

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June —Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 June 2026

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

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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

Jordan Pickford, Ezri Konsa, Nico O'Reilly, Declan Rice, John Stones, Marc Guéhi, Bukayo Saka, Elliot Anderson, Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham, Marcus Rashford, Tino Livramento.

I am sure that nearly all of you, by the time you had read the twelfth name on this list, realised what it was a list of. I have to admit that I might not have known! They are just some of the players selected by Thomas Tuchel to be part of England's 2026 World Cup squad.

Out of interest, I asked ChatGPT what criteria Mr Tuchel might have used when selecting these men from all the hopefuls he could have chosen. I was told that some of the main factors behind the selection were that he wanted players who fit his preferred style of play. Reports suggest that he prioritised athleticism, pressing ability, positional discipline, and players who could perform specific roles within his system. Fitness and reliability were also important considerations. Above all, he wanted a group he could trust and a squad that would work together as a team rather than simply a collection of the biggest names.

Whom would you have selected? Apparently, some of his choices have proved controversial, and I am sure that many of you have your own opinions. Selection is nearly always controversial. Everyone is his or her own England manager! Choosing the right people is never easy, whether it is selecting members of staff, choosing friends, appointing leaders, or even deciding whom we might one day marry. It is something we all do.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also makes a selection. He chooses twelve men to be his Apostles. I wonder whether they would have made the grade if the selection process had been carried out today. Admittedly, we do not know a great deal about them, but they were ordinary men. Several were fishermen. They had no impressive CVs, no great qualifications, and little social status. Some may well have struggled with reading and writing. They were certainly not the obvious candidates for a world-changing mission.

Yet Jesus saw something in each one of them. He saw potential where others saw ordinary people. He saw gifts, courage, faith, and possibilities that even they could not yet see in themselves. He entrusted them with an extraordinary task, giving them authority to preach, to heal, and to bring God's kingdom to others.

The Church of which we are members today is built upon those twelve Apostles. Through the centuries their mission has been handed on through the bishops and the Pope, who are their successors.

That should encourage all of us. There are times when we feel unequal to the tasks God places before us: as parents, spouses, friends, colleagues, students, or members of our parish community. We may feel that we lack the skills, confidence, experience, or holiness required. But the Gospel reminds us that God does not simply call the qualified; he qualifies those whom he calls.

Jesus saw something special in those first Apostles, and he sees something special in each one of us too. God continues to call people today and to entrust them with his work. If we are willing to listen and respond, he can use our gifts in ways we never expected. Indeed, he may be calling some of you to serve him in ways you have never imagined — perhaps even as priests.



Monsignor Roger

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 7 June 2026 amounted to £1,588.46
Standing orders for May: £3,761.00
Contactless Income for May: £168.17
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday June 21st at 4:45pm



No matter where you are on your faith journey, God's Word has the power to speak to your heart and draw you closer to Him.

Join other young adults and discover how prayerful reflection on scripture can deepen your faith , enrich your prayer life, and strengthen your relationship with Christ.

This study will run for a total of 3 sessions on:
21st of June, 5th of July and 19th of July
and will take place in the annexe by the entrance to the church. There will be refreshments.

Please contact Barry via email if you are interested or have any questions:
wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk



Pupils from St Mary Magdalen's School will be helping out at Coffee morning on Tuesday. All welcome!

BAPTISM PREPARATION The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held on **Saturday, 12 September 2026** at 11:00am. Please contact the office to book a place.



Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 14 June

Saturday	6:30pm	Peter Manning	**Ints**
Sunday	9:00am	Timothy and Catherine Kelleher	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Brian Patrick Monahan	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Eileen Costello	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Paul Cronin	**Anniv**
Tuesday	9:30am	Noel Armstrong	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary and Walter Manning	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Noel Armstrong	**RIP**
	11:30am	Funeral—T/L Catherine Inamdar	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Expectant Mothers of the Parish	**Ints**

FUNERAL NOTICE

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Catherine Ann Inamdar
will take place on Friday, 19th June at 11:30am
followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 1:00pm

May she rest in peace ✝

Summer school 2026:

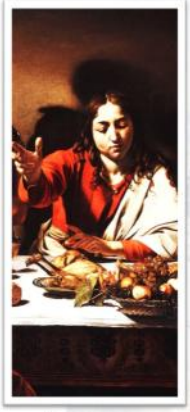
Beyond the Cross

EASTER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST

Wednesday evenings, 7.00pm

01st– 29th July

The Church of The Transfiguration
Kensal Rise



Across five sessions, we explore the events in the New Testament following the Crucifixion.

Through a combination of art and spiritual reflection, we seek to gain new and deeper insights into these key moments in the birth of Christianity.

Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding of Easter through the lens of art and culture!

To find out more: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk

MIND THE GAP… IN OUR CONNECTION!

We sincerely apologise for the recent interruptions to our YouTube broadcasts and telephone lines. We are currently awaiting the installation of a new connection, which we hope will be completed by July. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to restore everything fully.

COMMUNITY HUB EVENTS

hosted in partnership with Caritas Westminster and Brent Health Matters.

The NHS, local charities, and support organisations will offer advice on housing, health checks, wellbeing, employment, family support, carers' support, and more.

Flyers with more information and further dates available at the back of the church.

NEXT EVENT: Five Precious Wounds Hall accessed from Morland Gardens, NW10 8ER
25th June 4:00–8:00pm

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Maura Brown, Siobhan McCarthy

Those who have died recently: Catherine Inamdar, Bridget Mansfield, Joseph Dempsey, Adrian Anton Charles, Ethel Cuff, Mary Rowe Smullen

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Eileen Costello, Kathleen Higgins, Brian Patrick Monahan, Timothy and Catherine Kelleher, Paul Cronin, Maria Floresca, Elizabeth 'Pat' Gavrel, Cisline Morris, Geoff Charles, Jennifer Roberts