

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY —MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY MAGDALEN

21 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*

'Mary, go and find the brothers and tell them'
(Jn 20:1-2,11-18)



Meditation: Do you recognize the presence of the Lord Jesus when you hear his word? How easy it is to miss the Lord Jesus when our focus is on ourselves! Mary Magdalene did not at first recognize the Lord because her focus was on the empty tomb and on her own grief. It took only one word from the Master, when he called her by name, for Mary to recognize him.

The Risen Lord Jesus reveals himself to us as we listen to his word
Mary Magdalene's message to the disciples, I have seen the Lord, is the very essence of Christianity. It is not enough that a Christian know about the Lord, but that we know him personally. It is not enough to argue about him, but to meet him. In the resurrection we encounter the living Lord Jesus who loves us personally and shares his glory with us. The Lord Jesus gives us "eyes of faith" to see the truth of his resurrection and his victory over sin and death (Ephesians 1:18). And he opens our ears to recognize his voice as we listen to the "good news" proclaimed in the Gospel message today.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the foundation of our hope - the hope that we, too, who believe in him will see the living God face to face and share in his everlasting glory and joy. "Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls"(1 Peter 1:8-9). Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, in his word, in the "breaking of the bread," and in his church, the body of Christ?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize your voice nor lose sight of your presence as you open the Scriptures for me and speak your life-giving word.

Fr Allan

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The love of Christ enflamed her, by Gregory the Great (540-604 AD)

"Mary Magdalene, who had been a sinner in the city (Luke 7:37), loved the Truth and so washed away with her tears the stains of wickedness (Luke 7:47). Her sins had kept her cold, but afterward she burned with an irresistible love... We must consider this woman's state of mind whose great force of love inflamed her. When even the disciples departed from the sepulchre, she did not depart. She looked for him whom she had not found... But it is not enough for a lover to have looked once, because the force of love intensifies the effort of the search. She looked for him a first time and found nothing. She persevered in seeking, and that is why she found him. As her unfulfilled desires increased, they took possession of what they found (Song of Songs 3:1-4)... Holy desires, as I have told you before, increase by delay in their fulfilment. If delay causes them to fail, they were not desires... This was Mary's kind of love as she turned a second time to the sepulchre she had already looked into. Let us see the result of her search, which had been redoubled by the power of love."

(excerpt from FORTY GOSPEL HOMILIES 25)

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.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO SEA SUNDAY

Our parish raised **£497.14**. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

If you did not get the chance to support this charity last week, you can visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.
Thank you
Gift-Aid envelopes are still available at the back of the church.

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Congratulations to Fr Ruwan on receiving his Master of Philosophy degree from St Mary's Catholic University, yesterday, at Westminster Cathedral. Well done Fr Ruwan!

Mass Intentions Week commencing Sunday 21 July 2024

Saturday	6:30pm	Susan and Tom Mallaghan	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Michael Brady	**RIP**
	11:00am	Michael Connell Snr & Michael Connell Jnr	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	All parishioners - past & present	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Margaret Fay	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Kathy Coffey	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Anne Bagnall	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Martin Doyle	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Sarah Murphy	**Anniv**

St Mary Magdalen Feast Day

Please join us for a joyous parish celebration today (Sunday) after 11:00am Mass at St Mary Magdalen's School, Linacre Road.

The Social Committee have worked hard and there will be lots to do for all the family!

We congratulate Ellen Gomes on being awarded a medal in recognition of her service to the Diocese of Westminster and especially to this parish. This medal will be presented at the 11 o'clock Mass.



We congratulate those servers who are being admitted to the Guild of St. Stephen and receiving the bronze medal, a sign of their commitment to serving at the Church's liturgies.

The family of Sean Faughey would like to thank everybody for their prayers, support and presence at his funeral last year. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Now that school terms are ending, we would like to wish all our parishioners a happy and enjoyable summer holiday!



Coming soon...
Watch this space!

A date for your diary...

Saturday 21st September



We will be organising a coach to join the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. Details to follow.

This is just three days before the new celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham will be marked for the first time on 24th September. You can read more about this at: https://rcdow.org.uk/news/our-lady-of-walsingham-raised-to-the-rank-of-feast/

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

Those who have died recently: Philip Mawn, Simon Mercer, Thecla Walsh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Susan and Tom Mallaghan, Sean Faughey, Michael (Mick) O'Brien, Michael Connell Senior, Michael Connell Junior, Isabel Jose, Anne Bagnall, Sarah Murphy