

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

February —Month of the Holy Family

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 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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Beatitudes or Woes

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24–26

Luke offers us a shortened version of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. Luke's version of this sermon takes place on a plain, "a stretch of level ground." The teachings in the two Gospels are very similar, despite their difference in length. Luke's teaching on the Beatitudes adds the "woe to you's" quoted above, which are not found in Matthew's version.

The early Church Father Saint Bede comments that Saint Luke's version of the "woes" are meant for those who are "uninstructed hearers" because they "must first be brought by terrors to good works." He goes on to say that the first part of the Beatitudes, the "blessings," are meant for the "perfect" because they "need but be invited by rewards" rather than fear of punishment. The fact that Saint Luke includes a teaching for both the sinner and the saint should lead us to the conclusion that we can benefit from both approaches in our spiritual lives.

When your spiritual life is strong and you are consistently avoiding serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect regularly upon the blessings found in the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of drawing you into greater perfection as the desire for the reward of holiness becomes the object of your hope.

When your spiritual life is weaker and you are regularly struggling with more serious sin, it might be more helpful to reflect upon the woes of the Beatitudes. This will have the effect of deterring you from the cycle of sin you struggle with, on account of the fear of the consequences of those sins.

In the end, the Beatitudes and their subsequent woes are meant to point us interiorly to the desires of our hearts. We must become more and more aware of what occupies our thinking and desires. Ultimately, wealth or poverty, hunger or satisfaction, worldly praise or persecution do not matter. What matters is that our hearts with the help of the Holy Spirit and of the Church will begin to detach from the desires identified in this sermon; so that we more fully desire only God and His holy will, regardless of the circumstances of life we find ourselves in because 'your reward is great in heaven'. Although it will be great even here on earth because who has found God here is already blessed.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Modupe Adeyeye, Miriam Barron

Those who have died recently: Sheila O'Callaghan, John Phelan, Ilona Hangyal, Michael Caulfield

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ben and Margaret McDade, Michael Whelton, Peggy Corboy, Peter and Daniel Mulhern, May McClay, John O'Sullivan

PARISH NEWS

Collection 9 February 2025 amounted to £1,629.95
Standing orders for January: £4,266
Contactless Income for January: £701.96

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

PALM ASHES To help us prepare for the Lenten Season, please return your Palm Crosses to the church by Sunday 23rd February so they can be burned for use on Ash Wednesday. *Thank you.*



ASH WEDNESDAY The beginning of Lent this year falls on Wednesday 5th March. Holy Mass with distribution of ashes will take place at **9:30am** and **7:00pm**.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our parish community is strengthened and enriched by the commitment and generosity of our wonderful volunteers. No matter how you contribute, your time and effort make a real difference.

Monsignor Roger invites you to a special **Volunteer Thank You Evening** on **Tuesday, 4th March at 7pm** in **St Mary Magdalen's School Hall**.

Join us for an evening of **live music, delicious food, and refreshments** as we celebrate and give thanks for all that you do. We look forward to seeing you there!

TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday.

In our celebration, we hope to reflect on our journey toward racial justice - acknowledging both the progress made and the challenges that remain."

Questions to think about and discuss:

1. In what ways can our faith guide us in promoting racial justice?
2. How does our parish community ensure that all members feel included and participate in promoting the mission of the Church?

Monsignor Roger welcomes your feedback.

These and other questions and resources can be found at: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 16 February

Saturday	6:30pm	Ben and Margaret McDade	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Peggy Corboy	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Michael Whelton	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Mary O'Donoghue	**Ints**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Christy Markey	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Nora McCarthy	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Peter and Daniel Mulhern	**Anniv**
	11:30am	Funeral - Ilona Hangyal	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Doris Noble	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Lorraine and Andy Chalk	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Sean Lawton	**Ints**

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Cremation Service of the late
John Phelan
will take place on Monday 17th February at 3:00pm
at West London Crematorium, Harrow Road.

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The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Ilona Hangyal
will take place on Wednesday 19th February 2025
at 11:30am in this church
followed by Cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:00pm

May they rest in peace ✞

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/**



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/

Brent Deanery Pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year.

24th November - 28th November 2025

Includes visits to all 4 major basilicas of Rome and a Papal Audience (depending on the Pope's schedule). 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 fast approaching - 24th February 2025.

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm

in Westminster Cathedral

If you are celebrating a significant anniversary of Catholic marriage, please email the parish with the following details:

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.*