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Lord God,
Bless all fathers.
May they find strength in the example of Saint Joseph, tenderness in their love, wisdom in their guidance, and joy in their families.
Keep them faithful to their vocation and draw them ever closer to You.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE —Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 JUNE 2026

https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/

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Fear is one of the most powerful forces shaping human behaviour. It silences voices, discourages commitment, and often persuades people to choose comfort over conviction. In the Gospel for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 10:26-33), Jesus addresses this reality directly. Three times He tells His disciples: "Do not be afraid."

These words are not spoken in a context of ease or security. Jesus is preparing His followers for opposition, misunderstanding, and even persecution. He does not promise them a life free of difficulties. Instead, He offers something greater: the assurance that God's loving care accompanies them through every trial.

The message is remarkably relevant today. We live in a world where fear takes many forms. People fear rejection for standing by their beliefs. They fear uncertainty about the future, economic instability, social conflict, and personal failure. In such an environment, courage can seem like a rare virtue. Yet the Gospel reminds us that authentic faith is not the absence of fear but the decision to trust God more than our fears.

Jesus uses a simple but profound image: not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. If God cares for the smallest creatures, how much more does He care for each human person? This is not merely a comforting thought; it is a call to confidence. Every life has value in God's eyes. Every struggle, sacrifice, and act of fidelity is seen and remembered.

The first reading from Jeremiah echoes this theme. The prophet experiences hostility and betrayal, yet he refuses to surrender to despair because he knows that the Lord stands beside him. His example demonstrates that faithfulness often requires perseverance in the face of opposition.

This Sunday's liturgy challenges Christians to examine their own witness. Are we willing to speak the truth with charity? Do we allow fear to dictate our choices? Are we prepared to acknowledge Christ publicly, not only with words but also through our actions?

The Gospel's invitation is clear. God does not call His people to reckless confidence but to courageous trust. Amid uncertainty and adversity, believers are encouraged to remember that they are known, loved, and accompanied by God.

In a culture often driven by anxiety, the words of Jesus remain as timely as ever: "Do not be afraid." They are not simply an encouragement; they are a promise rooted in the faithful love of God.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 14 June 2026 amounted to £1,495.34
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

TODAY: 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

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN FEAST DAY

On **Sunday, 19th July**
we will be celebrating our patronal feast.
Please note:
Mass at 11:00am will replace the 10:30 and 12noon.

Everyone is warmly invited to join the celebrations in the school hall afterwards. Please see the poster inside the newsletter.
All support greatly appreciated!

CARITAS WESTMINSTER VOLUNTEER FAIR
SATURDAY 4 JULY, 3:00 – 5:00 pm,
Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Ave, SW1P 1QW

Could you spare a few hours to make a difference?
Come and meet charities and community organisations from across the diocese and discover how you can put your time and talents at the service of others. All are welcome.
For more information, visit
https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/caritas-volunteer-fair/

Caritas Westminster

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING SUNDAY 21 JUNE

Saturday	6:30pm	George, Beatrice & James Wallace	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Edward and Ann Ryan & Noreen Kelly	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Ashlon Barreto	**Birthday Ints**
	12:00pm	Patrick Varley	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Anthony Almeida	**Birthday Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Amelia Bernadette Joseph	**Birthday Ints**
	12:30pm	Funeral T/L Joseph Dempsey	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Franklin Anthony Joseph	**Get Well Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary and Joseph Comerford	**RIP**
	6:00pm	Funeral T/L Monica Lynch	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Mario Jose Francisco de Braganca	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Kathleen Connolly	**RIP**

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/marymagwillesdengreen/
YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdalenrcchurchwill1878

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Joseph Patrick Dempsey
will take place on Tuesday, 23rd June at 12:30pm
followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery at 2:00pm

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The Interment of the ashes of
Liam McGloin
will take place on Tuesday, 23rd June at 3:00pm
at Kensal Green Cemetery.
Meet by West London Crematorium at 2:45pm
to proceed to the graveside.

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The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Monica Lynch
will take place on Thursday, 25th June at 6:00pm
followed by repatriation to Ireland.

May they rest in peace ✞

Summer school 2026:



Wednesday evenings in July at 7:00pm
At The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Starting on Wednesday, 1st July.

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 deeper insights into these key moments in the birth of Christianity.

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

YOUTH DAY

The Goan Chaplaincy UK is organising a Youth Day
on Saturday, 27th June 2026,
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at Hayes Parish Hall
for young people aged 12 years and above.

The day will include talks, discussions, reflections, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, testimonies, praise & worship and fellowship.
The programme will be conducted in **English,** and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Please see the poster at the back of the church, or this newsletter on our website, for further details and contact your local Goan Chaplaincy Representative to reserve your place.

We pray for:
Those who are sick: Siobhan McCarthy
Those who have died recently: Joseph Dempsey, Liam McGloin, Monica Lynch, Fr Peter John Dwyer, Mary Rowe Smullen
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George, Beatrice and James Wallace, Edward and Ann Ryan and Noreen Kelly,

YOUTH DAY

GOAN CHAPLAINCY UNITED KINGDOM

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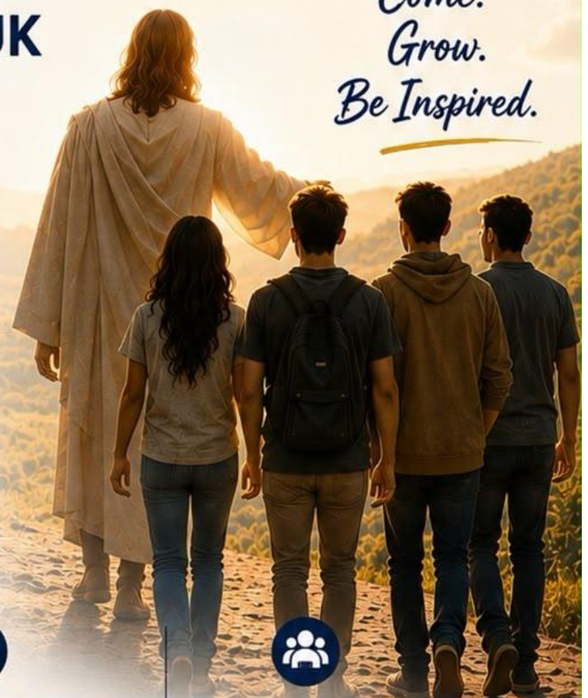
Come. Grow. Be Inspired.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & INSPIRATION



THEME:

'I am with you always'

MATTHEW 28:20

DATE & TIME
27TH JUNE 2026
10 AM TO 4 PM

LOCATION
HAYES PARISH HALL

FOR YOUTH
12+ YEARS

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- DISCUSSIONS
- REFLECTIONS
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- TESTIMONIES
- PRAISE AND WORSHIP

BOOK YOUR PLACE – CONTACT YOUR AREA REPRESENTATIVE

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Let's journey together in Faith and Love! ♡

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Saturday 4 July 2026
3-5pm
Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Ave, SW1P 1QW

Join Caritas Westminster for our annual Volunteer Fair, bringing together charities and community organisations from across London and Hertfordshire!

Discover volunteering opportunities, and find out how you can put your time and talents into action to support others!

To register, please visit:
caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/caritas-volunteer-fair/



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