

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY —MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 JULY 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*

X MARKS THE SPOT

In all the excitement surrounding the recent General Election, one new Member of Parliament has particularly stood out for me. I sense that he must have been very surprised to have been elected – he only has a razor thin majority of 39 – but I am sure he is very happy. The reason he stands out is because he will be the youngest MP in the House of Commons. His name is Sam Carling and he was born in 2002, which makes me feel my age a bit! His constituents chose him simply by marking an X next to his name on the ballot paper. While this must have brought Sam immense joy, he must now be beginning to discover the weighty responsibilities which accompany being chosen, being elected.

In the reading from Ephesians today we hear these inspiring words: 'Before the world was made God chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence.' Just think for a moment what those words mean – from eternity God has chosen you and me for some purpose. If it's good to be chosen for a football team, or for a WhatsApp friendship group, or more seriously for marriage and to start a family, or as a close and significant friend, how much more it is to know that we are chosen by God.

But, with choice comes responsibility. I'm not sure how happy Amos was to be chosen by the Lord to be his prophet – he was called from a life he knew and loved as a farmer and shepherd to prophesy to the people of Israel, on the whole to tell them truths they did not want to hear. In the gospel, Jesus does not simply choose the Twelve, he then sends them forth, tasking them to preach the good news of his kingdom.

We can rejoice that we are elected, that we are chosen by God. But with that choice comes responsibility. By our lives, we are to proclaim the good news of God – in our families and marriages – so hard to do sometimes; in school with all its pressures for success; at work when things can be boring and mundane. May we take to heart the words of the collect at Mass today: may we have the grace 'to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour'. It's what God has chosen us to do.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who are sick: Maureen and John Hopkins, Rose McDermott, Ethel Cuff, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Deirdre Byrne

Those who have died recently: Elizabeth Weir, Philip Mawn, Simon Mercer

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary and Dan O'Sullivan, Jennifer and James Myles, Leonard Birch, Geoff Mason, Ellen McCarthy, Patrick and Mary Ann McGovern and the McGovern family

PARISH NEWS

Collection 7 July 2024 amounted to £1,522.49

Standing orders for June: £3,952

Contactless Income for June: £445.27

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Today the Repository, which has been such a feature of our parish life for decades, will close. This is because the way we buy things has changed so much, and people are now much more able to buy their own religious items via the Internet.

For forty years, Breda Kelleher has run the Repository, and the parish owes her a huge debt of gratitude for this steadfast work. She has shown a great sense of duty, of reliability and commitment to serving generations of parishioners as they have purchased gifts, statues, rosaries and Mass cards. This has taken much behind the scenes work – ordering merchandise, going to trade fairs, and anticipating what people will want.

Thank you, Breda, from everyone here at St Mary Magdalen's.



SEA SUNDAY - TODAY'S COLLECTION

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you

Gift-Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church.

STELLA MARIS
SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS AROUND THE WORLD

SCHOOL AND PARISH We are joined by the pupils of St Mary Magdalen's School at the 9:30am Mass this Monday. This Mass will not be live-streamed. The children will also be helping out at the coffee morning on Tuesday .

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 14 July 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary and Dan O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Patrick and Mary Ann McGovern and the McGovern family	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Leonard Birch	**Anniv**
	12 noon	William Quigley	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	St Mary Magdalen's School Community	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Funeral - Elizabeth Weir	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Delcan Da Cunha	**Ints - birthday**
Wednesday	9:30am	Mary Duggan	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Kathy Coffey	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Joy and Ray Rice	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Elizabeth Helen Weir
will take place on Monday 15 July 2024 at 12:00pm
followed by cremation at
West London Crematorium at 1:45pm

May she rest in peace ✝

We congratulate Canon Kevin Jordan who recently celebrated 25 years of priesthood. May God's blessings be with you always.

YOUTH GROUP - Year 9 to 13
This SUNDAY, 14th July at 5:00pm

God & Us

Exploring identity, prayer and our relationship with God.

Led by Zuzanna from Westminster Youth Ministry

Why not give it go? We're a friendly group and everyone is welcome!

Registration forms available by the annexe.

St Mary Magdalen Feast Day



Next Sunday - 21st July from 12-3pm
St. Mary Magdalen's Junior

Please join us for a joyous celebration of St. Mary Magdalen on her Feast Day. There will be lots to do for all the family:

Photobooth live music

Penalty shoot out

Caricaturist Children's games

INTERNATIONAL FOOD

And much much more...

You can still volunteer to support the event - & join the WhatsApp group →

You can also sign up to our international food lists at the back of the church.

SEA SUNDAY 2024

I was a stranger....

Seafarers can lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will welcome seafarers and fishers and help them to get the support they need.

£20

£20 could help to send a chaplain to support a sick or injured seafarer in hospital. Please donate now at Stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday

Please donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk Or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5

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Sea Sunday 2024 Resources

I was a stranger and you welcomed me

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