

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

24 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*

As you may know, I have very mixed feelings about the Internet. It can be used to cause really quite a lot of harm, but it can also be very useful. While I was thinking about what to write for this Solemnity of Christ the King, I stumbled across the extraordinary story of Miguel Agustin Pro. He was born in Mexico in 1891 and was to live through a very turbulent time in that country's history. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1911. He was known for his wit, his deep prayer life and his unwavering faith. In 1917 a new constitution in Mexico sought to suppress much of Catholic life, forcing many priests like Fr Miguel to carry out their ministry in secret. He risked his life to celebrate Mass and look after the faithful. In 1927, following a failed attempt to assassinate the President, Fr Miguel was falsely accused of attempted murder, even though there was no evidence. As Fr Miguel faced the firing squad, he stretched out his arms in the form of a cross, and uttered these final words: 'With all my heart I forgive my enemies. ¡Viva Cristo Rey! –Long live Christ the King!'

Just what sort of King was Fr Miguel calling on as he died? Today's gospel gives us a clue. This king is not a rich king, a powerful king. This king does not live in a palace with teams of servants to do his every whim. Instead this king has no possessions. He has no power. He has no wealth. People had tried to make Jesus a king before – but it is only now, when he is bound in ropes, that he accepts the title of king. He is an imprisoned king, a vulnerable king, a king with no earthly power. He is the king of love who teaches us through his vulnerability. Like Fr Miguel, we are called to live in a deep friendship with this king. This kingdom is not about triumph and power, about law and riches. When we commit ourselves to Him, we commit to a radically different way of life. You may not feel on top of the world all the time; you may not feel a 100% success all the time; here our King is with us. We can pray to him as King, knowing he has stood where we sometimes feel we stand. We see this king sharing our happiness as at the great wedding in Cana of Galilee. Today's gospel shows him also close to us in our vulnerability.

May Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro pray for us. With him may we say:

' ¡Viva Cristo Rey! –Long live Christ the King!'



Those who are sick: Keith Moore, Bridget Driscoll, Shirley Homer, Agnes Trimble, Mary Walsh, Catherine Joseph

Those who have died recently: Fr James Mallon, Eddie Malone, Dolores Irish, Martin McMahon

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael McAndrew, Sean Higgins, Brian McAlinden, Maria Pereira

PARISH NEWS

Collection 17 November 2024 amounted to £1,501.59

Standing orders for October: £4,687

Contactless Income for October: £417.30

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Today, the **Knights of St. Columba** invite men of this parish to seriously consider joining their Order. If you would like to find out more, please speak with one of our members at the back of the church and/or provide your contact details. Thank you.

For more information about the Order, please go to: https://ksc.org.uk/

Well done to everyone who joined us for the Quiz Night last Friday—it was a fun evening filled with friendly competition. Many congratulations to 'On the Run' for taking home the top spot as the winning team!

A special thank you to Timothy, our amazing quiz master, for keeping us entertained and challenged, and to our wonderful Social Committee for all their hard work behind the scenes.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group would like to **thank everyone** who backed the recent Race Night. Special appreciation goes out to the team at Tony's Bar, Willesden, for hosting the event and all our wonderful sponsors. The money raised will be used to fund the Christmas lunch.

If you would like to join the Special Needs Group or know someone who would like to take part in the events we plan, please contact the Parish Office on 020 8451 4677

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.

If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

WARNING: Scam emails are circulating, impersonating the parish priest by using similar email addresses or masking the real sender. These emails often request recipients to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest.

- **Do not purchase gift cards** for the parish priest based on an email request unless you have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- **Double-check suspicious emails** by contacting the parish office directly.
- **Avoid sharing personal or financial information** in response to unsolicited emails.

If you encounter these emails, please report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late

Eddie Malone

will take place on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 11:30am

At the Church of the Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip

followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery.

May he 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.

An email has been sent to all families of candidates. If you did not receive this, please check your spam folder first before contacting the office. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP (Y9 to 13)

The next session will be held on **Sunday 8 December** at 5pm. With Christmas around the corner, this meeting will have a 'Nativity Quiz' theme, so you may want to brush up on your festive general knowledge!

Young Adults (18-30s) ADVENT RETREAT DAY

with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 7th December** 2024 **10am – 6pm.** Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington).

Programme: including talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • Mass and social time. Donations only.

Register by emailing to: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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 24 November

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael McAndrew	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca	**RIP**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Brian McAlinden	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Sean Higgins	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Patrick Killian	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Maria Pereira	**Anniv**

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

REMINDER: FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND