

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 OCTOBER 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*

THE SON OF MAN CAME TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY

"Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Mark 10:35–37

What a bold statement from James and John. But notice the gentleness in Jesus' response. The other apostles, however, were not as gentle. We read that when they heard about this request from James and John they "became indignant" about it. In response, Jesus explains to them all that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

Our fallen human nature is regularly tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honours and admiration. We want others to think well of us and even to envy us. But this is a sin. Recall that this was one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted our Lord by promising Him earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, provides all the grace and the truth we need to know in order to do the same.

Regarding the desire for worldly honours and greatness, Jesus provides the truth spoken in the Gospel: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Do you desire to be a servant? And to go even further, do you desire to be the slave of all? Hopefully you do, but most likely you do not.



Reflect, today, upon the disordered desires of these apostles. Reflect, also, upon Jesus' gentle correction of them. As you do, look into your own soul and seek to discover the disordered desires and tendencies that Jesus wants to reorder within you. Do not be afraid to face the gentle and freeing truths that our Lord wants to speak to you. Listen to Him, be open, and wisely accept what He says to you so that you will be free and will experience the joys that await.

The peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Mary Gavahan, Anne Donagher, Monica Lynch
Those who have died recently: Philomena Tierney, Edward Harte, Sebastiao and Lourença D'Souza, Rey Solina Sausa
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Janelle Nelson, Delton John Daroux, Kevin Hennessy

DATA PROTECTION
Please ensure you have the consent of any person you wish to include on the 'Sick List' for the bidding prayers and newsletter. This will help us adhere to the Diocesan Data Protection guidelines. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 2 November** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place. This is the final course offered in 2024.

PARISH NEWS

Collection 13 October 2024 amounted to £1,513.73

Standing orders for September: £4,209

Contactless Income for September: £675.56

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Solemnity of All Saints on Friday 1 November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:30am and 7:00pm.



All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Saturday 2 November with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

During November, Masses will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets which can be found on the table at the back of the church, place the sheet in the envelope provided along with any offering you might like to make, and post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated **Requiem Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on **Monday 4th November** at 11.30am.



Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2023.

The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

Mass of Remembrance, for all those whose funerals or memorials have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at 7:00pm on **Monday 18 November**. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications.

Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Infant and Primary School applications on:

- **Saturday 16 November 12:00pm—2:00pm**
- **Sunday 17 November 3:30pm—5:00pm**
- **Saturday 23 November 12:00pm—2:00pm**

You will be seen on a 'first come, first served basis.' Meetings will take place in the Sacristy. 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). These forms can be found on our parish website at: Certificate of Catholic Practice Applications – Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden Green (rcdow.org.uk)

Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School & Nursery

OPEN DAYS

RECEPTION – Tuesday 5th November @ 3.30pm

NURSERY – Wednesday 6th November @ 3.30pm

If you have a child due to start Nursery or Reception September 2025, you are welcome to attend the open day. No need to book.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

Application forms available from the celebrating priest after all Sunday Masses on each weekend in October.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

Philomena (Ena) Tierney

will take place on Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 12:30pm

followed by burial at

St Mary's RC Cemetery at 2:00pm

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The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

Edward (Eddie) Harte

will take place on Friday 25 October 2024 at 12noon

followed by burial at

Kensal Green Cemetery at 1:30pm

May they rest in peace ✞

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet!", urges us to share Christ's resurrection and God's love with all. Everyone deserves to know that they are welcome at God's table and to experience God's love, grace and forgiveness. This global day unites Catholics in prayer, solidarity, and giving. Learn more at missio.org.uk/wms.

Monsignor Roger has been appointed to be the Chaplain of the Westminster Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He will be installed in this role at a Mass of Our Lady Queen of Palestine at the Church of the Transfiguration by Bishop James Curry KC*HS on Thursday 24th October at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this celebration. If you want to learn more about the work of the Order, please search for eohsj.org.uk.

QUIZ NIGHT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, November 15th at 7pm

In St Mary Magdalen's School Hall

Get ready to test your knowledge and assemble your teams!

A session for all readers will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration.

Monsignor Roger will take us through the new Lectionary, which will come into use on the first Sunday of Advent. This session is open to all current readers, as well as those interested in joining this important ministry.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 20 October

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary MacKenzie	Get well Ints
Sunday	9:00am	Simon Joao Viegas	RIP
	10:30am	Betty Weir	RIP
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	Ints
	6:30pm	Janelle Nelson	Anniv
Monday	9:30am	Carla Savasi	Ints
Tuesday	9:30am	Oscar Frisancho	RIP
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	RIP
	12:30pm	Funeral - Philomena Tierney	RIP
Thursday	9:30am	Velbijoy Fernandes	Ints
Friday	9:30am	Sebastiao & Lourença D'Souza	RIP
	12:00pm	Funeral - Edward Harte	RIP
Saturday	9:30am	Justin Osuji	Ints