

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 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*

Son of David, Jesus, Have mercy on me!

Illness is one of the most baffling mysteries of our human existence. We do everything we can to combat it, to heal it, or to learn to live with it as well as we can. The other day I went to visit a parishioner who is in the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in Queen Square in central London. It is an extraordinary part of London to visit. All around there are hospitals and centres for research into illness. We tackle illness with science in our own age, and this can bring about some extraordinary results. The dedication of many scientists, doctors and nurses is truly inspiring. We know so much about the cause of illness (although not everything), and can seek physical healing.

What was it like to be sick in the villages which Jesus knew so well? So many people suffered from the conditions brought about by poverty and exclusion. There were blind people, paralysed people, deaf people, people with skin diseases and mental illness. Many were incurable and abandoned to their fate, left with no means of earning a living, reduced to begging. Like everyone, people who were sick then would often ask the question 'Why me?' They did not look on their illnesses from a medical point of view, medicine being largely unknown then, but from a religious one. They saw illness as a sign of God's disfavour, and healing as a blessing from God.

Imagine being blind in this sort of world. They would not be able to understand the world around them. They could easily lose touch with reality. They could not see faces or fields. If they did not have a living family, there would be nobody to help them.
No wonder Bartimaeus shouts out to Jesus: 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me'. Despite some trying to turn him away, Jesus hears him and heals him. Unlike other healers of his day, he does this with little fuss and asks for no money.

While many physical illnesses which were incurable in the time of Jesus can now be cured, many people are spiritually blind. They find it hard to see God; they find it hard to love others; they find it hard to find forgiveness. Maybe we all need to cry out 'Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!'

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Mary Gavahan, Monica Lynch, Keith Moore, Ethel Cuff, Esme Ellington, Carmeletta O'Sullivan
Those who have died recently: Belarina and Joaquim S Cardozo, Frederick Arnold Thompson Snr, Frederick Arnold Thompson Jnr
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Flaherty, Eric, Ann and Stanley Lindford, Mary Enright, Peggy O'Sullivan, John O'Sullivan

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 20 October 2024 amounted to £1,654.47

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 and return with any offering you might like to make. Please post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy. Thank you.

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

Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2023.
The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

Mass for deceased priests of the Brent Deanery will take place in our church on **Tuesday 12 November** at 11:30am.

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.

REMINDER: FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Francis Anthony O'Reilly
will take place on Monday 28 October 2024 at 1:00pm
followed by burial at
Hendon Cemetery at 3:00pm

May he rest in peace ✝

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!

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group invites you to a charity **Race Night** on Saturday, **November 16th**, **at 8:00 p.m**. at Tony's Bar, 356-360 Willesden High Road.
All proceeds will go toward funding events for the group. Horses and jockeys are available for purchase at £5 each from the parish office. Please provide your name and the name of your horse, which will be printed in the Race Night booklet.
Be sure to leave your phone number in case you're a winner and receive £10!
We look forward to seeing you there!





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.

Last call for:
First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025
Application forms available from the celebrating priest after all Sunday Masses on each weekend in October.
Deadline to return forms: Sunday 3 November.

YOUTH GROUP (Y9 to 13)

The next session will be held on **Sunday 17 November** at 5pm.
Come along for an afternoon of fun activities!

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 27 October

Saturday	6:30pm	Eric, Ann and Stanley Lindford	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Mary Enright	**Anniv**
	10:30am	John Redican	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Peggy O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Joseph Flaherty	**Anniv**
	1:00pm	Funeral - Francis O'Reilly	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Carole, David & James Portsmouth	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Azelea and Leisha Pereira	**Birthday Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary Gavahan	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Susan Keane	**RIP**
	7:00pm	Belarina & Joaquim S. Cardozo	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**