

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

January —Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C (Sunday of the Word of God)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. Luke 4:14–15

This Gospel passage reveals to us the very beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. He began His public ministry immediately after spending forty days in the desert being tempted by the devil. As He began, He went to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit." Many people heard about Him and welcomed Him with much enthusiasm.

Though Jesus was initially welcomed with praise, we know that things quickly changed. Some eventually became so hostile that they put Jesus to death, but it's useful to ponder the initial response He received. This initial response is one that must become continuously new in our lives. The initial response was that He "was praised by all."

Jesus would later teach about this initial experience many would have towards the Word of God when He taught the Parable of the Sower. Recall that the seed that was sown on rocky ground, that fell among thorns, and that was sown in good soil all began to grow. Only that which was sown on the path failed to grow, because the birds came and ate it up. This latter case describes those who are completely indifferent to the Word. But in today's Gospel, the "all" are those who at least paid attention and initially responded with enthusiasm. The seed began to grow in these three scenarios—but, of course, in only one of those cases did the seed ultimately bear good fruit.

Another way to look at this initial encounter with the His Word is to consider a child. In almost every case, when a child is presented with the Gospel, they will begin to respond and even find excitement in the faith. But, as many parents have seen, this initial welcome is sometimes followed by a rejection of the Gospel later in life.

When was your first encounter with the Word of God? For some it was during childhood. For others, there was a powerful experience of conversion later in life. Think of that initial encounter you had and the ways that you were excited by your newfound faith. Has that experience continued and grown in your life? Or has your initial praise of God and enthusiasm dwindled or even died?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants us to continuously experience His Word as something new and transforming. The newness of the life of grace must never wear off. Ponder this experience in your life and try to see yourself as one of the people in today's Gospel who heard Jesus for the first time. Ponder their enthusiasm and join in their praise of our Lord so that you will be motivated to let God and the preaching of His holy Word continuously transform you.

The peace of Christ

Fr Matteo

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: John Phelan, Anthony Lum Lip Han, Stanley Napoleon, Maureen Murphy, Henry Joyce, Vince Feeney, Bridie Higgins

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mark Conroy, Mary Carmody, Tom O'Connor, Gerry Quinn, Mary Shaughnessy, Sam Bennett

PARISH NEWS

Collection 19 January 2025 amounted to £1,706.29

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.

WELCOME SPACE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone from both parishes who attended the meeting about setting up a Welcome Space at Transfiguration church. There was a strong commitment from the group for this kind of outreach in our local community. We are looking at a morning session from 1030 – 12 Noon once a week. With the problems with the lift in the church, it was decided to use the porch once the weather gets warmer. This will be after Easter. In the meantime we will be assessing training and DBS needs as we seek to recruit volunteers. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact:

Monica monica.healy@btinternet.com or
Barry wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

13 to 18 year olds

BRENT YOUTH SUMMIT

This Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7 - 9pm

At Our Lady of Willesden RC Church
1 Nicoll Rd, London, NW10 9AX

Social • Food • Adoration

Come along- we will be very happy to see you there!

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.



Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 26 January

Saturday	6:30pm	Mark Conroy	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Tom O'Connor	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Daniel Dyra	**RIP**
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Paul Cunningham	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Mary Carmody	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Nora O'Brien	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Phyllis Mullan	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Emmanuel Jovial Fernandes	**Birthday Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Vincent Largus Fernandes	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Sister Phillepe and the Sisters of the Temple	**Ints**

REMINDER: FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Brent Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year.

We are planning a wonderful opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Rome to mark this Holy Year 2025 - The Year of Hope. It will take place from 24th November - 28th November and will include visits to all 4 major basilicas of Rome (including St Peter's), a Papal Audience (depending on the Pope's schedule) also other important sites in the Eternal City. If this is your first visit to Rome or you've been many times this will be a great time of grace and fellowship. The cost (based on 2 people sharing) is £1,130 with some single rooms available for a supplement. Please visit www.pilgrimagepeople.org for further details, and quote BRENT01 when booking.



Closing date is
24th February 2025.

This will be the only pilgrimage organised from our church this year.



Today is a special Feast Day focused on the central importance of the Bible in our liturgies and in our faith.
The theme for this year is taken from the Psalms: ***"I hope in Your Word."***

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.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 27th January **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** 5:30pm	Session 3: LORD HAVE MERCY St Mary Magdalen School
Monday 27th January **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	Session 3: WHY THE WORLD IS BROKEN Church of the Transfiguration
Monday 27th January Tuesday 28th January	Joining us at Mass - students from: St Mary Magdalen's Newman Catholic College