

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 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*

The Coming of the Son of Man

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." Mark 13:24–25

The "tribulation" of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this "final trial" happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus' prophecy and the *Catechism's* teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and "mystery of iniquity" does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus' words must instil hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must "know that he is near, at the gates." In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to you and not the opposite. They make us part of his plan of salvation offered to all the world which will be fully revealed on the glorious day of His return.

Most glorious Judge, You will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead.
Before that day, You have revealed that Your Church will endure much suffering.
Please give me hope during those moments in my life
so that I can offer to You every suffering I endure as a sacrifice of love,
offered in union with Your own perfect sacrifice.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Keith Moore, Ethel Cuff, Esme Ellington, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Bridget Driscoll, Shirley Homer, Agnes Trimble, Mary Walsh

Those who have died recently: Harry Casey, Ann and Bill O'Regan, Gemma Proszkowiec

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Muriel and George Wilson, Teresa McGovern, William O'Sullivan, Brendan Howard, Timmy Clifford, May Heatherton

PARISH NEWS

Collection 10 November 2024 amounted to £1,687.75
Standing orders for October: £4,687
Contactless Income for October: £417.30

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

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.

Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. Last year, the Diocese provided care to **72** retired priests, at a cost of **£976,000**.

By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and/or at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out section 4 on the envelope form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. By becoming a Patron, and assuring income to the fund, the Diocese can plan its continued care for our retired and sick priests.

Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

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 these remaining dates:

- **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)

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Gemma Proszkowiec
will take place on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 12noon
followed by burial at
Willesden Cemetery at 1:30pm

May she rest in peace ✝

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

The first meeting for candidates and parents/guardians will take place on **Monday 2nd December** in **St Mary Magdalen Church**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 at 5:30pm
CONFIRMATION 2025 at 7:00pm

Important information regarding the course will be shared at these meetings. All those who have registered are required to attend.

YOUTH GROUP (Y9 to 13)

Today - **Sunday 17 November** at 5pm.

Congratulations to Breda Kelleher on being awarded the runner-up prize in the 'Lifetime Achievement' category at the Diocese of Westminster's 'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards. The event recognised volunteers from across the diocese for their outstanding commitment to voluntary service. Thank you, Breda, for 50 years of service to our parish community!

Next week, the **Knights of St. Columba** will be seeking new members. We are an Order of Catholic Laymen dedicated to serving the Church. Your parish priest hopes that some of you will consider joining us. For more information about the Order, please go to: https://ksc.org.uk/

A Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Christmas concerts performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18 and 19 December at 7.30pm. Please purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 17 November

Saturday	6:30pm	Teresa McGovern	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Geny & Jack Fernandes	**25th Wedding Anniv**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	William O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Private Intention	
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Funeral - Gemma Proszkowiec	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Joao B Fernandes	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Justin Osuji	**Ints**

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