

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

6 OCTOBER 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*

Authentic Love

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 2024

Our Church's teaching regarding the indissolubility of marriage flows from the teachings found in the Book of Genesis, subsequently confirmed and clarified by Jesus in today's Gospel. When a true marriage bond is established by the free and total consent of a man and woman, that bond can only be separated by death.
From a much broader perspective, the marriage bond of which Jesus speaks also reveals to us the depth of commitment that God has made to each one of us and the reciprocal commitment He invites us to make. God's covenant offered to us is freely given, total, and irrevocable. This is important to understand. God will never change His mind when it comes to the commitment He has made to each one of us. For our part, we must continuously seek to reciprocate that commitment by giving ourselves to the will of God in the same way.

Though much more could be said about this exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees regarding earthly marriage, we must also see in this exchange a common trap that we will encounter in our marital covenant with God and our love of others. Just as the Pharisees used the law of marriage to try to trap Jesus in His speech, caring nothing about the deeper truths that this teaching revealed, we can also use the Law of God in a way that reveals our own hardness of heart. Love, be it that of marriage or the love that is the basis of our union with God, can easily be used as a weapon rather than a source of unity. Regarding others, we can easily fall into the trap of using the precepts of love as a source of manipulation and persuasion. "If you loved me, then you would…" Regarding our love of God, we can often reduce our love into a reluctant following of God's most basic laws, such as "I have to go to church."

If love is to be pure and holy, it must rise above erroneous interpretations of love and be lived in the way it was intended to be lived. Pure love is always self-giving. It is sacrificial. It always looks to the good of the other. Love is total and must be irrevocable. Love forges a bond that should never be broken. It must endure everything and is possible only when it is grounded in the love that God has for us.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you love. Does the hardness of your heart lead you to misrepresent the love God wants you to share with others? Do you minimize the requirements of love? Is your love total, irrevocable, and freely given? Is your love self-seeking or self-giving? Reflect upon the pure and holy nature of the love God has offered to you, and recommit yourself to offer this same depth of love to God and to others so that the covenants that result from your love will always endure.

The peace of Christ,
Fr Matteo.

Those who are sick: Betty Bunford, Ethel Cuff, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Esme Ellington, Ruth Codrington, Mary Gavahan, Miriam Barron, Anne Donagher
Those who have died recently: Christina O'Sullivan, Philomena Tierney, Rosa Salgado
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paul Power, Michael Barrett, Bridie Farrell, Jimmy Miller, Joanita and Domingos Braganza, Mary Whelton, William Mannion, Joaquim Bellara Cardoso

PARISH NEWS

Collection 29 September 2024 amounted to £1,069.22

Standing orders for August: £4,118

Contactless Income for September: £675.56

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Columban Missionary Appeal

Fr. Kevin McDonagh would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome he received last weekend and for your generous donations. The total amount raised was £723.71. THANK YOU!

YOUTH GROUP

The Saint Mary Magdalen Youth Group returns from its summer break next **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.

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

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.

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

Remaining date: **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.

A reminder that our **2025 diary** is now open for booking Mass intentions. Please note that all Masses for the remainder of 2024 are fully booked.

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.

POPE CALLS FOR OCTOBER 7 TO BE DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

This Monday, in response to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Holy Father's request to pray for peace, special prayers will be offered during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30am to 9:15am. This day is also the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. At St. Mary Magdalen's Parish, we have a faithful group who prays the Holy Rosary daily after morning Mass (excluding Sundays). You are especially invited to join them on Monday and throughout October, the Month of the Rosary. We encourage you to spend more time praying the Rosary this month, recognising the great spiritual power and benefits it can bring to your life and to our troubled world.

We also invite you to mark Monday in some way as a fast day and if you are not able to participate in public prayers, there are a number of online programs to support your prayer, for example https://www.wordonfire.org/videos/rosary/joyful/



DIOCESAN NEWS

FESTIVAL OF OUR LADY OF APARECIDA

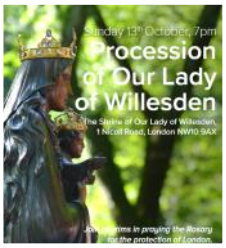
We are all warmly invited by the Brazilian Chaplaincy to join the celebrations for Our Lady of Aparecida at St. Anne's RC Church, Underwood Road, Whitechapel, London, E1 5AW.

12th October – Saturday from 2:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Children's Festival at 2:30 pm – Mass at 5:00 pm – Live Music at 7:00 pm

13th October – Sunday

Opening with Mass at 9:00 am – Bilingual Mass at 11:00 am – Live Music at 1:00 pm – Bingo at 3:30 pm



Procession in honour of Our Lady of Willesden

On Sunday 13th October at 7pm there will be the annual candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden from the shrine church and through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. It will be attended by the Seminarians of the diocese and Fr Richard Biggerstaff will preach. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 6 October

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Barrett	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Paul Power	**Anniv**
	10:30am	John Connal	**RIP**
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Elizabeth Weir	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Joanita & Domingos Braganza	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary MacKenzie Get well -	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Deceased family of Augusta Munn	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary Whelton	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Oscar Frisancho	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Joaquim Bellara Cardoso	**Anniv**