

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

January —Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 January 2025

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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*

**Livestreamed*

Eucharistic Adoration
Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

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

Celebrating Our Gifts: Revealing God in Everyday Life

I think it is quite often tempting for Catholics to dwell on their sins rather than on their gifts. Of course, we need to be honest with ourselves and with God about what is going wrong in our lives, but we do also need to focus from time to time on what is going well also, and to give thanks for it. St Paul hints at this in the second reading at Mass today: *'There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.'* Each of us had been given a unique gift by God through the Holy Spirit: some of us will be great listeners – I think that is a gift which can come with increasing years, and grandparents can often have time to listen when others do not. Some will have musical talent which can be used for God's glory – just listen to the different sorts of music at our Masses to know that. The younger ones among us will perhaps be gifted athletes or footballers – which means that teams work well together and make people proud. There will be some who are born leaders who can help others to achieve their best. As sometimes we focus on our sins, we do also need to take time to focus on the gifts with which a generous God has endowed us.



The gospel today tells us about the miracle at the Wedding in Cana of Galilee. It is one of the best known of Jesus' miracles, I think because it is so life affirming. After prompting from his Mother, Jesus performs his first miracle, or sign as the gospel writer calls it. Jesus takes something very ordinary – water – and turns it into something extraordinary – wine, and fine wine at that. In a way, this was a very ordinary sign. The servants did not do anything flashy, they just followed Jesus' instructions. There were no fireworks or drum rolls here. God did the rest. In this sign, God was made known in Jesus Christ – his disciples believed in him.

You, too, can make Jesus known by using the gifts you have been given. To listen, to sing, to play sport, to lead, simply to be kind to others are all ways of making God known. You don't have to be perfect or to have everything worked out for God to be made known by your life. Take time to reflect on your day, on the ordinary ways in which you have used your gifts, and know that you have revealed God to those around you.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Esme Ellington, Ethel Cuff, Bridie Grealish, Ruth Kinfe, Monica Lynch, Fr John Buckley

Those who have died recently: Maureen Guerin (Month's Mind), Anthony Lum Lip Han, Stanley Napoleon, Maureen Murphy, Henry Joyce, Vince Feeney, Bridie Higgins

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hilda Finnerty, Elizabeth Cronin, Michael Brady, Edward and Ann Ryan, Andrew and Peg Murphy, Liubov Savina

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 12 January 2025 amounted to £1,788.07

Standing orders for December: £4,278

Contactless Income for December £954.00

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

We are looking forward to the formal visitation by Bishop John Sherrington to our parish on the weekend of 8th & 9th February. He will be celebrating and preaching at all Masses and I know you will make him very welcome.

13 to 18 year olds

BRENT YOUTH SUMMIT

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On Wednesday 29th January 2025
at 7 - 9pm
At Our Lady of Willesden RC Church
1 Nicoll Rd, London, NW10 9AX

Social • Food • Adoration

This will replace January's Youth Group session.

Thank You for Gift Aiding Your Donations!

The parish received an impressive £16,695.62 in Gift Aid during the last financial year (2023/24). These funds make a significant difference to our parish finances, and they come at no additional cost to you or the parish. To enable the parish to claim Gift Aid, all you need to do is sign a Gift Aid declaration form and donate using any of the following methods: Envelope, Standing order, Contactless machine, Online donation via our website.

If you can help the parish by Gift Aiding your donations, please contact the parish office.

Envelope Offertory Donations

It's almost time to order the next set of envelopes for 2025/26. If you no longer wish to use them, please contact the office so we do not order your number. If you would like to start using envelopes, let us know as soon as possible so we can allocate a new number for you. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 25 January 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 19 January

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Brady	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Edward and Ann Ryan	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Elizabeth Cronin	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Hilda Finnerty	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Broken families	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Our parish community	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Andrew and Peg Murphy	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Elizabeth Joseph	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	In thanksgiving from Thomas Desouza And family	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Molloy family	**Ints**

A Welcoming Space at Kensal Rise - Volunteers Wanted!

Last year's Synodal Survey indicated that parishioners think there should be greater involvement in local community issues. In response to this, we are working on an initiative to provide a welcome/warm space **and we need your help.**

In early 2025, we are launching a community centre at the Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise, where, once a week, people can meet, chat, or quietly relax for a few hours.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the centre, providing drinks, refreshments, and maybe a friendly ear. But there's a whole raft of other ways that you can help, such as admin, fundraising, and cake-baking. Maybe you've worked on a project like this yourself: if so, we want to hear from you.

We'll be holding a meeting at the Church of the Transfiguration on Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm: we'd really like to see you there. ***Monsignor Roger***

Any questions? Contact Barry at **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

On **Saturday 8th February 2025**, 2.00pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered.

To help with the planning, you are asked to book a free ticket, this can only be done through the parish office.

Tickets are in 3 categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

To reserve a place, please contact the office stating:
Your name, number of tickets and category.
Thank you.

JUBILEE COMPANION BOOKLET

The Jubilee Companion booklet is available at the back of the church. It includes prayers and reflections to guide us throughout this Jubilee year.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 20th January **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** 5:30pm (for parents and candidates)	Chapter 3: CELEBRATION - OUR RESCUE **St Mary Magdalen CHURCH**
Monday 20th January **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	Session 2: WHAT CAN WE KNOW ABOUT GOD? Church of the Transfiguration
Tuesday 21st January	Coffee morning with the pupils from St Mary Magdalen's Junior School