

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

July—Month of The Precious Blood of Jesus

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 July 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

Living the Gospel in the Green Days

I wonder how many of you will see something quietly significant today—something you might have missed unless you were really paying attention. For the first time since early March, the priest is wearing green at Mass.

Since Lent began in purple, we've been on quite the liturgical journey—through the gold and white of Easter, the red of Pentecost, and the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. All those bright and powerful colours marked high points of our Church year. Moments of transformation. But now, it's green. And with green, we return to Ordinary Time.

But 'Ordinary Time' doesn't mean boring or unimportant. On the contrary, it is in our *ordinary* lives that God is close to us. The daily, hidden, sometimes unnoticed acts of faith and kindness that shape our lives and change the world—often in ways we don't even realise.

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out 72 *ordinary* followers. Not celebrities. Not people with big platforms or power. Just *ordinary* people, tasked with spreading peace, healing, and the good news of the Kingdom of God. We don't even know their names. But through their small conversations, their everyday courage, and their simple obedience, they opened doors for Christ to enter people's lives. And this is what God calls us to do, too.

I've mentioned before a film I love called **A Hidden Life**, about Franz Jägerstätter, a simple Austrian farmer who refused to swear allegiance to Hitler. People told him his resistance in the face of so great an evil wouldn't change anything. That it was just a drop in the ocean. But he believed that the small things matter—even when no one sees them. In a way, his resistance didn't change a thing – but that doesn't matter.

We don't all have to be heroes or martyrs. We just have to be faithful. Here, in North West London—or wherever your ordinary life unfolds—every kind word, every small act of honesty, every refusal to join in gossip, every quiet prayer matters.

This is what the green of Ordinary Time reminds us: God is not only in the highs of Easter or the fire of Pentecost. He's also in your homes, in your schools, in your jobs, in your family struggles, your silent prayers at night, your kindness to a friend who's feeling down.

So, on this 14th Sunday, let's begin again. Let's welcome the green of this season not as a pause in the excitement, but as an invitation to live faithfully, day by day. To live a "hidden life" that's fully seen and cherished by God.

And may that be enough to change the world.

Monsignor Roger.

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 29 June 2025 amounted to £1,436.21
Standing orders for May: £3,982
Contactless Income for June: £1,123.68

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

JULY YOUTH GROUP (YEAR 9 TO 13)

The SMM Youth Group meets again on **Sunday, 13th July**
Join us for fun activities and games.
Food and drink will be provided.
It all starts at **4.30pm**. Hope to see you then!

A MESSAGE FOR OUR RECENTLY CONFIRMED

As certificates were not distributed at the Cathedral, we warmly invite all candidates to attend the **6:30pm Sunday evening Mass on 13th July at St Mary Magdalen**, where certificates will be presented.

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

If you have been serving for more than a year, you are now entitled to join the Guild of St Stephen and receive your medal. We will be admitting new servers to the Guild at the **11:00am Mass on Sunday 20th July**, please email the office if you are coming to this Mass and we will prepare a medal for you.

SEA SUNDAY 2025

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for ***Stella Maris***, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. To find out more about the work of this charity, go to: https://stellamaris.org.uk/

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 6 July

Saturday	6:30pm	Patrick and Mary Ann McGovern and the McGovern family	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Josefina Travasso and Jasper	**Birthday Ints**
	10:30am	Geoff Mason	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Josphin Mendonca	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Tom Kelly	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Robert Moreton	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Peter Mangan and deceased family	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	The welfare and protection of the priests serving our parish	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	R. Jeanton	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Breege Kelly	**Ints**

Those who are sick: Mary Brophy, Betty McConnell, Felica Unaka
Those who have died recently: Jim Kearns, Fr Michael Stewart, Francisco Dias
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Felicja Nowicka, Peter Mangan and deceased family, Geoff Mason, Patrick and Mary Ann McGovern and the McGovern family, Sophia Elizabeth Thorpe, Waclaw Kowalczyk



SAINT MARY MAGDALEN FEAST DAY

On **Sunday 20th July** we will be celebrating our patronal feast. Please note: Mass at **11:00am** will replace the 10:30 and 12noon.

Everyone is warmly invited to join the celebrations in the school hall afterwards. Please let us know if you can bring a dish to share by signing the food lists at the back of the church.

Thank you!

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group invites you to a charity **Race Night** on Saturday, **26th July at 7:30 p.m.** at Tony's Bar, 356-360 Willesden High Road.

All proceeds will go toward funding events for the group. Horses are available for purchase at £10 each from the parish office. Please provide your name and the name of your horse, which will be printed in the Race Night booklet.
Be sure to leave your phone number in case you're a winner and receive £40!
We look forward to seeing you there!

Jubilee Year Course – Thursday at 7:00pm in the annexe.
Jubilee Year themes—*Care for Creation, Forgiveness, and Debt*—through short films, scripture, discussion, and prayer.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 7th July 9:30am Mass	We are joined by the pupils from St Mary Magdalen's school.
Monday 7th July 10:30am	Welcome Spaces in the Church of the Transfiguration after morning Mass (10:00). All welcome!
Tuesday 8th July 10:00am	Coffee Morning after morning Mass with the pupils from St Mary Magdalen School.
Thursday 10th July 7:00pm	Jubilee Year Course in the annexe. (see notice above)