

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

May—Month of The Blessed Virgin

Fifth Sunday of Easter

18 May 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

Today's Gospel passage speaks of Jesus' coming death as His glorification. "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him." Jesus spoke these words right after Judas left the Last Supper to betray Him. From an earthly perspective, it is unlikely that anyone would consider their betrayal and brutal death as the moment when God is glorified. But from a heavenly and eternal perspective, Jesus' death was the greatest glorification He could offer to the Father. This only makes sense when we put on the mind of God.

As we continue to celebrate our Easter Season, we look beyond the suffering of Christ to see the fruit of His suffering. We see that death was defeated and that Jesus will now forever live in His glorified and resurrected body in Heaven. He will forever carry the marks in His hands, feet and side, and those marks will forever glorify the Father. The Resurrection of Christ changes everything, including death. For that reason, we must continually work to put on the mind of God and see our human lives as He sees them.

What is it that you live for in this life? What are your goals and ambitions? If you find that you focus excessively upon immediate pleasures, material wealth, selfish objectives and passing ambitions, then it is time to ponder the lesson of Jesus' glorification. By facing His own death as an opportunity to glorify the Father, Jesus made it possible for us to do the same. And though there will always be a healthy sorrow associated, for instance, with the passing of a loved one, the hope of Heaven and eternal glory must become the lens through which we see all things in this life.

When you look at your life, it is essential to see the cross that God has given to you. That is because your cross is the gateway to this eternal glory. Each person's cross will be different. A cross is not simply our suffering; it's our call to live sacrificially. This is love. It's the calling we are given to lay our lives down for others. To serve others. To forgive every wrong, to love every sinner, to show mercy and compassion toward those in need. And to do all of this in response to God's perfect will. The crosses in our lives are opportunities for love in its purest form. This is how Jesus saw His Cross and this is how we must see ours. To the extent that you can do that, God will be glorified as you share in the glory given to Christ.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Andrew Tompkins, John Sullivan, Antonio Pereira, Emma Bennett

Those who have died recently: Nora O'Neill, Sandra Birch

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Louis Travasso, Agnes McNamara, Pauline Davison, Mary Katherine Ashton

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 11 May 2025 amounted to £1,651.73

Standing orders for April: £3,956.00

Contactless Income for April: £651.23

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

The Welcome Space got off to a good start, and it's heartening to see volunteers from both our parishes coming together to serve our local community.

WELCOME SPACE **at the Church of the Transfiguration**

Every Monday at 10:30am (straight after 10am Mass)

Everybody is welcome to come along and join this friendly group for tea, companionship and conversation. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends. No need to book—just drop in on a Monday and enjoy good company and a cuppa!



EXAM TIME

Please pray for all our young people sitting various exams at this time.

St Joseph of Cupertino—Pray for us.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND- Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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Recently, Adam (one of our parishioners) made a music video called **AT THE CROSS**.

Please take a look—you should recognise the church in the video:

https://youtu.be/iU5ITKuApCg?si=BK6Nt96NWDW1Mhqc

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 7 June 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 18 May

Saturday	6:30pm	Sheila O'Callaghan	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Alan Morley	**RIP**
	10:30am	Agnes McNamara	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Eithne Wright	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Bridie Headd	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Noel Michael Armstrong	**Get Well Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Robert Moreton	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Louis Travasso	**Anniv**
	6:00pm	Reception- Nora O'Neill	RIP
Friday	9:30am	Luca Dias	**1st Birthday Ints**
	12:00pm	Funeral—Nora O'Neill	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Mario Jose Francisco Braganca	**RIP**

FUNERAL NOTICES

The Reception of the late

Nora O'Neill

will take place on Thursday 22nd May at 6:00pm.

The Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 23rd May at 12noon, followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 1:00pm.

May she rest in peace ✞

CHORAL CONCERT at The Church of the Transfiguration at 6pm on Friday 23rd May

Join us for the debut performance of *Cantus 8*, a new vocal ensemble made up of eight talented young singers who share a deep love of music. Our concert focuses on sacred and liturgical 'GLORY', and we hope to present to you an uplifting and inspiring evening of choral music that lasts around half an hour. All are warmly welcome – admission is free!



For this Jubilee Year, the **Agency for Evangelisation** has compiled a list of resources to help nurture faith within the family. Each week, we will feature one of these resources.



Cuddle Up is a Catholic story time podcast for children and families. Listen to Catholic authors read their own stories, aloud, in full.

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.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 19th May **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION St Mary Magdalen Church
Monday 19th May	We are joined by the Year 6 pupils from St Mary Magdalen's at morning Mass.
Tuesday 20th May	Coffee morning after Mass with helpers from St Mary Magdalen's school.