

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

April—Month of The Holy Eucharist

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

13 April 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
Mon / Wed: 10:00am—10:30am
Saturday: 10:00am—11:00am
& At Call

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:38–40

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matthew 27:51–52).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.



Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Ask to him the gift of fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 6 April 2025 amounted to £1,554.59

Standing orders for March: £4,130

Contactless Income for March: £774.97

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

CONGRATULATIONS— ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Sherrington to be the next Archbishop of Liverpool. We have much to be grateful to Bishop John for during his time as Auxiliary in Westminster. We have enjoyed his visits to the parish for confirmation and other occasions, and his recent Visitation. I have been very grateful to him for his fatherly guidance as I became your Parish Priest. May God bless him as he takes up this new appointment. Mgr Roger.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE LENT

There will a be **Penitential Service** this Monday, 14th April at 7pm, at the start of Holy Week. There will be at least 5 priests present and it will be a great opportunity for individual confession before Easter.

This will be the main occasion to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. If you cannot manage this service there will be additional times after Mass.



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Should you wish to make an Easter Offering to the Church this year, the envelopes are available at the back of the church.

For this donation to be assigned to the priests' stipend, it must be returned by the **Saturday 3rd May.**

We thank you greatly for supporting them.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 13 April

Saturday	6:30pm	Rose and Jim Phillips	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Molly Ayres and James Varley	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Mary Molloy	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	May and Ronnie McClay	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Gladwin Ribeiro Sa	**Get Well Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Annie and Jonathan Dempsey	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Patrick Boland	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Funeral—Patrick Anthony Quille	**RIP**
Thursday	8:00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	
	10:50pm	Compline	
Friday	3:00pm	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	
Saturday	8:00pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	

Those who are sick: Anthony Braganca, Kathleen Guckian, Monica Lynch, Patrick Joseph Conway, Fursey Keleghan, Mary O'Flaherty, Noel Armstrong, Padraic Gibbons, Winston Ingram

Those who have died recently: Liam Nestor, Patrick Quille

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Boland, Mary Molloy, Rose and Jim Phillips, William Langan, Molly Ayres, James Varley, Annie and Jonathan Dempsey, May and Ronnie McClay

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Patrick Anthony Quille
will take place on Wednesday 16th April at 12:00pm
followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery at 1:30pm

May he rest in peace ✞

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM SERVICES

MAUDY THURSDAY	8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	10:00am Children's Stations of the Cross
	11:30am Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm The Passion of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY	8:00pm The Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY	9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon only.

For more information, please see the leaflet at the back of the church with all Easter services.

RETREAT AFTERNOONS TO CELEBRATE OUR JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Please come and let us join together for a Retreat Afternoon of Adoration, Reflection and Prayer to celebrate our Jubilee Year 2025.

Venue: **St Margaret Clitherow Church**
Everglade Strand, London NW9 5PX
Dates: 10th May, 7th June
Time: 2.00 pm. to 4.00 pm

SVP AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

SVP4NW10: The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is a network of volunteers, motivated by faith, who visit vulnerable or isolated people to offer friendship and practical support. If you, or someone you know, would like support, you can phone and leave a message on the dedicated number 07554 198901.

HALF-TERM DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON SEASIDE

Enjoy a day out with the Wednesday Club taking in the fresh sea air and sunny sights of Brighton!

Date: Thursday 29th May 2025
Pick up/Drop off: St Mary Magdalen Church
Departure Time: 9:00am sharp
Returning at: 19:30 (approximately)

COST
Adults: 21 and over £15.00
Age 13 to 20 years £10.00
12 years and under £5.00.

Book early to avoid disappointment.
Contact: Gillian 07535 449 893 or Alan 07947 946 583

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no coffee/tea morning this Tuesday, 15th April.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2025/2026

For existing envelope users, the envelopes for 2025/26 are now available for collection after Mass. If you are unable to collect them in person, please email or call the office. We also have a few spare envelopes available, if you would like to sign up to this method of donating, please contact the office.