Remembrance Sunday



Lest we Forget

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 NOVEMBER 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

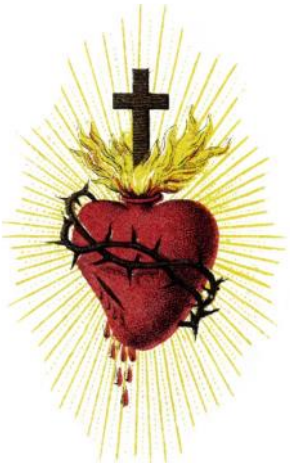
Confession
Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call
**Livestreamed*

I wonder how many of you have a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home. This image, with Jesus' heart on fire with love and crowned with thorn must be one the most cherished portrayals of Our Lord. It symbolizes Jesus' deep personal love for each of us. Some people have criticized this devotion as being too emotional or even lacking intellectual depth, but they miss the point that faith speaks both to the mind and to the heart. Faith is not just a matter of abstract beliefs: it's an invitation to encounter God in a personal and transformative way.

In his latest encyclical (or teaching letter) Pope Francis teaches us very clearly about this. It has just been published and contains many treasures for us. The title 'Delixit Nos' is Latin for 'He loved us' – a direct reference to the love of Jesus expressed fully on the cross. We are called by the love of Jesus to serve one another, especially those in need. The Pope reminds us that faith is never a private affair – yes it is personal, but it must also reach out to the world around us. As we reflect on this message during Remembrance Weekend, we are reminded of those who have this love to its fullest expressions, the men and women who have laid down their lives for their friends, family and the values we all hold dear.

Towards the end of the Encyclical, Pope Francis reminds us of the contrast between the values of the secular world and the values of the gospel:

"In a world where everything is bought and sold, people's sense of their worth appears increasingly to depend on what they can accumulate with the power of money. We are constantly being pushed to keep buying, consuming, and distracting ourselves, held captive to a demeaning system that prevents us from looking beyond our immediate and petty needs. The love of Christ has no place in this perverse mechanism, yet only that love can set us free from a mad pursuit that no longer has room for a gratuitous love. Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost" (No. 218).



Let us make the traditional invocation of the Sacred Heart our own: 'Lord Jesus, make my heart like unto your heart!'

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Mary Gavahan, Monica Lynch, Keith Moore, Ethel Cuff, Esme Ellington, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Bridget Driscoll, Shirley Homer

Those who have died recently: Fredrick Thompson Snr, Fredrick Thompson Jnr

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael and Nora Macken, Filomena Clara Rego, Muriel and George Wilson

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 3 November 2024 amounted to £1,612.40
Standing orders for September: £4,209
Contactless Income for October: £417.30

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

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.

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **72** retired priests, at a cost of **£976,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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 current and interested new readers will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Transfiguration. Please attend to find out all about the new Lectionary.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

THIS FRIDAY: November 15th at 7pm

In St Mary Magdalen's School Hall

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 10 November

Saturday	6:30pm	Sue McDonagh	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Mary Brady	**RIP**
	10:30am	Michael and Nora Macken	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	For the Fallen	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Filomena Clara Rego	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Tim and Breda Kelleher	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Muriel and George Wilson	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	Justin Osuji	**Ints**

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