

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

October—Month of The Holy Rosary

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

12 October 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

LET ALL COME SAFELY TO WORSHIP

I wonder whether any of you ever feel nervous as you set out for Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. It is a feeling we would not even contemplate, yet for our Jewish neighbours it must be very different. There are several synagogues close to us here in NW10. Even more so after the Yom Kippur outrage, but for a long time Synagogues, Jewish schools and other institutions all have a security presence at their doors.

Yom Kippur is the most solemn day for Jewish people, its observance unites their community. For us, it might be like Good Friday or Ash Wednesday—those days when our churches are full, when we come in humility before God. Imagine if someone deliberately chose that moment to strike, to violate the holy ground of worship. That is what happened in Manchester. As Rabbi Daniel Walker, with great dignity, said afterwards: "I saw evil, I saw hate."

This hatred is not an isolated act. It is the fruit of the tide of antisemitism we have seen rising in recent months. We must be clear: it is evil. It must be named as evil, resisted as evil, and opposed by all people of faith, as our Cardinal has urged us to do.

Later this month we mark the 60th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*, one of the great achievements of the Second Vatican Council. This short but powerful declaration transformed the way the Catholic Church speaks of our relationship with the Jewish people and with the followers of Islam and other faiths. It says, with clarity and conviction: "The Church… mindful of her common patrimony with the Jews… deplores all hatreds, persecutions, displays of antisemitism directed against Jews at any time and by anyone." Of Islam it says: "The Church regards with esteem the Muslims. They adore the one God, living and subsisting in himself" These are strong words. They remain as urgent today as in 1965, perhaps more so.

And yet, what can we do? What difference can our small efforts make in the face of such evil? It will be in our small acts of kindness, tolerance and compassion that difference is made. Small acts of kindness should never be underestimated- this is what our Jewish neighbours, and those of other faiths, need from us, and we from them.

As we remember the victims in Manchester, let us recommit ourselves to recognising our Jewish brothers and sisters as beloved of God, to stand with them against hatred, and to keep alive in our hearts the flame of faith and love. This we must do for all whose faith is different from ours. In doing so, we reject the spirit of fear, and we embrace the spirit of Christ, who alone can heal the divisions of our world. Let us try to create a world in which all can come safely to worship.

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Carmeletta O'Sullivan, Ethel Cuff, Monica Lynch, Kit Mahoney, Stella Murray, Sharon Evans, Antonia Brickell, T.P. O'Brien, L.E. O'Brien, Maria Joaquina Raposo
Those who have died recently: Tim Crowley O'Brien, Christine Lynch, Allen Baird
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mr and Mrs Peiris, Daniele Torrieri, Jose Ramos, Nkechi Imelda Duru, Jimmy Miller, Bridget Mulhern and deceased family, Mainie McDonagh

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 5 October 2025 amounted to £1,544.20
Standing orders for September: £4,115.00
Contactless Income for September: £634.31
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026

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 WEEKEND MASSES IN OCTOBER.

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)

St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

St Mary Magdalen's has joined with Our Lady of Willesden to form a new **SVP NW10** group. The St Vincent de Paul Society supports those in need in our community — but we urgently need more volunteers to continue this vital work. If you can spare a little time and would like to help, or to find out more, please contact Barry, our Outreach Worker at: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

THE HOLY ROSARY. October is the month of The Holy Rosary. In St Mary Magdalen's Parish we have a faithful group who say the Holy Rosary daily after the morning Mass (excluding Sundays). You are invited to join them in October and pray for peace.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held next **Saturday, 8 November 2025** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.

ALPHA COURSE

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the annexe. All welcome!

Pupils from St Mary Magdalen's School will be helping out at Coffee morning on Tuesday. All welcome!



Mozart Requiem - the Schola of All Saints Catholic College will be performing Mozart's Requiem on Thurs 6th November, 7pm, at St Augustine's, Kilburn. Tickets: **ticketsource.co.uk/allsaintscc**

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 12 October

Saturday	6:30pm	Mr and Mrs Peiris	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Siyanda Diniz	**Birthday Ints**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Jose Ramos	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Daniele Torrieri	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Bridget Mulhern and deceased family members	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Nkechi Imelda Duru	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Tony Mackenzie	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Josephine and Michael Hurley	**Ints**

St Mary Magdalen Youth Group Today!

Sunday 12th October at 4:30pm.
With the **Westminster Youth Ministry** team and Barry, our Outreach worker.
Enjoy fun activities and games as well as exploring matters of faith through *Youth Alpha.*



CANDLELIT PROCESSION

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden.
Today - Sunday 12th October 2025 at 7pm.
1 Nicoll Rd, NW10 9AX

A JOURNEY INTO HOPE

Westminster Interfaith are running a series of events to mark the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Second Vatican Council's ground-breaking document on interreligious dialogue.

Celebrating Nostra Aetate. Tuesday 28th October. 7:00—9:00pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street Church, London W1K 3AH. Before this service, there will be a Catholic Mass at 6pm. *Reserve your free ticket on Eventbrite: https://Celebrating_Nostra_Aetate.eventbrite.co.uk*



Evensong at Westminster Abbey

Join us for a short ecumenical pilgrimage from Westminster Cathedral to Westminster Abbey, as their choirs come together to sing Evensong

Thursday 16th October
Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral at 4pm, or join for Evensong at 5pm

Do you want to become a Catholic? If you come to Mass but are not Catholic, you are warmly welcome.
If you are considering **baptism** or **reception from another Christian church**, a good first step is our **Alpha** course this autumn (it's not too late to join!)—a friendly way to learn more about **Jesus Christ** and meet others from the parish.
Monsignor Roger
(rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk to register your interest)

Consultation of the possible Merger of Stonebridge & Neasden Parishes.

This is an invitation for parishioners who would normally worship at either St Patrick's, Neasden (currently closed after fire damage) & Five Precious Wounds, Stonebridge to respond to the possible merger of those parishes.
What are you views on the advantages and disadvantages of the possible merger of the Parishes of St Patrick's, Neasden and Five Precious Wounds, Stonebridge? Please respond to the Dean, Fr Stephen Willis, via your parish email address, using the subject line: PARISH MERGER. Submissions in the form of emails can be made until **Sunday 2nd November.** In addition Fr Stephen will be holding a Surgery at the Church of the Five Precious Wounds on Tuesday 21st October from 6-7pm. Thank you.