

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER —MONTH OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

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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*

In the newsletter for this Sunday I thought it would be good to begin by writing something about myself. As many of you may know already my name is Matteo and I have been appointed as the new assistant priest for the Church of the Transfiguration and for St Mary Magdalen. I was ordained priest only two years ago, and I start here, this new work of service, following appointment in the parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood, and Mill End. I am very grateful to all the parishioners who have welcomed me so well and have been so generous towards me during the last two years. Therefore I take this occasion to thank them but also to thank all of you for the good welcome I have received coming here.

I am Italian by birth and I come from a small village under the mountains in Abruzzo called Isola del Gran Sasso. I am the first born of three and my brother and my sister live in Abruzzo where also my parents Gioacchino and Tiziana are currently living. I am a member of a reality in the Church called the Neocatechumenal Way, which focuses on Christian initiation and ongoing Christian formation for adults.

I became aware of God's calling during my years at university, where I gained a Masters in biotechnology of reproduction. At this time, I went through a period of existential crisis, but discovered God's calling with the help of my family, especially my parents, as well as with the help of my parish priest and my catechists from the Neocatechumenal Way. They provided for me, and are providing even today, an incredible spiritual support in my life. I remember those years of confusion and how, through prayer, the Lord helped me through them. I remember very well how one day whilst praying I cried out to God for help and he answered me: opening the Bible at random I found in front of me the calling of Matthew. Up until then, I had never wanted to become a priest, but something within me changed: little by little I started a journey of discernment into this wonderful vocation.

It has been challenging in many ways and I have been tempted to give up quite a few times. But the Lord evidently has never given up with me and now here I am starting my third year of service. I hope I will have all your prayers and support during this time with you because I know this is not a service I can do without your help.

The peace of Christ,
Fr Matteo.

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, Anne Donagher, Christine O'Sullivan
Those who have died recently: Melinda Moloney, Eddie Harte
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Noreen Kelly, Jackie Grefte, Jimmy Sheehan, Dean Marshall, Rosemary Wilmot

PARISH NEWS

Collection 22 September 2024 amounted to £1,644.91
Standing orders for August: £4,118
Contactless Income for August: £552.36

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped organise the family fun day. Over 100 people aged from 11 months to 75+ from both parishes came to Willesden Sports Centre where much fun was had by all. We were also pleased to welcome the Fire Service who came to show their fire engine. It was so good to see everyone mixing, enjoying themselves and making new friends. Please take a look at the photos on our Facebook page.



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

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.

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 .

Columban Missionary Appeal

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Kevin McDonagh from the Columban Missionaries. He will speak about their work and there will be an opportunity for us to donate to the Mission.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES BRITAIN

YOUTH GROUP

The Saint Mary Magdalen Youth Group returns from its summer break on **Sunday October 13th at 5.00pm**.

We'll be watching an episode of ***The Chosen*****,** a truly excellent series that focuses on the people and events around Jesus. If time allows, there will be discussion after. Either way, there will definitely be pizza!

New members are welcome, especially Year 9's preparing for their Confirmation.

Barry, Outreach Officer

Registration forms for new members are available in the church porch. All welcome, from Year 9 to 13.

REMINDER: FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 29 September

Saturday	6:30pm	Maria Theresa Nathan	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Noreen Kelly	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Gormley family & McCarthy family	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Elizabeth Weir	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Fr. Ruwan (MPhil)	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Deceased family of Augusta Munn	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Jackie Grefte	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary MacKenzie Get well -	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Velbijoy Fernandes	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Deceased family of Augusta Munn	**RIP**

DIOCESAN NEWS

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/ or https://eventcatholic.com/

Support for Paddington Old Cemetery

Many former parishioners are buried at Paddington Old Cemetery on Willesden Lane, and you may even have relatives buried there. Sadly, there is a huge problem with the cemetery being used disrespectfully as a facility for dogs to be off lead and there is a petition to address this. The details are in the petition (see link).
https://www.change.org/p/petition-to-stop-paddington-old-cemetery-being-used-as-a-dog-toilet-exercise-facility

If anyone wishes to complain directly to Brent Council please email your concerns to:
cemeteries@brent.gov.uk