

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

February —Month of the Holy Family

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 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

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"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.
Luke 5:4–6

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter's entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today's Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men.

There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite Him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is that of putting out "into deep water." It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter's apostolic ministry. And the fact that the "nets were tearing" points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn't give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Monica Lynch, Modupe Adeyeye, Sheila O'Callaghan

Those who have died recently: Fr John Buckley, Kieran Maloney, Josie Lord, Michael Caulfield

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Phil Baines, Cecilia and James Lindford, Nora Rita Gibbons

PARISH NEWS

Collection 2 February 2025 amounted to £1,557.64
Standing orders for December: £4,278
Contactless Income for January: £701.96

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

We welcome Bishop John Sherrington to our parish this weekend. He will be celebrating and preaching at all Masses as part of this formal visitation. I know you will make him very welcome.

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY
will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral
on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2.30pm.

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025, their
5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)
wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage.

<u>If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email the parish with the following details:</u>
Names of husband and wife, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email or phone number.
These details will be forwarded to the Diocese who will send out the invitation.
Please contact the office by Friday 28th March.
Thank you.



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope.
Please take a look at the leaflet in this newsletter or available at the back of the church. It gives more information about this special year and how we can take part.

Do you sing or play an instrument? Would you like to try? We're looking to increase the membership of the **Sunday 6.30 choir,** which currently stands at one. Interested? Contact Barry at wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! We are delighted you have come to join us. Please introduce yourself to Monsignor Roger and fill out a registration form - available in the entry porch. If you have any questions, please speak to a parishioner or email Maria in the office.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 9 February

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary and Tom Murphy	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Ann and Bill O'Regan	**RIP**
	10:30am	Nora O'Brien	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Phil Baines	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Bernadette Doyle	**Birthday Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Colleen and Reg Carpen	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Cecilia and James Lindford	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary and Patsy McAfee	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Agnes Trimble	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**



FLAME is the biggest Catholic youth event in England and Wales, featuring inspiring speakers, amazing live music, prayer, and adoration—an experience like no other! Monsignor Roger invites the young people of our parish to join him at this event.

When:	**Saturday 15th March 2025**
Time:	**All day.** *Exact times to be decided.*
Where:	**Wembley Arena**
Travel:	**By tube**
Cost:	**£15**
Who can go:	**Open to Year 9s and above.**

Please contact the office to purchase a ticket at the discounted price.
Follow the link to find out more about the performers and speakers: https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/







YOUTH GROUP - today!

Sunday 9th February at 4:45pm in our church
Bishop John is keen to hear from the young people in our parishes.
Come and meet him, and have your say!
Open to all of secondary school age.



A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 1 March 2025** (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at **https://www.adaywithmary.org/** or **https://eventcatholic.com/**

PARISH DIARY

Monday 10th February **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** 5:30pm	Session 5: GLORY TO GOD St Mary Magdalen **<u>School</u>**
Monday 10th February **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	Session 5: WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE? Church of the Transfiguration
Monday 10th February	Pupils from St Mary Magdalen's school attending morning Mass. This will not be live-streamed.