

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June—Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Pentecost Sunday

8 June 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

This week, I visited the Year 5 and 6 pupils at St Mary Magdalen's Junior School. We were talking about the Holy Spirit. This can feel like one of the more mysterious parts of our faith. We can imagine Jesus' face. We hear about God the Father. It is a bit more difficult sometimes to imagine how the Holy Spirit might look in our lives. To help the children, I asked them to do something simple. I said: "Put your hand about 6 inches from your face and breathe out." They could feel their breath on their hand – warm, gentle, real. But they couldn't see it. That's a little bit like the Holy Spirit. You can't see the Holy Spirit – but you can feel what the Spirit does. The Holy Spirit is the breath of God – giving us life, courage, inspiration, and strength.

Then we explored the word "inspire", which comes from the Latin *inspirare* – to breathe into. That word gives us a big clue: The Holy Spirit inspires, breathes into us. And when I asked them who inspires them, they said their friends, their parents and carers, their teachers – and even their priest! But they also said they're inspired by Jesus and the Bible.

The readings for Pentecost Sunday help us reflect on the Breath of God, on the Holy Spirit. In Acts, we see a group of frightened men transformed as the Holy Spirit came upon them in wind and fire. Speaking new languages, they left the safety of their room to preach about Jesus.

We may not see tongues of fire above our heads, but the Holy Spirit is still alive – still breathing into us today. We hear this in the reading from St Paul today. The same breath of God is in each of us – in our diversity we find a unity of purpose under God. The Spirit breathes differently in each of us – but it's the same Spirit.

In today's gospel from John, Jesus does something very simple and very profound. He breathes on his disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the grace to forgive sins – and maybe we feel we can breathe more freely following a good confession.
Let God's Holy Spirit breathe in you: giving you courage, strength and peace.

Monsignor Roger.

Those who are sick: Catherine Crowley, Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Ethel Cuff
Those who have died recently: Paul Cronin, Tom Kelly, Betty Bunford, Tracy Colmar Barrett
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tom Gilgunn, Michael Bourke, Eileen Costello, Gilbertha Giraud

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 1 June 2025 amounted to £1,680.50
Standing orders for April: £3,956.00
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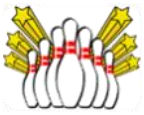
SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 20th July

More information to come!

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.

ONLY A FEW PLACES AVAILABLE!

ST MARY MAGDALEN SUMMER SCHOOL

Pilgrims Of Hope:
Exploring Jubilee 2025

Following on from our Lent course *We Dare To Hope*, we shall be exploring themes of the Catholic Jubilee Year, including *Care for Creation, Forgiveness,* and *Debt.*

Using short films, scripture reading, discussion, and prayer, we shall look at the Biblical origins of Jubilee, and how we, as individuals and as a faith community, respond to the challenges presented to us by these themes.

The course runs across four Thursdays, starting **June 26th at 7.00pm**. Refreshments will be provided.

To register your interest or find out more, contact Barry at **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

The next Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be held on **Monday 16th June 2025 at 11.30am.**



Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 8 June

Saturday	6:30pm	Tom Gilgunn	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Miriam Barron	**RIP**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Eileen Costello	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Daniele Torrieri	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Mary Queenan	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Marie Savage	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Thomas and Mary McDermott	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Padraic Gibbons	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Michael Bourke	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	Agnes Trimble	**Ints**

School and Parish

This Monday we will be joined at Mass by the pupils of St Mary Magdalen's school who will also be helping out at Coffee morning on Tuesday.

PROCESSION ON THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday 22nd June, the Feast of Corpus Christi, we warmly invite all our First Holy Communion children and their families to join us for the 12 noon Mass here in our church. There will be a special procession led by the children and we ask that they wear their Holy Communion outfits.

JUBILEE FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH AT SPEC IN PINNER 2ND–3RD AUGUST 2025



Highlights of the weekend include:

- Mass celebrated by **Cardinal Vincent** on Sunday;
- **One Hope Project** leading music, praise, and worship;
- **Adoration**, panels, workshops and campfires;

More information can be found:
https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/

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:



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WAYS TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

In answer to some recent enquiries, we have listed below the different ways you can donate to our parish:

- Cash in the Sunday collection
- Using the offertory envelopes (contact the office for more information)
- Using the contactless machine at the back of the church at the weekends.
- Through our website. Just go to the 'Donate' button at the top of the page: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/
- By bank transfer— details available on our website under 'Donate' → 'Other ways to give.

Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you!

PARKING REQUEST

Please park considerately, allowing our neighbours to exit their driveways safely during Mass. Thank you.