

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

July—Month of The Precious Blood of Jesus

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 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

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"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

A scribe asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asked the scribe what the Law of Moses taught. The above line was the scribe's response. He was essentially quoting Deuteronomy 6:4, which was a common prayer prayed by the Jews and seen as a summary of the entire Law of Moses as found in the Ten Commandments.

Notice that this summary of the Law does not present a negative prohibition such as "Thou shalt not…" Instead, it is a positive command stating, "Thou shalt love…" Love is the fulfilment of the Law of the Old Testament, as well as the fulfilment of the New Law of Christ. When we love God with our whole being, that love overflows upon all of God's creatures, including our neighbour.

In this Gospel, the scribe goes on to ask Jesus who His neighbour is. Jesus responds by telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In that parable, there was a man beaten and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest and a Levite passed by and ignored the man. But a Samaritan passed by and took care of the man, bringing him to an inn and vowing to pay for his recovery. The story concludes by the Samaritan being identified as the one who acted as a neighbour to the victim.

Traditionally, the victim of the robbers in this story has been seen as Adam. Adam represents fallen humanity. The Samaritan represents Jesus who cared for fallen humanity, healed us of sin and provided for our every need. Therefore, according to this parable, Jesus has acted as a neighbour to us, and we must love Him as we love ourselves. But Jesus also says, "Go and do likewise." This is a commission to fallen humanity, now healed of sin, to go forth to others, acting as Jesus Himself, bringing the healing grace they have been given and bestowing it upon others generously.

Sometimes we can see love as a feeling or emotion. Though love is often accompanied by certain emotions and feelings, love is much more. It is an action. In this parable, if the Samaritan simply looked upon the victim and felt sorry for him, had compassion for him but then moved on, he would not have shown love. The love of charity is an action and requires much of us. If we are to fulfil this first and greatest commandment of love of God and neighbour, then we cannot wait until we feel like loving to act. Instead, we must act now and not hesitate. This is love.

Reflect, today, upon the true nature of love. Love, in its most elevated form, is the choice to do what is best for others—to help free them from sin and to be an instrument of God's providence in their lives. It's a participation in the very love that God has shown us in Christ Jesus by giving His life for our salvation. We are all called to devote ourselves to this same form of selfless and sacrificial love. Doing so is a requirement for the glorious sharing in eternal life.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Felica Unaka, Antonio Pereira, Mary Walsh, Carmel Hollowed, Rose McDermott, Monica Lynch

Those who have died recently: Gemma Lawryk

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dan and Mary O'Sullivan, Tom Creed and Tommy McHugh, Sarah Murphy, Salvador Diniz, Elfriede Singleton

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 6 July 2025 amounted to £1,505.03
Standing orders for June: £3,971.00
Contactless Income for June: £1,123.68

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Youth Group TODAY Sunday, 13th July at 4:30pm
Join us for fun activities and games in the annexe.
Food and drink will be provided.
Open to all from Year 9 to 13.

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 today, 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.

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!

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER GARDENERS

Thank you to our volunteer gardeners, who have worked hard to pull out weeds, plant new flowers and clean up the paving stones around the church. Your time and commitment is very much appreciated.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 13 July

Saturday	6:30pm	Tom Creed and Tommy McHugh	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Sarah Murphy	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Laffa Fedilina Viegas	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Nora Margaret Gallagher	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Salvador Diniz	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Dan and Mary O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Natalie Schmitz	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Noreen O'Neill	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Martin McClenaghan	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Funeral—Gemma Lawryk	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Joy and Ray Rice	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Antonio Pereira	**Thanksgiving Ints**

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late
Gemma Lawryk
will take place on Thursday 17th July at 12:00pm
followed by burial at Willesden new Cemetery at 1:30pm

May she rest in peace ✞

SEA SUNDAY 2025

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

STELLA MARIS

You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. You can also Gift Aid your donation by using the envelope at the back of the church. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. ***Thank you.***

To find out more about the work of this charity, go to:
https://stellamaris.org.uk/

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN FEAST DAY
SUNDAY 20TH JULY

Please note:
Mass at **11:00am** will replace the 10:30 and 12noon.

Come and join us for our special Feast Day celebration filled with family fun and games, food and music.
12:30pm—4:00pm
At St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Junior School,
Linacre Road.
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!

If you would like to help out, please join our volunteer WhatsApp group.

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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OPEN DAY— SUNDAY 13th JULY

If your child currently attends a non-Catholic school, you are encouraged to come along and explore enrolment opportunities in a Catholic school.
Participating schools: St Gregory's Catholic Science College, Newman Catholic College, St Joseph's Infant and Junior Schools.

Venue: St Joseph's Pastoral Centre Wembley - 339 High Rd, Wembley HA9 6AG (by St Joseph's church).
Date & Time: Sunday 13 July from 10:00am to 2:30pm