

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

November—Month of The Holy Souls

Solemnity of All Saints

2 November 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

THE RADIANCE OF HOLINESS — CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Each year on November 1st, the Church pauses her ordinary rhythm to lift our gaze toward heaven. The Solemnity of All Saints is not simply a commemoration of the great canonized figures whose names fill our liturgical calendar — Francis and Clare, Teresa and John, Peter and Paul — but a celebration of the vast and hidden communion of holy men and women who now share fully in the life of God. It is the feast of sanctity itself, the triumph of grace in human lives, and a reminder that holiness is not an impossible ideal but the true vocation of every Christian.



In the liturgical cycle of Year C, the Gospel proclaimed is the one of the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1–12). Here, Jesus speaks directly to us all: "Blessed are the are poor… Blessed are those who hunger… Blessed are those who weep." The text carries an immediacy that challenges the comfort of the world. These are not abstract moral platitudes; they are a radical reversal of worldly values. The saints understood this reversal deeply. They were poor not only in material possessions but in spirit — detached, trusting, and dependent on God. They were hungry not only for bread but for justice and truth. They wept over the sufferings of others and yet found joy in the promise of the Kingdom.

This feast reminds us that holiness is not uniform. The saints are as diverse as humanity itself: mystics and missionaries, parents and priests, scholars and laborers, known and unknown. Some shone with heroic virtue under the spotlight of history; others lived their sanctity quietly in homes, hospitals, and fields. Yet all share one common thread — a deep and persevering love for God that transformed their ordinary lives into extraordinary witness. The diversity of saints mirrors the richness of God's own creativity, and their unity reflects the bond of charity that unites all who live in Christ.

In a world often enamored with celebrity and success, All Saints' Day stands as a counter-witness. True greatness, it tells us, lies not in power or fame, but in fidelity and love. The saints were not flawless; they struggled, doubted, and fell. But they allowed grace to lift them up again and again. Their lives proclaim that holiness is possible — not through our strength, but through God's mercy at work within us.

As we celebrate this solemnity, we are invited not only to honor the saints but to imitate them. Their feast is both consolation and challenge: consolation, because we know that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds and supports us; challenge, because their example leaves us no excuse for mediocrity. We are called to be saints — today, in our own circumstances, through small acts of faith, hope, and love.

May this feast renew in us the desire for heaven, the courage to live the Beatitudes, and the humble joy of knowing that sanctity is our shared destiny in Christ.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

Those who are sick: Antonia Brickell, T.P. O'Brien, L.E. O'Brien, Rita Scanlon, Paul Mulhern

Those who have died recently: Sharon McConnell Evans, Maria Joaquina Raposo, Mervin Benoît, Michael McAnulty

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Gabriel Bougouneau, Adiela and José Manuel, John O'Sullivan, Michael Barrett

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 26 October 2025 amounted to £1,605.74
Standing orders for September: £4,115.00
Contactless Income for September: £634.31
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Nursery, Infant, and Primary School Applications.
Monsignor Roger will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Infant and Primary School applications on:

- **Saturday 15 November 1:00pm—3:00pm**
- **Sunday 16 November 4:30pm—6:00pm**
- **Saturday 22 November 1:00pm—2:00pm**

You will be seen on a 'first come, first served basis.' Meetings will take place in the Sacristy. Before your appointment please complete **one** CCP Application form, and a Certificate of Catholic Practice form for each school you are applying for (top half of each certificate should be pre-completed). These forms can be found on our parish website at:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/

St Mary Magdalen Youth Group

from Year 9 and above

Next meeting on **Sunday 9th November at 4:30pm.**
Enjoy games and exploring matters of faith through *Youth Alpha.*

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!

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP)
The next meeting of the **SVP NW10** group will be held on
Thursday 6th November at 6:00pm
at Our Lady of Willesden Church hall,
1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX.
The work of the SVP focuses on helping those in need in our local area, and we warmly welcome new volunteers.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 2 November

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Barrett	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Gabriel Bougouneau	**Anniv**
	10:30am	John Francis Sharkey	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Adiela and José Manuel	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Former priests of the parish	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Leah Fernandes	**Birthday Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	10:45am	Funeral—Michael McAnulty	**RIP**

Masses for the Holy Souls include all our faithful departed from the November Dead Lists.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Michael McAnulty
will take place on Saturday, 8th November at 10:45am
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 12noon.

May he rest in peace ✞

All Souls' Day this year will be commemorated on **Monday, 3rd November.** Masses will be celebrated at **9:30am** and **6:30pm**

November Dead List
During November, Masses will be said for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on one of the sheets and return with any offering you might like to make. Please post it through the presbytery letterbox or give it to one of the clergy. Thank you.

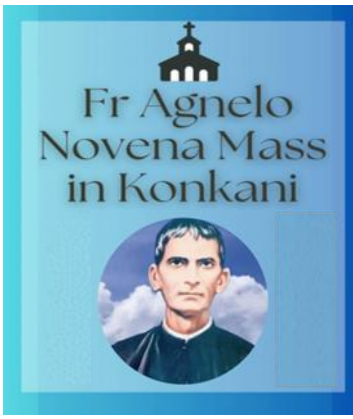
The Bi-Annual Concelebrated **Requiem Mass** at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on **Monday, 3rd November** at 11.30am. Graves will be blessed at Kensal Green and St Mary's cemeteries following this Mass.

Remembrance Sunday – 9th November 2025
The 12 noon Mass will be a Solemn Requiem for the Fallen.

Mass for deceased priests of the Brent Deanery will take place in the Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise, on **Tuesday, 11th November** at 11:30am.



Mass of Remembrance, for all those whose funerals or memorials have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at **7:00pm on Monday, 24th November**. All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.



Saturday 8th November
at 3pm
in
St Mary Magdalen
Church, Willesden.

All are welcome!

Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School & Nursery
OPEN DAYS

RECEPTION – Wednesday 5th November @ 3.30pm
NURSERY – Thursday 6th November @ 3.30pm

If you have a child due to start Nursery or Reception September 2026, you are welcome to attend the open day. There is no need to reserve a place.
Applications for Nursery and Reception and Junior School are to be made no later than 15th January 2026

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