

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

August—Month of The Assumption

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 August 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

PARISH APPEAL FOR GAZA: A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL PIZZABALLA, LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM.

We entered Gaza as pastors, not politicians — and found ourselves in a place of devastation, but also of astonishing human dignity. Among the ruins, collapsed buildings and endless tents — in courtyards, alleyways, streets, and along the beach — we encountered families who have lost everything, with no end in sight to their exile.

Children played as if the sound of bombing was normal, their innocence already shaped by war. And yet, amid the destruction, we witnessed something profound: the unbroken spirit of the people. Mothers shared food with neighbours. Nurses tended wounds with tenderness. People of all faiths still turned to God in prayer. Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is crucified in the wounded, buried beneath rubble, yet present in every act of mercy — in each candle lit in the dark, in every hand extended to the suffering.

We came to affirm: the Church will not abandon Gaza. Our mission is not for one group, but for all. Our hospitals, schools, shelters and churches — St. Porphyrius, the Holy Family, Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, Caritas — remain open to Christians, Muslims, refugees, children, doubters and believers alike. These are sanctuaries of care, places of encounter.

Humanitarian aid is not just needed — it is a matter of life and death. Refusing it is not a delay, but a condemnation. We saw it firsthand: men waiting for hours in the sun for a simple meal. This suffering is a moral scandal.

We support all those — Christian, Muslim, secular, local and international — risking everything to bring life into this sea of destruction. And we call upon global leaders: there is no future in captivity, displacement or revenge. Only a path that restores dignity and life can lead to peace.

We echo Pope Francis's call: respect humanitarian law, protect civilians, and reject collective punishment and forced displacement. It is time to end this war and prioritize the common good.

We pray for all held captive, for the return of the missing, for healing on every side. And when this war ends, a long and painful journey of reconciliation must begin — not by forgetting, but by forgiving; not by erasing wounds, but by transforming them into wisdom.

As shepherds of the Church in the Holy Land, we remain committed to a just peace, rooted in dignity and in love that knows no borders. Let us not reduce peace to a slogan while war remains the daily bread of the poor.

Monsignor Roger writes: In response to some concerns about how aid would actually reach those in need, I contacted The Friends of the Holy Land who said "FHL works through the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem for Gaza. When Cardinal Pizzaballa visited very recently following the attack on Holy Family Church, he was able to take three truck loads of aid, which cost around £100,000." Funds FHL receive are paid directly to the Latin Patriarchate.

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 27 July 2025 amounted to £1,320.71
Standing orders for June: £3,971.00
Contactless Income for June: £1,123.68

Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

In response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, we will be holding a special collection at all Masses this weekend. Funds will be sent to The Friends of the Holy Land who will distribute them to support those affected by the conflict, providing much-needed aid such as food, medical supplies and shelter.
Visit the website for more information:
https://www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/

You can scan the QR code to take you straight to the FHL Donate page, where you can gift-aid your donation.

Please give generously, and continue to keep the people of Gaza in your prayers.



On **Saturday September 13th**, we will be making the *Jubilee Walk* through the City of London. Starting at Tower Bridge, our mini-pilgrimage will take in four historical churches, ending with Mass at Westminster Cathedral.
For more details and to register your interest, contact Barry at wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held next **Saturday, 6 September 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

Mass Intentions commencing Sunday 3 August

Saturday	6:30pm	Maureen Healy Manning	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Timothy and Breda Kelleher	**Ints**
	10:30am	Peggy O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Stephen Finnerty	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Yacob Kachappilly	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Joaquim Fernandes	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Tom Kelly	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Catherine Crowley	**Get Well Ints**
Friday	9:30am	James Mitchell	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Alfie Clarke	**Thanksgiving**

Those who are sick: Antonio Pereira, Mary Walsh, Carmel Hollowed, Rose McDermott, Monica Lynch, Grasmila Andrade
Those who have died recently: Tony Gordon
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stephen Finnerty, Peggy O'Sullivan, Joaquim Fernandes

Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 20th September Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols

On Saturday 20th September, we will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. The theme in this Jubilee Year is ***'With Mary, we are Pilgrims of Hope, Sharing Mary's Joy'.***

A coach will leave here at 7:10am and return the same evening. The cost per person is £30.00 for your coach travel and levy.

Booking forms are located at the back of the church and should be completed and returned to the parish office, with the fee enclosed.



SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY!

THE 2025 NATIONAL JUBILEE WALKING PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage for England & Wales with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, the eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is an initiative of the *Hearts in Search of God* project.

The Ways start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and London and will bless our nations with a Sign of the Cross. The routes use established hiking routes and are off road as much as possible. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way, with up to 20-day pilgrims joining for day stages. It is now possible for pilgrims to register for day stages at
https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/become-a-pilgrim-for-a-day



Coming soon...
Watch this space!

NO FOODBANK COLLECTION IN AUGUST
as Newman College is closed for the summer.