

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

January —Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

The Epiphany of the Lord

5 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

Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope: A Time to Share and Shine

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, and so inaugurated the Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This marks the beginning of a blessed time for our parish and the wider Church to embrace the message of Romans 5:5: "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts." Inspired by Pope Francis' letter *Spes Non Confundit* (*Hope Does Not Disappoint*), we are called to embody this hope in our parish life, reaching outwards to touch the lives of others. In the spirit of this Jubilee year, I hope that God's grace will grow in our hearts, in our parish and in the wider Church. There will opportunities throughout this year to mark the Jubilee of Hope – our neighbouring parish of Our Lady of Willesden is one of the diocesan Jubilee churches, and there will be Masses and other liturgies there. I would like to draw your attention to three ways we can make this a Jubilee Year.

♦ **Welcoming Spaces**

Drawing on the survey which you took part in earlier last year as part of the Synodal process, I have been looking into how we can be more outward looking in both Kensal Rise and Willesden Green parishes. There does seem to be a need for people to be able to get together, in the winter to keep warm, but all year round for companionship and conversation. We hope to be able to use the Newman Hall at Kensal Rise to facilitate this, but it will need commitment from people of both parishes. Please wait for further details. I hope we can use this space as a beacon of hope for those who may feel isolated or forgotten.

♦ **Supporting Our Young People**

Another cornerstone of this Jubilee Year is fostering hope in our young people, particularly as they prepare for their sacramental programmes. Whether they are taking their first steps in faith through First Holy Communion, or Confirmation our young parishioners need our support and encouragement. On Wednesday 29th January there will be a Youth Summit at Our Lady of Willesden parish from 7pm – 9pm, to which young people in year 9 and above are invited. Again, further details will be available soon. Please do keep our young people and our catechists in your prayers.

♦ **Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome**

Looking ahead to November, you may recall that we are planning a deanery pilgrimage to Rome. This journey will be a chance to deepen our faith and connect with the universal Church. Pilgrims will visit holy sites, celebrate the Eucharist in historic basilicas, and pray at the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul.

Pope Francis reminds us that hope is not passive; it is active and outward-looking. This Jubilee Year challenges us to move beyond our comfort zones, to be living witnesses of hope in a world that so often seems overwhelmed by despair. Together, we can transform our parish into a vibrant community that radiates the love of Christ.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Esme Ellington, Ethel Cuff, Agnes Trimble, Mary Walsh, Bridie Grealish

Those who have died recently: Margaret Keane, Sheila O'Driscoll, Maureen Casey, Fr David Barnes

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret and John Murphy, Denis Murphy, Alfred Cuff, Natasha Ethlene Lucinda Thompson, Santa Kumari Gurung

PARISH NEWS

Collection 22 December 2024 amounted to £1,449.99
Christmas Offering Collection amounted to £5,425.59
Collection 29 December 2024 amounted to £1,312.20
Standing orders for November: £4,086
Contactless Income for December £954.00

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Would you like to get more involved in our parish community?

We have many service ministries to choose from and welcome all volunteers. Why not come along for a taster session? Training will be provided.

COLLECTORS COUNTERS EVENT ORGANISERS WELCOMERS
CLEANERS GARDENERS MUSICIANS CATECHISTS

Please contact the office for more information. Thank you!

Envelope Offertory

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 offering envelopes, let us know as soon as possible so we can allocate a new number for you. Thank you.

Crib Offering 2024

This Christmas our crib offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work helping vulnerable children in overcoming challenges so they can achieve their full potential and have hope of a brighter future.

For more information, please go to:

https://www.cathchild.org.uk/

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 5 January

Saturday	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Sunday	9:00am	Christina O'Sullivan	**RIP**
	10:30am	The O'Reilly-Serao Family	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Timmy Clifford	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Agnelo Fernandes	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Tony Mackenzie	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Breda and Sean Hough	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Jose Marie Vaz	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Filomena Miranda	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Victoria Braganca	**Birthday Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	In thanksgiving for Jesus and Mother Mary	

PARISH DIARY

Monday 13th January **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** 5:30pm	Chapter 1: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER St Mary Magdalen School
Monday 13th January **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	Session 1: GETTING STARTED Church of the Transfiguration

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Maureen Casey
will take place on Friday 10th January 2025
at Corpus Christi Church,
51 Langdon Street, Tring, HP23 6BA
at 10:30am
followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 1:00pm

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The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Margaret Mary Keane
will take place on Monday 13th January 2025
at 12:30pm
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 2:00pm

May they rest in peace ✞

DIOCESAN NEWS

SUMMIT



Social • Food • Adoration

13 to 18 year olds

BRENT YOUTH SUMMIT

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

This will replace January's Youth Group session.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Holy Father has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. There are a number of events planned to mark this special time.

To begin the JUBILEE YEAR 2025 in our deanery, Bishop John Sherrington will preside and preach at Choral Vespers and Benediction on the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord, on Sunday 5th January at 4:30pm in **The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden**, Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. All are welcome.

ANNUAL MASS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On Saturday 8th February at 2.30pm the Cardinal will celebrate the annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Cathedral which will include anointing of the sick. Full details on how to book, to follow.