

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

March—Month of Saint Joseph

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 March 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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39–40

Are you "fully trained?" What does it mean to be fully trained? Jesus makes it clear that those who are fully trained will be like their teacher. Of course, we must become like our Lord, who is the one and only Teacher. So are you like Him in every way?

Being fully trained as a Christian is different than being fully trained in an occupation. For example, a doctor is fully trained when all the necessary lessons are learned and the practical aspects of medicine are put into practice. That is why that person becomes a doctor, just like the doctors who were their teachers. But the Christian life is not something we master by learning many teachings of the faith so that, by our expertise, we can then put them into practice using our natural talents. For a Christian to be fully trained, it is necessary that the Divine Physician fully possess them, live within them, and act through them. Thus, Christian training is the practice of allowing God to become one with you so that it is God Who acts in and through you.

This form of "training" first takes on the goal of freeing us from spiritual blindness. We must see Christ and come to know Him. Again, this is not a matter of simply learning various truths about God in an intellectual way. It's a matter of coming to know the Truth Himself. We must see and know the Person Who is Christ Jesus. This is true sight. Blindness, however, can always set in again when we take the eyes of our soul off the Saviour.

Seeing Christ, however, is not enough. Seeing must be followed by doing. That is why our Lord goes on to say in today's Gospel that "every tree is known by its own fruit" and that a "good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." Seeing Christ Himself, within your soul, will produce that "store of goodness," and this will make you more "fully trained." Only then can you produce good fruit, for it will be Christ Himself producing the good fruit in and through you.

Reflect, today, upon your mission to become a fully trained soldier of Christ. God wants to use you, to live within you, and to act through you. He wants you to be like Him in every way. This is only possible when you admit the blindness with which you struggle, turn your eyes to Him, and allow Him to become one with you. Start by turning to Him as He dwells within you. Search for Him, seek Him, and love Him. If you keep your eyes upon Him, He will carefully take care of the rest, leading you to a fully trained and fruitful life.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Our Holy Father Pope Francis, Modupe Adeyeye, Anthony Braganca, Patricia L. Coogan, Kathleen Guckian

Those who have died recently: Sheila O'Callaghan, Mary Gavahan, Anthony Lum, Derrick Akakpo, Catherine Joseph, Miriam Barron

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Theresa Kilcoyne, Phyllis and Tom Attridge, Maria Joaquina Fernandes, Noreen Carolan, Alex and Yvonne Lobo, Margaret Henchy, Sheila Scanlon

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 23 February 2025 amounted to £1,486.88
Standing orders for January: £4,266
Contactless Income for January: £701.96

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.



ASH WEDNESDAY - 5th March

Holy Mass with distribution of ashes will take place at **9:30am** and **7:00pm**.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Monsignor Roger invites you to a special **Volunteer Thank You Evening** this **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!

LENT PRAYER COURSE - WE DARE TO HOPE

Lent is often thought of as a time for giving something up, but the liturgy reminds us, that it is also a season for the Lord to pour out his grace and blessing upon us. Join this 5 week course and encounter the Hope which Christ Jesus offers us through five familiar Gospel moments.

When: Thursdays in Lent
Start: Thursday 13th March for 5 weeks
Where: In St Mary Magdalen church annexe
Time: 7pm - 8pm



An accompanying booklet will be provided, as will refreshments. To register your interest or find out more, email Barry at wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

Altar Servers from Year 4 and above



Training for altar servers will take place on Saturday **29 March at 12pm** in the church. New servers very welcome!

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 26 April 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 2 March

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary Anne, Pauline and family	**Ints**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Theresa Kilcoyne	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Phyllis and Tom Attridge	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Margaret Henchy	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Mary Foran	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Bernadette Doyle	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Funeral - Sheila O'Callaghan	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Cirilo Querobino Carvalho	**RIP**
	7:00pm	Michael Hurley	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Padraic McGoldrick	**Get well Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Noreen Carolan	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	John Goodliffe	**RIP**

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Sheila O'Callaghan
will take place on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 12:00pm
followed by Burial at Hendon Cemetery at 1:30pm

May she rest in peace ✞

MISSION APPEAL



Next weekend we welcome the Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MCCJ), the Verona Fathers, who will be speaking at all Masses about the work of the congregation and how we can support them. For more details, please visit their website: https://www.comboni.org.uk/index.html

YOUTH GROUP Year 9 to 13

March's meeting has been moved to Saturday, 15th March.
Monsignor Roger encourages all our young people to sign up for flame CYMFED
- an exciting day at Wembley Arena with thousands of other young Catholics.
Filled with inspiring speakers, incredible live music, prayer, and adoration, it's an event like no other!
Please see the application form at the back of the church.

Unsold tickets will be made available to all parishioners and families next weekend.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a session for all current Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday 29th March at 2pm** in the church. It will be a chance for us to pray and reflect on our ministry.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS



A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on **Saturday 5th April at 2pm.**

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope.
Sign up here: https://walk.cafod.org.uk/

PARISH DIARY

Monday 3rd March **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** 5:30pm	Session 7: FRUIT OF THE VINE St Mary Magdalen **School**
Monday 3rd March **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	Session 7: IN SEARCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Church of the Transfiguration