

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

May—Month of The Blessed Virgin

Sixth Sunday of Easter

25 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

I want to share with you this week some of Cardinal Vincent's reflection on his return from the Conclave in Rome:

'(There was) an awareness of the prayers of the entire Church. An intense focus of prayer. A proclamation of a sensus fidei, and of the nature and importance of this decision. It was peaceful. There was no clamour. There was attentiveness to each other. It was a precious space of peace and very prayerful. And by prayerful, I mean the atmosphere in which we lived, the simple ways in which we greeted each other. It was a prayerfulness to which everybody contributed. There weren't too many formal prayers, but being prayerful is a disposition, not necessarily an activity. The third quality was fraternity - an essential quality that needs to be present if we are to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. There was no rancour or competitiveness. No harsh words, no denigration of one another, and no expressions of ambition. There was a shared knowledge that the decision, the prize, was a Cross - a death to self and a most intense self-sacrifice into service. That we all knew, and prayed for the one to whom it would be given.' It's all rather different from the film 'Conclave'!

This is a model the Church has been using to discern the will of God from her earliest days. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us about how the apostles came together to discuss matters like circumcision and the dietary laws. They may seem rather irrelevant to us today, but for the first Christians evolving from their Jewish background they were of the greatest importance.

Instead of arguing endlessly, the apostles and leaders gathered in prayer, listened to each other, and trusted the Holy Spirit to guide them. In the end, they chose peace and unity over division. This is how the Church has discerned the will of God ever since – right up to the Second Vatican Council in the last century.

In the Gospel, Jesus promises, "The Holy Spirit will teach you everything." He gives his peace, not like the world gives, but a deeper peace that helps us trust even when things are difficult, maybe when we are arguing. This is a powerful model for us today. Whether we're trying to make decisions in our families, schools, or parishes, we're called to listen — to each other and to God. This is at the heart of the Synodal process.

Let's remember: when we pray together and invite the Holy Spirit in, amazing things can happen.

Monsignor Roger



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

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Bryanton, Mary Miller, Thomas Carmody, Marina Alva Viegas, Michael O'Callaghan

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 18 May 2025 amounted to £1,298.95
Standing orders for April: £3,956.00
Contactless Income for April: £651.23

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
will be celebrated on Thursday 29 May with Masses at 9:30am and 6:30pm. This is a Holyday of Obligation.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent collections towards **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND**

Good Friday collection	£ 847.98
Confirmation Sponsored Walk collection	£ 790.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!

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!

If you are **housebound,** even for a short period, please let Monsignor Roger know so arrangements can be made for a visit.
If you are **going into hospital** and wish to see a priest, you will need to inform the staff so a visit can be arranged by the Catholic Chaplain.



EXAM TIME
Please pray for all our young people sitting various exams at this time.
St Joseph of Cupertino—Pray for us.

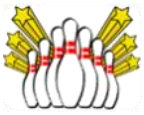
BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday 7 June 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 25 May

Saturday	6:30pm	Sheila O'Callaghan	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Mary Bryanton	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Nicanor Gutierrez and Enoeme Villaverde	**60th Wedding Anniversary**
	6:30pm	Shalini Fernandes	**Thanksgiving Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Pauline Cleary (nee Conway)	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Marina Alva Viegas	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	The welfare and protection of the Priests of the parish	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Carmel Murray	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Margaret Fay	**Birthday Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Bryan Allen Ocang	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Mary O'Flaherty	**Get Well Ints**

June YOUTH GROUP meeting for Year 9 to 13

SUNDAY 29 June - Bowling at Royale Leisure Park, Acton



For anyone in Year 9+, please email the office willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk for further details and to sign up -departure time 1:00pm.

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:

CELEBRATE HOME

Celebrate is a Catholic ministry to inspire and equip people of all ages to live an authentic Christian life in the power of the Holy Spirit, in support of the family, to form the next generation and encourage local community.

YOUNG ADULTS MASS

Join the Westminster Youth Ministry in the stunning Crypt of Westminster Cathedral for the Young Adults Mass on **Tuesday 3 June at 7:00pm.**
The entrance to the Crypt is on Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QH.



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REMINDER: FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND