

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER —MONTH OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity No: 233699

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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*

Last Thursday, a small group of parishioners gathered in the Annexe to start a journey of discovery. They are beginning an Alpha course, a series of sessions designed to explore the basics of the Christian faith. This group is setting out with open hearts, seeking to learn more about Jesus. And while they may be just starting, their desire is something we all share—whether we've been Christians for decades or are just beginning to understand what it means to follow Christ. Soon, children and young people will be registering for the First Communion and Confirmation programmes. This is quite simply to help them get to know Jesus better. I hope all of us want to know Jesus better.

In today's Gospel, we hear about a moment when the disciples are trying to get to know Jesus better, to understand who he is. For the second time, Jesus tells them that he will be handed over to his enemies, that he will suffer, die, and rise again. This was not an easy thing for the disciples to hear, and even though they didn't understand it, they were afraid to ask Jesus about it. The disciples had seen Jesus perform miracles. They watched as he healed the sick, forgave sinners, and freed people from evil. They saw how the crowds followed him, how popular he was. They also knew Jesus as the Messiah, the promised King of Israel. How, then, could someone so powerful and beloved face rejection, suffering, and death? It didn't make sense to them, and they were afraid to admit their confusion.



Jesus's response to the disciples' confusion is to turn their attention to something radically different. To make his point even more clearly, he takes a child, and places him or her in front of them, and says, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." In other words, Jesus is comparing himself not to someone powerful, strong or successful, but to a child who has no status or power.

We must let the love of Jesus shape who we are. If we stay close to Jesus, in the Mass, in prayer, in looking after others – family, friend or stranger, we will come to know him more deeply. We may be surprised!

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Teresa and Jim O'Donnell, Monica Lynch, Betty Bunford, Ethel Cuff, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Esme Ellington, Ruth Codrington, Mary Gavahan, Miriam Barron

Those who have died recently: Melinda Moloney, Eddie Harte, Jozsef Dobo

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Butler, Patrick O'Sullivan, Maureen Smyth, Caitano Maria Pereira

PARISH NEWS

Collection 15 September 2024 amounted to £1,850.04

Standing orders for August: £4,118

Contactless Income for August: £552.36

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025



All children who are due to receive their First Holy Communion (currently in Year Three and above) or make their Confirmation (currently in Year Nine and above) must obtain an application form. **These forms will be available from the celebrating priest after all Sunday Masses on each weekend in October.**

Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only.



Completed forms, along with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and a donation of £50, must be returned by Sunday, 3 November 2024. Dates, times, and venues for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation sessions, as well as parents' meetings, will be provided once all necessary arrangements have been confirmed.

Signing of School Forms for Roman Catholic Secondary Schools and Sixth Form Applications

Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for **Secondary and Sixth form applications only**

on **Saturday 5 October 1:00pm - 3:00pm**
Sunday 6 October 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Monsignor Roger will see you on a first come, first served basis. Meetings will take place in the Sacristy, not Clergy House. Before your appointment please complete a CCP Application form, and a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for (top half of each certificate should be pre-completed). Both of these forms can be found on our parish website at: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/ Paper copies will also be available on the table at the back of the church.

We will be joined by the pupils of St Mary Magdalen's school this Monday at the 9:30am Mass. This will not be live-streamed.



Mass Count

As part of the parish's return of pastoral statistics, we are required to submit the number of people attending Mass. This count will be conducted over four weekends, which explains the person going around with a clicker!

Columban Missionary Appeal

Next weekend we welcome Fr Kevin McDonagh from the Columban Missionaries. The Society of St. Columban is an international Catholic missionary organisation centred on the Eucharist that crosses boundaries of culture and religion to reveal the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will hear more about the work of the Missionaries and how we can support them.

Wednesday Club

Our Wednesday Club aims to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere where members can socialise away from the demands of day to day living. The group have a chat, bring and buy fundraising, bingo, have a cuppa, go on annual outings to the seaside, welcome guest speakers, visits from both the parish schools, have fish 'n chips twice a year, Easter lunches, barbecues and traditional Christmas dinners at a chosen venue.

The Annual Membership fee is £10 and the entrance fee every Wednesday is £5 to cover costs of instructor who conducts simple chair exercises, tea/coffee/ snacks and bingo prizes.

If interested, please contact Gillian Horrell Tel:No: 07535449893. OR Alan Jones Tel:No: 07947946583 anytime after 5pm.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 22 September

Saturday	6:30pm	Maureen Smyth	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Margaret Butler	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Patrick O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Caitano Maria Pereira	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Mary MacKenzie	Get Well - **Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary Guerin	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Elizabeth Weir	**RIP**
	11:30am	Funeral - Jozsef Dobo	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Simon Mercer	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Margaret Kenny	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Fr. Cedric Stanley	**RIP**

Are you an adult coming to Mass but not baptised/Confirmed/ made your First Holy Communion?

Later in the year, we will begin a programme called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,** which is to help people who have maybe missed out on some sacraments when they were young, or who are not Catholics at the moment and who wish to receive the sacraments and come fully into the Catholic Church. No dates have yet been settled for this RCIA programme.

If this interests you, please contact Fr Matteo by email to find out more. You may know someone who would be interested in this– please ask them to get in touch. More details to follow.