

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY —MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 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*

A GREAT FEAST DAY.

What a wonderful day we had for St Mary Magdalen's feast last week. I wasn't sure how many would come for the combined Mass at 11am, but the church was full, which was so good to see. The flowers looked beautiful to mark this important day, and the music was inspiring from both the soloists and organ in the balcony, and the ever-growing music group by the sanctuary. The sense of community and celebration continued as over 200 parishioners gathered for a happy party at the Junior school. The social committee had been working hard since early morning to get everything ready, and there was such a welcoming atmosphere as we arrived. There were fun activities for everyone—face painting, 'bat the rat', football, music, and dancing. The highlight, for many of us, was the array of food from around the world, with enough to satisfy everyone. By the end of the party, there was not much left!

This Sunday's gospel reading from St John's gospel, recounts the miracle of the feeding of the multitude. In this well-known miracle, despite starting with so little, under God's grace, everyone had enough to eat. There are many ways to think about this miracle, and over the summer, as we listen to more verses from John chapter 6, we will explore these interpretations.

One way to view these verses is as a parable of parish life. People bring what they think may be insignificant, but, brought together, these contributions achieve great things. Many individuals contribute to our parish in different ways—the social committee, the finance committee, the readers, the musicians (who were wonderful on Sunday), the servers (it was great to see medals awarded), Eucharistic ministers both at Mass and those who bring communion to people at home, the children's liturgy, the administration, outreach in various forms, people who come to the groups for adults and the young, money counters, and church cleaners. Above all those who come to Mass week by week and day by day – maybe having to encourage the children to attend, maybe even when bodily aches and pains say stay at home. You all make this parish what it is.

In the gospel, what seems small is transformed into abundance. Let's give thanks for our parish life, where so many small efforts combine to give witness to the love of God.

Monsignor Roger



PARISH NEWS

Collection 14 July 2024 amounted to £1,640.32

Standing orders for June: £3,952

Contactless Income for June: £445.27

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

This weekend marks Fr Allan's last scheduled appearance as assistant priest. As I am sure you are aware he has been appointed parish priest of Our Lady Help of Christians, Kentish Town. We assure him of our prayers as he takes up this great responsibility. There will be an opportunity to mark your appreciation of all that he has been done for us in September, at a Mass of Thanksgiving at The Church of the Transfiguration, Friday 13 September in the evening.

Our 10:30 choir will be taking a well-deserved rest over the summer. I am sure you join us in thanking them for enhancing our worship so beautifully. We wish them all a relaxing break!

Thank you to everyone who kindly indicated their intention to make an offering to the parish through the Planned Giving Drive back in March. Standing Order forms have been sent to the banks; however, it seems that some have been returned due to a query regarding the date. If you wish to amend or submit a new form, please get in touch with the office. We are ready to help.

There will be **NO FOOD BANK COLLECTION IN AUGUST** as Newman Catholic College is closed for the summer. Please save all items until September. Thank you

If you are **going into hospital** and wish to see a priest, you will need to inform the staff so a visit can be arranged by the Catholic Chaplain. If you are **housebound**, even for a short period, please let Monsignor Roger know so arrangements can be made for a visit.

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 28 July 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	John and Patrick Rice	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Martin Doyle	**RIP**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Gjovalin Mracaj	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Thanksgiving	
Monday	9:30am	Maureen Healy Manning	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Martin Doyle	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Helen Hanley	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Daphne Keates	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Private Intention	
Saturday	9:30am	Thanksgiving for St Anthony	

A date for your diary…

Saturday 21st September



On Saturday 21st September, we will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. A coach will leave here at 7:20am and return the same evening. The cost per person is £28.50 for your coach travel and levy. Application forms available next weekend.

Programme

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation available
11.30am Welcoming of parish and other pilgrim groups and banners
12.00pm Pilgrim Mass
1.30pm Picnic lunch
2.15pm Gather for the procession along the Holy Mile
3.45pm Prayers, Benediction and final prayers in the grounds of the Anglican Shrine
4.30pm Departures

ST PATRICK'S, NEASDEN

Many of you will be aware that on 11th July, there was a fire at St. Patrick's, Neasden which has gutted the sacristy and caused major smoke damage throughout the Church and Parish Centre. Everyone was evacuated safely. Fire doors contained the fire but smoke damage is extensive. The Church will be unavailable for prayer and Mass for some months.
Please remember Fr Patrick and the parishioners in your prayers.

Coming soon...
Watch this space!

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a
Celebration of St Faustina Birthday
at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent
on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm.
The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.
All welcome.
Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

Those who are sick: Ethel Cuff, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Deirdre Byrne, Christine O'Sullivan, André Terasawmy

Those who have died recently: Thecla Walsh, John Hennessy, Rene Graham

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John and Patrick Rice, Leon and Esmenia Hufana, Ceri Floresca, Felicja Nowicka