

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER —MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 OCTOBER 2024

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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*

Eucharistic Adoration
Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession
Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call
**Livestreamed*

THEY HAVE LEFT EVERYTHING.

Many of you will know of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, who founded both the Infant School in St. Mary Magdalen's parish and also St Claudine's Secondary school. Their pioneering work has left a legacy which is alive and well in this part of North West London. What perhaps, you did not know is that this community also has a large presence in the Middle East, and especially in Lebanon. I have recently heard of the extraordinary work they are carrying out in Beirut at the moment, with refugees from all religions and communities in that tragic, war torn country. I have pasted a photograph and caption from the Aleteia news agency which highlights their work, and that of many other Religious Communities in Lebanon and the wider region.

"The Sisters of Jesus and Mary Congregation, who are present and active in supporting poor families within the Bourj Hammoud area in Beirut, are housing 80 families from southern Lebanon, from Debel and Ain Ebel". The photograph shows " A young man and children who fled after the bombing of South Beirut and sought safety on the Corniche in Beirut". (dated 28/09/24). Please pray for the work of the sisters in Beirut.

I have also received a newsletter from the Rector of the Seminary of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, in the Holy Land, which I have visited many times. He writes: "The circumstances of living under military occupation, and ongoing war and difficulties with the number of seminarians we have are things which cause anxiety – but then we think about God, and we realise that we need to persevere."

In the gospel today, Peter asks "What about us, we have left everything and followed you?" The Sisters of Jesus and Mary (and many other religious), the priests and seminarians have left everything to follow Jesus. May they be given the grace and strength they need in their vocation, and may we learn from their inspiring examples.

Monsignor Roger.



Those who are sick: Mary Gavahan, Anne Donagher

Those who have died recently: Christina O'Sullivan, Philomena Tierney, Rosa Salgado

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daniele Torrieri, Regina Mendes, Bode Agusto, Kay Conway, Michelle Mason, Jim Feeney

PARISH NEWS

Collection 6 October 2024 amounted to £1,957.50

Standing orders for September: £4,209

Contactless Income for September: £675.56

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

A letter from Cardinal Vincent is being read out this weekend. We are asked to seriously consider the implications of Assisted Suicide. This Wednesday, 16 October 2024, Parliament will introduce a bill to legalize this, initiating a months-long debate.

As the discussion progresses, we must consider three key points. First, while the proposed bill may include safeguards, evidence from other countries shows that assisted suicide laws often expand, creating fear, particularly among vulnerable groups. Second, a right to die can easily become a duty to die, with societal pressure undermining the sanctity of life. Third, ignoring the divine origin of life diminishes our humanity. Please engage in this debate by writing to your MP, discussing it with others, and praying.

A copy is available at the back of the church and on the website.

YOUTH GROUP

The Saint Mary Magdalen Youth Group returns from its summer break today, **Sunday, October 13th at 5.00pm**.

We'll be watching an episode of ***The Chosen,*** a truly excellent series that focuses on the people and events around Jesus.
If time allows, there will be discussion after.
Either way, there will definitely be pizza!

New members are welcome,
especially Year 9's preparing for their Confirmation.

Registration forms for new members are available in the church porch. All welcome, from Year 9 to 13.

QUIZ NIGHT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, November 15th at 7pm

In St Mary Magdalen's School Hall

Get ready to test your knowledge and assemble your teams!

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

All children who are due to receive their First Holy Communion (currently in Year Three and above) or make their Confirmation (currently in Year Nine and above) must obtain an application form. **These forms will be available from the celebrating priest after all Sunday Masses on each weekend in October.**

Please note that Confirmation application forms will be given to candidates only.

Completed forms, along with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and a donation of £50, must be returned by Sunday, 3 November 2024.

SCHOOL AND PARISH We are joined by the pupils of St Mary Magdalen's School at the 9:30am Mass this Monday. This Mass will not be live-streamed. The children will also be helping out at the Tuesday Coffee Morning. All welcome!

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception of the late **Christina O'Sullivan** will take place on Thursday 17th October at the Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road, NW6 4PS at 7:00pm.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 18th October at 12 noon, followed by burial at Old Paddington Cemetery, Willesden Lane, NW6 7SD.
Both services will be live streamed on
www.churchservices.tv/kilburn
Family flowers only please.

May she rest in peace ✞

Monsignor Roger has been appointed to be the Chaplain of the Westminster Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He will be installed in this role at a Mass of Our Lady Queen of Palestine at the Church of the Transfiguration by Bishop James Curry KC*HS on Thursday 24th October at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this celebration. If you want to learn more about the work of the Order, please search for eohsj.org.uk.

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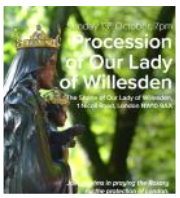
We kindly ask that you obtain permission from anyone you would like to add to our 'Sick List.' Please ensure you have their consent before submitting their name for inclusion in the bidding prayers and the newsletter. This will help us adhere to the Diocesan Data Protection guidelines. Thank you.

Columban Missionary Appeal

The updated total raised is £1,034.81 . THANK YOU!

DIOCESAN NEWS

Procession in honour of Our Lady of Willesden



Today, Sunday 13th October at 7pm there will be the annual candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden from the shrine church and through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. It will be attended by the Seminarians of the diocese and Fr Richard Biggerstaff will preach. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 13 October

Saturday	6:30pm	Daniele Torrieri	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Bridget Mulhern & deceased family	**RIP**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Michelle Mason	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Regina Mendes	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Deceased family of Augusta Munn	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Karla Rajos Cho	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Deceased family of Augusta Munn	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Jose Menino Carvalho	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Bode Agusto	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Bode Agusto	**Anniv**