

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June —Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 June 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*

This weekend sees the annual **DAY FOR LIFE**, and the Bishops have asked us to think and pray especially about the issues around Euthanasia. I have reproduced here, in shortened form, 10 points from the Life Issues section of the Bishops' Conference website https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/ for us to consider. I know that this is a most sensitive issue, and that it will affect many of you in a personal way. Please do not hesitate to talk to your priests if we can help you.

1/ Life is a gift and equally valuable even in times of suffering
The Catholic Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for at all stages until natural death.

2/ Assisted suicide is based on a flawed idea of autonomy
Assisted suicide can never be an isolated act but is always deeply relational, involving many beyond the dying person such as family, friends, and healthcare professionals.

3/ Assisted suicide is based on a misleading view of compassion
Appeals for assisted suicide are often based on a false view of 'compassion' which fails to address the reality of suffering that is part of being human.

4/ Calling assisted suicide 'dignity in dying' ultimately passes judgement on the value of human life
Those who propose assisted suicide are, implicitly, denying that life has an inherent value beyond its abilities and capacities.

5/ Assisted suicide undermines the medical duty to care for patients
Legalising the intentional killing of patients would gravely undermine the vocation of healthcare professionals to care for life until its natural end.

6/ Assisted suicide undervalues the lives of people with disabilities
The legalisation of assisted suicide would be likely to result in a change in the way society views those with disabilities.

7/ People may choose assisted suicide because they feel a burden
Evidence from countries where assisted suicide has been legalised demonstrates that those who seek it often report a fear of burdening their loved ones with their suffering.

8/ We cannot know for sure if people seeking assisted suicide have full mental capacity
Prescribing lethal medication for individuals suffering from suicidal ideation would be a grave betrayal of the public health duty to save life.

9/ Legalising assisted suicide is likely to lead to a slippery slope
The experience of other jurisdictions illustrates the slippery slope of assisted suicide legislation from hard cases to more comprehensive provision.

10/ Investing in palliative care is a better way to support people suffering at the end of life
Rather than legalising assisted suicide, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales strongly supports greater Government investment in the availability and accessibility of specialist palliative care across the country.

PARISH NEWS

Collection 9 June 2024 amounted to £1,435.80

Standing orders for May: £3,497

Contactless Income for May: £391.43

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Canon Kevin Jordan

Cordially invites the parishioners of Willesden Green
To a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years
of the Sacred Priesthood.

"Doubt no longer but believe"

Feast of St Thomas the Apostle

Wednesday 3 July, 7pm Mass
Reception to follow.
Our Lady's, 54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA

RSVP kevinjordan@rcdow.org.uk

NEW LECTIONARIES Thank you to everyone who enquired and donated one of the four lectionaries for our parish in memory of a loved one. All four volumes have now been claimed!

PARISH DIARY

Monday 17 June	We are joined by the pupils of St Mary Magdalen school at the 9:30am Mass.
Thursday 20 June 7:00pm	 Summer School - session 2 'Beyond the Cross' Art & Culture series

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.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 16 June 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Martin and Paddy Grealish	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Tim and Breda Kelleher	**Ints**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12 noon	Inacio and Ineda Braganca	**Ints - birthday**
	6:30pm	Julia Egan	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Ronald Pitkin	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Inacio Braganca	**Ints - birthday**
Wednesday	9:30am	Philip Leonard	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Stephen Atkinson	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Martin Doyle	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Margaret Smullen	**Ints**

SOCIAL EVENTS NEWSLETTER

Our Social Committee has been working hard to organize activities that will be enjoyed by our whole community. Please see our upcoming events in the colourful Social Events newsletter.



Please also consider helping out….*many hands make light work!*

Contact details and more information on the newsletter.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DAY FOR LIFE - SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, **Day for Life** is celebrated today, with this year's theme being: **The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.**

A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

The **Day for Life Fund** provides financial assistance each year to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death. Each year, the money donated by the faithful on the Day for Life is dispersed to organisations to assist them in undertaking specific projects relating to life issues. These can range from educational work-shops to advocacy campaigns, practical support services to commissioning research. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer of St John Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,
Until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest,
And peace at the last. Amen.

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.

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, Miriam Barron, Sean Hough

Those who have died recently: Josie Redmond, Luisa Frei

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Julia Egan, Martin and Paddy Grealish, The Donaldson family, The Blunt family, The Piddington family



SOCIAL EVENTS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the St. Mary Magdalen Church newsletter! We have an action packed schedule for 2024. Find out more about what is happening and how you can get involved.

What is planned for 2024



ST. MARY MAGDALENE FEAST DAY

>>> Sunday 21st July
12-3pm
St. Mary Magdalen's Junior School

We will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene with a wonderful party at our local primary school. There will be food, music and fun activities for the children.

We need support to organise and run this event. Please see below for more information about how you can help.



FAMILY FUN DAY

>>> Sunday 22nd September
1-4pm
Willesden Sports Centre

We will be sharing this day with the Church of the Transfiguration. Come along with your family and a picnic for a fun packed afternoon of sport and games.

We need support on the day of the event. Please see below for more information about how you can help.



QUIZ NIGHT

>>> October
Date & time TBC
St. Mary Magdalen's Junior School

Are you a trivia King or Queen or a sports buff? Whatever your knowledge, we warmly welcome you to our quiz night including some light refreshments.

Get a team together or join a team on the night. We look forward to seeing you. Families welcome!

How you can get involved - Volunteering

The Parish Social Committee is a small group of dedicated volunteers who work together to plan and organise events. In the lead up to an event and to make the activity as enjoyable as possible for all, we rely on support from other members of our parish community to do various tasks. Some events are bigger than others and more specific, therefore they require a lot more support in terms of setting up and hosting the event. Please see below for the ways in which you can support us.

>>> PRE-EVENT/EVENT

- Decorating the venue
- Organising tables
- Cleaning the venue
- Children's activity coordinator

>>> FOOD

- Making international food
- Bringing food to the venue
- Serving food

>>> SPECIAL SKILLS

- Sports day games
- Children's entertainer
- Face painting
- Master of Ceremonies

>>> POST EVENT

- Cleaning up
- Moving equipment
- Heavy lifting

If you can volunteer, please join the Parish Social Events Volunteers WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code. More details of how you can help are contained in the description of the group.

If you don't use WhatsApp but would like to help then just get in touch by signing up to the volunteer list at the back of the church or by emailing: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk

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