

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

April —Month of the Holy Eucharist

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 April 2026

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Mass Times

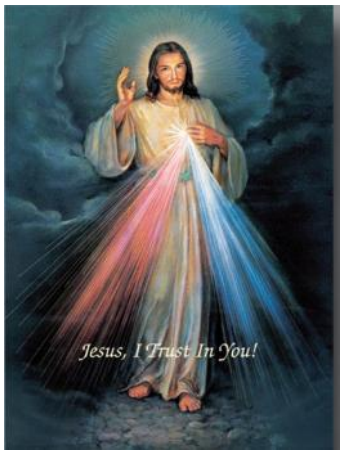
Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am, 12noon & 6:30pm
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*
**Livestreamed*

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession

Saturdays: 10:00am—10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call



The Second Sunday of Easter, Year A, often called Divine Mercy Sunday, invites us to linger in the quiet, complicated space between doubt and faith. The Gospel presents a community still reeling from loss, confusion, and fear—conditions not so different from our own world today. The disciples are behind locked doors, not only for fear of persecution but also because their hopes have been shaken. Into that fragile space, the risen Christ enters—not with reproach, but with peace.

"Peace be with you," he says, twice. It is not merely a greeting; it is a gift. The kind of peace offered here is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of assurance. The wounds remain visible in Christ's risen body. Resurrection does not erase suffering; it transforms it. This is a crucial point for a modern reader: faith does not require us to deny pain or uncertainty. Instead, it invites us to see them in a new light.

Thomas, often remembered unfairly as "the doubter," becomes the central figure for reflection. His insistence on seeing and touching the wounds is not stubborn disbelief so much as a desire for authenticity. He refuses second-hand faith. In a world saturated with information yet starved for meaning, Thomas speaks for many today who struggle to believe without personal encounter. His journey is not one of rejection but of longing.

When Christ appears again, he does not shame Thomas. He meets him precisely at the point of his doubt. "Put your finger here," he says. The invitation is deeply personal. It suggests that faith is not imposed but awakened through encounter. Thomas's response—"My Lord and my God!"—is one of the most profound confessions in the Gospel. It comes not despite his doubt, but through it.

This moment challenges communities of faith to reconsider how they respond to questioning and uncertainty. Too often, doubt is treated as a weakness or even a threat. Yet this Gospel suggests the opposite: doubt can be a doorway. A Church that makes room for honest questioning becomes a place where deeper, more resilient faith can grow.

The editorial significance of this Sunday lies in its quiet insistence that belief is not about having all the answers. It is about trust in the midst of incomplete understanding. The closing line—"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe"—is not a rebuke to Thomas, but an encouragement to future generations. It acknowledges that most believers will not have the benefit of physical encounter. Their faith will be shaped by witness, community, and grace.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 5 April 2026 amounted to £2,958.00
Easter Offering: £3,461.32
Collection for the Holy Places: £1,544.50
Standing orders for February: £3,698
Contactless Income for March: £243.89
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 13th April 10:30am	Welcome Spaces in the Church of the Transfiguration after morning Mass (10:00). All welcome!
Monday 13th April **HOLY COMMUNION** **5:30pm**	Session 9: DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME St Mary Magdalen school
Monday 13th April **CONFIRMATION** **6:00pm**	Session 10: THE CHURCH Church of the Transfiguration

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held this **Saturday, 18 April 2026** at 11:00am.
Please contact the office to book a place.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! We are delighted you have come to join us. Please introduce yourself to Monsignor Roger and fill out a registration form - available in the entry porch. If you have any questions, please speak to a parishioner or email Maria in the office.

If you are **housebound**, even for a short period, please let Monsignor Roger know so arrangements can be made for a visit.
If you are **going into hospital** and wish to see a priest, you will need to inform the staff so a visit can be arranged by the Catholic Chaplain.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2026/2027
For existing envelope users, the envelopes for 2026/27 are now available for collection from the Sacristy after Mass.

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 12 April

Saturday	6:30pm	Catherine Manning	**Ints**
Sunday	9:00am	Ann Flynn	**RIP**
	10:30am	Elizabeth Mason	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Agnes Cleary	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Pat and Teresa Lawless & family	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary Creedon	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	The Atonement and conversion of an individual	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Annie Dempsey	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Patrick Boland	**Anniv**
	12:30pm	Funeral—Maureen Leighton	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	James Creedon	**Anniv**

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Requiem Mass for the late
Maureen Leighton
will take place on Friday, 17th April at 12:30pm
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 2:00pm

May she rest in peace ✞

HARRY GOES TO ROME!
The BBC has produced an excellent programme featuring Traitors star Harry Clark, in which he is definitely a Faithful! It's called Harry Clark goes to Rome, and it's all about his (and our) Catholic Faith. It's on iPlayer and I can highly recommend it. Mgr Roger.

SAFEGUARDING: INFORMATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
Please take a moment to look at the Safeguarding noticeboard at the back of the church. There you will find important information about the Diocesan Safeguarding Service, available training and our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Claudia Tugbobo.

Safeguarding training is available to all volunteers and any parishioners who are interested. The training is free, and can be completed online. The Diocese's new training provider is the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA).

If you have any questions about safeguarding or training, please contact the parish office or Claudia directly at:
willesdengreensg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE -
GOVERNORS NEEDED AT ST CLAUDINE'S
St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls, a vibrant, happy and successful school is recruiting Catholic Foundation Governors. No experience in the education sector is required - we need people from all walks of life. Anyone over 18 can be a governor and there is no upper age limit. Full training is offered, from both our CMAT and the Diocese of Westminster.
If interested please email clerk@stclaudines.co.uk .
Thank you.

JP2 FOOTBALL CUP
Are you a young man aged 18–35 who enjoys a good game of football with fellow faith-filled friends? Join the Youth Ministry's Annual Men's Football Tournament for the John Paul II Cup on **6 June 2026!**
Each team will need at least 10 players to qualify.
Don't have a team? Get in touch and we can help allocate a team or find you some players.
Want to volunteer to be a referee? Let us know!
For more information email youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit:
https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/jp2-cup-2026

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Jasper Terroni
Those who have died recently: Maureen Leighton, Fr Colin McLean, Jeanette McConkey, Peter Reeves
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Mason, Patrick Boland, Annie Dempsey, Agnes Cleary, Edward Benoît, Eugene Lee, Mary Creedon, James Creedon