

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

May —Month of the Blessed Virgin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 May 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

Last Monday, our Confirmation candidates came to St Mary Magdalen's for their Penitential Service. There were forty of them, waiting for confession. You might have expected noise or distraction. Instead, there was silence, prayer, and reverence. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed, they waited patiently—some for nearly an hour.

That silence was not empty. It was full of searching. Because like so many today, these young people are looking for meaning, for direction, for truth. We live in a world where many feel uncertain and anxious about the future. There is a deep need for something solid to hold onto.

And alongside that search, there can be fear. We see it in our society, and very close to home—in the violence we have witnessed, including the horrific stabbings in Golders Green last week. Fear and anxiety often lie at the root of such violence. When people feel lost or threatened, it can lead to anger, hatred, and harm.

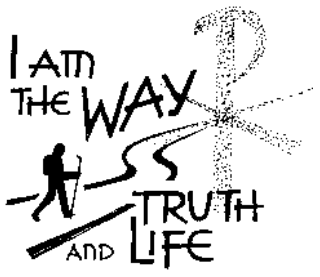
The disciples in today's Gospel were also afraid. They sensed that Jesus would not remain with them in the same way. Their world felt uncertain. Sensing their fear, Jesus speaks: *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* He does not promise an easy life. Instead, he gives them himself: *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."*

Jesus is not just showing a path—he *is* the path. In a confusing world, he is our direction. In a world where truth can feel unclear, he is the truth. In a world marked by fear and fragility, he is the source of life.

Those young people, praying quietly before the Blessed Sacrament, were already turning towards that truth—towards Christ himself.

This is also our response to the fear and violence around us. Not more fear, not despair, but a deeper turning to Jesus Christ. Only he can change hearts. Only he can replace fear with trust, anger with compassion, and division with peace.

Today's Gospel is both a comfort and a challenge. A comfort, because Jesus speaks to our troubled hearts. A challenge, because he calls us to place him at the centre of our lives.



If we do that, we can become people of peace in a troubled world—and help others find the truth they are searching for in Christ.

Monsignor Roger

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Susie

Those who have died recently: Ellen Lord, Tom Walsh

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: J.P. Gunaratne, Martin Doyle, Cecilia and James Lindford, Noreen Carolan

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 26 April 2026 amounted to £1,657.94
Standing orders for March: £4,051
Contactless Income for March: £243.89
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday, 5th May	Pupils from St Mary Magdalen school will be helping out at Coffee morning after the 9:30am Mass. All are very welcome!
Thursday, 7th May **CONFIRMATION 6:00pm**	Rehearsal in **St Mary Magdalen Church**—for the Confirmation Mass taking place on Saturday.
Saturday, 9th May **CONFIRMATION**	**CONFIRMATION MASS 2:00pm**

CONGRATULATIONS to all our young parishioners who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May this special step in your journey of faith, bring you closer to Jesus each day. Thank you to the families, catechists, and all in our parish who helped prepare and support them for this blessed occasion.





A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS
from Good Shepherd Sunday to Pentecost 2026

Joining with our Diocesan brothers and sisters, we are dedicating the morning Holy Hour to pray for priestly vocations:

Week 1: Pray for men to be open to God's call to priesthood
Week 2: Pray for those currently discerning this vocation.
Week 3: Pray for seminarians in their formation.
Week 4: Pray for your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the diocese.

Holy Hour—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday to Saturday 8:30am

St Mary Magdalen Youth Group

The next meeting will be in June
after all the exams have finished!

Mass Intentions commencing—Sunday 3 May

Saturday	6:30pm	J.P. Gunaratne	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Martin and Mary Ryan	**Ints**
	10:30am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Martin Doyle	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Cecilia and James Lindford	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Noreen Carolan	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Colleen and Redge Carpen	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Francisco Rodrigues	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Marita & Peter Fernandes on their Wedding Anniversary	**Thanksgiving**
Friday	9:30am	Jasper Terroni	**Get Well Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Anna Cronin	**Ints**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION NEXT WEEKEND

Landon	**Juliette**	**Justinray**
Mia	**Anaya**	**Isaac**
Isaiah	**Arsema**	**Charlotte**
John Emmanuel	**Biniam**	**Amethyst**
Adele	**Chimemezue**	**Patrick**
Luke	**Skyla**	**Max**
Raffaella	**Liberty**	**Maeve**
Darragh	**Charlotte Mae**	**Rachel**
Miah-Hope	**Sarah**	**Amanda**
Millie	**Lexie**	**Carl**
Joshua Rey	**Sara**	**Jakub**
Kevin	**Millen**	**Nahom**

CONFIRMATION WALK-A-THON

Confirmation candidates from both St Mary Magdalen and The Transfiguration are raising money for

Friends of the Holy Land

through a sponsored '**Walkathon'** which has just taken place. **Friends of the Holy Land** is a registered charity dedicated to supporting vulnerable Christian communities in the Holy Land, who face daily challenges such as poverty and political instability.

If you would like to sponsor our candidates, please scan the code or hand in a donation to any priest. Thank you for your support!

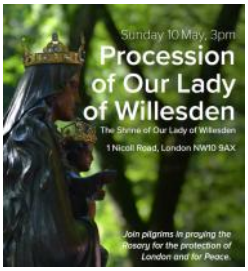
PRIEST TRAINING FUND – SUPPORTING FUTURE PRIESTS

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Priests Training Fund last weekend.

Your support helps make this formation possible. It is a direct way of strengthening the life of the Church and ensuring that future generations will continue to receive the sacraments and pastoral care.

If you did not get the chance to donate, please use the dedicated envelopes available at the back of the church. You may also donate via **rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund**

Please also continue to pray for vocations and for those currently in formation.



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. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace.