

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

April —Month of the Holy Eucharist

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 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

We need to pray for our Pope. Of course, we do that at every single Mass, but I think he needs our prayers especially in the context of what is happening in the world at the moment. He has come under extraordinary criticism, and his response has been both moving and exemplary. I am going to quote the recent item from the Vatican News Website (always well worth looking at, by the way).

"During the short flight to Algeria, Pope Leo addressed the journalists—as is tradition on papal flights—answering questions about the statements US President Donald Trump made against him on the Truth Social network.

The Pope stressed that he does "not see my role as that of a politician. I am not a politician, and I do not want to enter into a debate with him."

Moreover, he continued, "I do not think the message of the Gospel should be abused as some are doing. I continue to speak strongly against war, seeking to promote peace, dialogue, and multilateralism among states to find solutions to problems. Too many people are suffering today, too many innocent lives have been lost, and I believe someone must stand up and say there is a better way."

The role of the Pope is not to agree with everything which every politician says. His role is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, and the values of His kingdom, even when others disagree. 'The Pope aims at more than just getting people to pay attention to him and to do what he wants. He is making a moral appeal as the Vicar of Christ, announcing both the mercy and the challenge of the Gospel's call for peace and refusal of the sword, and inviting people to rise to meet it.' America Magazine on line, Sam Sawyer, S.J.April 13, 2026

In the gospel today, Jesus does not shout at the two men as they walk to Emmaus and get things wrong. He does not mock them for walking away from trouble. Rather, he gently takes them through the scriptures which point to him. There is no fanfare of trumpets here to announce his resurrection; rather Jesus simply breaks bread with his friends, and they know him in this sign of love. When he greets his friends, he doesn't crave their adulation – he simply says 'Peace be with you'.



This greeting, 'Peace be with you' is the one used by the Pope and all bishops as they begin the celebration of Mass. It is greeting to a world sorely in need of peace. Pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo, that his voice may be heard above all the noise of war.

Monsignor Roger

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Susie

Those who have died recently: Paola Vera, Enzo Mignolli, Noel Gill

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose and Jimmy Phillips, William Langan, Felix Rodrigues, Wallace family, Richard Kowalczyk

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 12 April 2026 amounted to £1,261.26
Standing orders for March: £4,051
Contactless Income for March: £243.89
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

We are already the children of God

A Holy Hour on the Dignity of Human Life

The Archbishop has asked that we observe a **HOLY HOUR** for the dignity of all human life. Monsignor Roger will lead this time of prayer today, **Sunday 19 April, at 5:30pm**, as we pray for the dignity of life from conception to natural death and that assisted suicide will not become law.

The Prayer of John Henry Newman

Bringing to the Lord the shared aspect of death and suffering O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 20th April **10:30am**	Welcome Spaces in the Church of the Transfiguration after morning Mass (10:00). All welcome!
Monday 20th April **HOLY COMMUNION 5:30pm**	Session 10: BODY OF CHRIST St Mary Magdalen school **5:30pm** **6:00pm PARENTS' MEETING in the school hall.**
Monday 20th April **CONFIRMATION 6:00pm**	Session 11: PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION Church of the Transfiguration

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.

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 19 April

Saturday	6:30pm	Rose and Jimmy Phillips	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Pat Hennessy	**Ints**
	10:30am	Patsy Smyth	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Pauline McNeela	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Bill Kelly	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	William Langan	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Michael Delaney	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Geraldine McDonald	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Felix Rodrigues	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	Wallace family	**Anniv**

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – NEXT WEEKEND

On Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund.

This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training — all of which are essential for their future ministry.

As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers.

Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity.

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CELEBRATE Faith Parenting

CELEBRATE Trust is excited to announce two new webinars for parents and carers of teenagers.

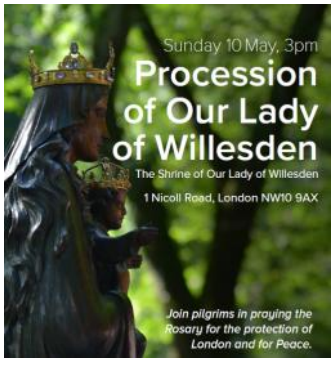
Confident parenting in a world of screens. 29th April @ 8pm Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world.)

Raising teenagers in a Catholic family. 2nd June @ 8pm As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships.

To find our more and to reserve your place, book now by visiting https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

At Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington, on **Thursday 30 April at 7pm**, with Bishop James Curry and Fr Nigel Woollen as principal celebrants. The service will include an address by Dr Harry Hagopian, an Armenian Christian who hails originally from Jordan. All are welcome to attend.



PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

The May procession will take place on **Sunday May 10th at 3pm**, and the Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for 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.