - session 1 'Beyond the Cross' Art & Culture series

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 9 June 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Daniele Torrieri	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Timothy and Catherine Kelleher	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Eileen Costello	**Anniv**
	12 noon	Tom Gilgunn	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Jim Shanley	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	The Mendes Family	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Mary O'Beirne	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Michael Bourke	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Margaret Smullen	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Ineda Braganca	**Ints - Birthday**

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALEN

On **Sunday 21st July** we will be celebrating our patronal feast.

Mass at **11:00am** will replace the 10:30 and 12noon.

Everyone is warmly invited to join the celebrations in the school hall afterwards.

Food lists will appear shortly.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June:

In June, we pray with Pope Francis for **migrants fleeing from war or hunger**, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries.

'Let us be committed to living and teaching the value of respect for others; a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of the dignity of every human being over his or her ideas, opinions, practises and even sins.' – Fratelli Tutti 191

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.

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates.
Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Please be advised that the Bi-Annual **Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery** NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 17th June 2024 at 11.30am.



Those who are sick: Ineda Braganca, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Ethel Cuff, Ophelia Jules

Those who have died recently: Josie Redmond, Evonna Bardouille,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Costello, Timothy and Catherine Kelleher, Tom Gilgunn, Michael Bourke, Gilbertha Giraud, Leroy Lewis, Cisline Morris

St Mary Magdalen
Summer school 2024:

Beyond the Cross

EASTER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST

Thursday evenings, 7.00PM

13th June – 18th July

Across six sessions, we explore the events in the New Testament following the Crucifixion.



Through a combination of art and spiritual reflection, we seek to gain new and deeper insights into these key moments in the birth of Christianity

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding of Easter through the lens of art and culture!

To find out more: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk