

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

February —Month of the Holy Family

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 February 2026

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity No: 233699

Presbytery

Peter Avenue, Willesden Green,
London, NW10 2DD
Tel: 020 8451 4677

Parish Website: Roman Catholic Parish of Willesden Green – Church of St Mary Magdalen (rcdow.org.uk)

YouTube: St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden, London - YouTube

Facebook: St Mary Magdalen RC Church, Willesden Green | London | Facebook

Parish Clergy

Monsignor Roger Reader KCHS
rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk

Father Matteo Di Giuseppe
matteodigiuseppe@rcdow.org.uk
Office: 020 4542 3716

Father Kamal Kanawadi
kamalkanawadi@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Office

Maria Nowicka
willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk

Parish office open:
Tuesday-Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm

Parish Outreach Worker

Barry Phillips-Devaney
wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Times

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am, 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

Racial Justice Sunday 2026

This Sunday we have been asked as a parish to reflect on issues around Racial Justice. Please take some time to read through the questions below, and, if you wish please, send me your responses at rogerreader@rcdow.org.uk

Questions for Reflection "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:21)**:**

Promoting Racial Justice in our Parishes is our theme for Racial Justice Sunday 2026. Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message. Racial Justice Sunday 2026 is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our Catholic parishes across England and Wales and society. It seeks to foster an awareness of the need for justice in all its forms. In an increasingly tense climate, it is imperative that we listen to, and learn from, the experiences, challenges and opportunities encountered in the mission of promoting racial justice in Catholic parishes today. Our parishes should be places where we can all truly grow in ever-deeper knowledge and love of each other, ourselves and God.

The resources for this year's Racial Justice Sunday are specially designed to create a culture of welcome and hospitality in parishes, encourage inclusive approaches to parish ministry, and foster greater openness to acceptance while learning from other cultures and traditions. As part of these resources, we have suggested a handful of questions to support parish reflection and action in promoting racial justice. We hope you find them helpful!

Questions:



1. How does the line "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" resonate with your own experiences or aspirations for racial justice in your parish?

a. In what ways can our faith guide us in promoting racial justice in our parishes?

b. How does your parish ensure that all members feel included and involved in the life of the Church? Can you give examples?

c. What would you say are the main challenges and opportunities for promoting racial justice in your parish?



2. How has the understanding of racial justice changed in your parish over time?

Have there been changes in how you think about it?



3. Which saint resonates with you the most, and why?

How do you think your parish can benefit from showing the many different saints around the world?

I look forward to hearing from you, Monsignor Roger.

We pray for: **Those who are sick:** Jasper Terroni, Ranzilla Quadros, Eamon Lennon, Rose McDermott, Patrick Casey

Those who have died recently: Daphne O'Sullivan, Sheila Behan, John Quinn, Stanley Fernandes, Francisco Rodrigues

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mark Conroy, Hanna O'Connor, Bridget McNulty, Nora Lynch, John Boland, Denis O'Donovan, Mary Oghoho Iyamu, John Joseph Phelan, Derrick Akakpo, Lucita Benoît, Oliver Simon

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 25 January 2026 amounted to £1,598.36
Standing orders for December: £4,205
Contactless Income for December: £864.31
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our parish community is strengthened and enriched by the dedication and generosity of our wonderful volunteers. Every contribution, great or small, truly makes a difference.

Monsignor Roger warmly invites all volunteers to a **Volunteer Thank You Evening** on **Tuesday, 17th February at 7.00pm** in **St Mary Magdalen's School Hall**.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of live music, delicious food, and refreshments as we come together to celebrate and give thanks for all that you do. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

PALM ASHES To help us prepare for the Lenten Season, please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the second week of February so they can be burned for use on Ash Wednesday (18th February). Thank you.



Our Lent 2026 course starts on **Wednesday February 25th at 7pm**

We Dare To Ask features five sessions on the theme of our Baptismal Vocation. Each session uses scripture, prayers, a reflection and questions, to help us prepare to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. More details to follow.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 2nd February **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** 5:30pm	Session 2: LORD HAVE MERCY St Mary Magdalen **School**
Monday 2nd February **CONFIRMATION** 6:00pm	Session 2: WHAT CAN WE KNOW ABOUT GOD? Church of the Transfiguration
Tuesday 3rd February	Students from Newman Catholic College at morning Mass. Pupils from the Junior School, helping out at Coffee morning.

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 1 February

Saturday	6:30pm	Mark Conroy	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Nora Lynch	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Hanna O'Connor	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	6:30pm	John Joseph Phelan	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Eulalia Viegas	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	John Boland	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Bridget McNulty	**Anniv**
Thursday	9:30am	Antonio Texeira	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Denis O'Donovan	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	Mary Oghoho Iyamu	**Anniv**

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Requiem Service for the late
Stanley Robert Fernandes
will take place on Wednesday, 4th February at 1:00pm
at Islington Burial Chapel, Islington Cemetery, 278 High Road,
East Finchley, London, N2 9AG
Followed by burial at the cemetery at 1:30pm.

May he rest in peace ✞

St Mary Magdalen Youth Group

from Year 9 and above

Dear Youth Group Member,
With chilly February breathing down our necks, we take joy and consolation from our upcoming Youth Group which takes place on

Sunday, 8th February at 4:30pm.

Members of the Westminster Youth Ministry will be leading our activities. Expect the usual mix of games, Youth Alpha, unhealthy (i.e. delicious) food & drink, discussion, and prayer.

I look forward to connecting the laptop to the tv and ordering pizza.
If you have any questions, please email me on:

wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk *Your Outreach Worker, Barry.*

SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A Special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in gratitude for the Cardinal's ministry of sixteen years and more as Archbishop of Westminster.
Thursday 5 February 2026 at 5.30pm, in **Westminster Cathedral**.
All are warmly welcome to attend as we give thanks to **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** for his faithful service.

CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MASS FOR THE SICK WITH ANOINTING.

On **Saturday 7th February 2026**, 2.00pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass for the sick at Westminster Cathedral, during which anointing will be offered.

To help with the planning, you are asked to book a free ticket, this can only be done through the parish office.

Tickets are in 3 categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

To reserve a place, please contact the office stating:
Your name, number of tickets and category. Thank you.

The **Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick** will take place on **Saturday 14th February at 2pm** at Westminster Cathedral. This will be preceded by a talk at 11.30am in Westminster Cathedral Hall by Dr Kieran Moriarty on the extraordinary story of the Lourdes miracle of Jack Traynor, the man from Liverpool whose miraculous healing was declared a miracle in 2024. Tickets for the talk are £7 per person, available from https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-kieran-moriartys-talk-on-lourdes-71st-miracle-john-jack-traynor-tickets-1976728613495
Donations to the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 are always welcome and appreciated.