Remembrance Sunday



Lest we Forget

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

November—Month of The Holy Souls

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9 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

Anger is one of the most complicated of all our emotions. Everyone experiences it—children, teenagers, and adults alike. We've all seen a little child burst into anger when something they want is taken away—perhaps a bar of chocolate or a favourite toy. Anger is powerful. It can destroy, but it can also protect. Anger can be a destructive fire which breaks relationships and can lead to emotional and physical abuse. Righteous anger, however, rises up in the face of injustice and moves us to defend truth, goodness, and the vulnerable.

Think of a parent or carer who discovers their child is being bullied. The parent's heart flares up with anger. If that anger turns into rage or revenge, it harms everyone. But if it becomes a force for protection—by seeking help from a teacher, by speaking truth, and standing up for the child—then it becomes love in action. That is righteous anger.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus in the Temple—His Father's house. The Temple was supposed to be a place of prayer and holiness, a place where people met God. Yet what did Jesus find there? He found injustice and exploitation. The poor were being taken advantage of. Pilgrims who came with sincere hearts were being overcharged for animals to offer in sacrifice. The money changers were changing Roman currency into Temple currency and taking unfair commissions from those who had little.

No wonder Jesus was angry. No wonder He made a whip out of cords and overturned the tables. No wonder He cried out, "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" This, however, was not blind rage—it was holy anger, born of love and reverence for God's house and compassion for those being exploited. Jesus teaches us that there are times when we must stand up for what is right, even when it costs us, even when it means going against the crowd.

How does this fit in with today's Feast? Why are we given this gospel reading? Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It's not just another church—it's the cathedral of the Pope, the mother church of all churches in the world. Its dedication reminds us that the Church is not just a building, but a living temple, made up of all of us who are baptised. The Church is both a building and a community.

So, what kind of temple am I building with my life? Is my heart a place where God can dwell comfortably? Am I ready to let Jesus "clear out" whatever keeps me from loving God and others fully? Can I tell the difference between destructive anger and righteous anger?

Monsignor Roger

Those who are sick: Rita Scanlon, Paul Mulhern

Those who have died recently: Con Galligan, Patrick Conway, Victor Shander, William Wright

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael and Nora Macken, Amy Alice Ryan, Theresa and Phil McGovern, Tom Mahoney

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 2 November 2025 amounted to £1,185.31
Standing orders for October: £4,331.00
Contactless Income for October: £702.12
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

Diocese of Westminster
SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Next weekend is the annual collection for **SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS** in the Diocese of Westminster. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **73** retired priests, at a cost of **£1,270,000**. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year.

Therefore, I would like to ask for your help once again as we draw close to this year's annual appeal for our Sick & Retired Priests.

The priests in our Diocese, although retired, continue to serve long into their late seventies and eighties. They continue to work in our parishes and schools, visit our sick or elderly in hospices, and hospitals, and make themselves available, at our time of crisis and need. We continue to depend on them, in times of grief and sorrow, but also at times of joy, such as baptisms and weddings. They, however, are also dependent on us, and our generosity, for their care, and for essentials like housing, rent or any health needs.

By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, next week, you can ensure these needs are met. If you can, please take a donation envelope, and return it next weekend. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, either on the envelopes or posters at the back of the church and give online.

Finally, if you feel you would like to give to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund on a more regular basis, please do consider completing section 4 of the envelope form. You can give as little or as much as you can via a monthly standing order, and this assured income helps the Diocese plan its continued care for our retired and sick priests. Thank you so much and please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 9 November

Saturday	6:30pm	Cintia D Souza	**Birthday Ints**
Sunday	9:00am	Theresa and Phil McGovern	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Michael and Nora Macken	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	For the Fallen	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Fallen soldiers of our parish	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	11:30am	Funeral—Patrick Conway	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Fallen soldiers of our parish	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Kimberley Goes	**Birthday Ints**

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Patrick Conway
will take place on Thursday, 13th November at 11:30am
followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery at 1:00pm

May he rest in peace ✝

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.



TODAY - St Mary Magdalen Youth Group

from Year 9 and above

Sunday, 9th November at 4:30pm.

Enjoy fun activities and games as well as exploring matters of faith through *Youth Alpha.*

Join Our Altar Servers Team!

Would you like to do something special at Mass? If you're in **Year 4 or above**, or in **secondary school**, we'd love for you to join our altar servers! Come along to our **training session on Saturday, 29th November at 1:00pm** and learn how to take part in this amazing way to serve God and our parish family.



Pilgrims of Hope JUBILEE MASS

Saturday 22 November at 2 pm in Westminster Cathedral.

This is a celebration Mass for all who have completed the Westminster Way walking pilgrimage during the Holy Year, and any other form of pilgrimage, including to the Jubilee churches in the diocese. All are welcome. Further details at jubilee2025@rcdow.org.uk.

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/