

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 NOVEMBER 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*

The First Commandment.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Mark 12:32–33

This scribe from today's Gospel got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbour as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others?

This scribe listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives.

Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Mary Gavahan, Monica Lynch, Keith Moore, Ethel Cuff, Esme Ellington, Carmeletta O'Sullivan
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edward and Ann Ryan, Tom Mahoney, Amy Ryan, Dennis Dempsey

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.

PARISH NEWS

Collection 27 October 2024 amounted to £1,699.28

Standing orders for September: £4,209

Contactless Income for October: £417.30

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

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)

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.

School and Parish - Tuesday 5th November. Students from Newman College will be joining us at Mass and pupils from St Mary Magdalen's school will be helping out at Coffee morning.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If you are an adult who is not Catholic, or who has not made their Confirmation, and would like to be prepared for the sacraments in the RCIA process, please contact Fr Matteo: **matteodigiuseppe@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.

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!




BRENT DEANERY JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME
24th – 28th NOVEMBER 2025

A pilgrimage to Rome is being organised in Brent deanery to enable us to go to Rome during the Holy Year of 2025. There will be many spiritual benefits, and we will visit the Holy Door, and the four main Basilicas of Rome and many other pilgrimage sites in the Eternal City. We will be staying in simple accommodation in the centre of Rome.

The cost (at the time of writing) will be £1,130 for a twin/double room on a half board basis. There are very few single rooms at £100 supplement. This price does not include lunch' or baggage in the hold. For further details and payment of deposit, please visit the website at www.pilgrimagepeople.org Then click on the tab marked "Book". There is a drop down menu asking where you would like to go, select "Italy" and then select the Brent Deanery pilgrimage. Complete the booking form. When arriving at the payment page, **be sure to tick "deposit"** at the top of the page otherwise it will ask for the whole amount. Alternatively, you can 'phone Pilgrimage People on 0800 612 3423.

Please contact Pilgrimage People directly. Bookings will **not** be made through the parish office.

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 3 November

Saturday	6:30pm	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Edward and Ann Ryan	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Gabriel Bougouneau and the Bougouneau family	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Holy Souls in purgatory	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Breda Kelleher	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Private Intention	
Friday	9:30am	Victoria Antao	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**

Masses for the Holy Souls include all our faithful departed from the November Dead lists.