Do you want to become a Catholic? I know that some of you who come to Mass are not Catholic – and you are, of course, very welcome to worship with us. It may be that you would like to become a Catholic, either through baptism or reception from another Christian church. As a first step along that road, I would like to invite you to join our **Alpha** course this autumn. It is a great way to get to know Jesus Christ a bit better, and to come to know other people who come to Mass. The details are below.

Monsignor Roger. (rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk to register your interest)

Why am I here?
Is there a God?
Come and tackle the BIG questions with Alpha!

If you've been coming to church all your life, or you're a new Catholic, or not a Catholic, Alpha is for you!

Thursday September 18th sees the start of St Mary Magdalen's *Alpha Course*!

What is it? The Alpha Course is a series of one-hour sessions in which short films, longer conversations, and a bit of prayer guide us towards a deeper understanding of Christianity and its application to our lives.

Created as an introduction to Christianity for the curious, Alpha also provides an excellent platform for existing Christians to share and learn more about their faith, and to dive deeper into questions of faith, Church, God, Christ, and Creation. Alpha provides spiritual and intellectual stimulation and enrichment for Catholics, other Christian denominations, and agnostics alike. As if that's not enough, there's pizza too.

The course runs every Thursday for ten weeks, plus a one-day Saturday retreat (date and venue tbc). Food and drink are served from around 6.30pm. The session starts at 7.00pm and runs until 8.00pm, or maybe a bit later if the conversation's *really* interesting.

Interested? Contact Barry at wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk to register or find out more at **alpha.org.uk**

St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green — The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise

Family Fun Day

Sunday 21st September 2025 from 1:30 to 3:30pm

Willesden Sports Centre







The Parish Social Committee warmly welcomes all parishioners to attend the annual joint

Church Family Fun Day!

Whether attending by yourself or with family, there will be lots to do for all ages including Football, Dodge Ball, Tug of War, Board Games, Face-Painting and Folk Dancing!

Bring a **picnic** and soft drinks to enjoy with **friends** and **family.**





Join the Jubilee Walk – The Westminster Way

Saturday 13 September

Meeting Time & Place: **10.00am Aldgate Tube (Circle/Metropolitan Lines)**
Finishing at: **approx. 4.45pm at Westminster Cathedral**
Please bring a picnic lunch.

As part of our **Jubilee Year celebrations**, the Diocese of Westminster invites you to join a special pilgrimage through the heart of London: **The Westminster Way**.
This walk follows in the footsteps of saints and martyrs who were true **"Beacons of Hope"**, witnessing to Christ in their own time. Along our journey, we will explore five powerful expressions of sainthood:
Martyr, Missionary, Servant, Scholar, and Prophet – guided by the lives of those who embodied them.

Our Pilgrimage Route (6 destinations):



English Martyrs, Tower Hill – Martyrdom
This church honours those who died for their faith at the nearby Tower of London – including St Thomas More and St John Fisher.

St Mary, Moorfields – Missionary Spirit
Its origins lie in the secret "Penny Hotels" where Catholics risked everything to worship.

Charterhouse Square – Service
16 monks were martyred here after refusing Henry VIII's claim to be head of the Church. Here we will stop for lunch.

St Etheldreda's, Ely Place – Scholarship
One of only two surviving medieval churches in London, this chapel was a refuge for Catholics during the Reformation and is steeped in centuries of prayer.

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane – Prophecy
Known as the "Actors' Church", it is also the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament**,** where hymns such as *Sweet Sacrament Divine* were composed.

Westminster Cathedral – Mother Church **We expect to arrive at the Cathedral around 3.00pm for a private tour, followed at 4.00pm by Mass in the Crypt.**

Pilgrims will also be able to receive the **Jubilee Indulgence** at **Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane** and **Westminster Cathedral** – a beautiful sign of God's **unbounded mercy**.

The total distance covered will be a little over four miles, which, spread over the course of a day should be fairly manageable.

For more details and to register your interest, contact Barry at wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

All are welcome – come and be part of this unique diocesan journey of faith!