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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

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE —Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
28 JUNE 2026

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

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When I was aged about 10 or 11 years old, one of my main obsessions was cars. I could identify a Hillman Minx and aspired one day to own an Austin Cambridge. My friends and I would go to the Earl's Court Motor Show every year as my birthday treat and come home with armfuls of brochures about Triumph Heralds, the Vauxhall Viva and the much-coveted Ford Capri. This was a fairly normal obsession for an eleven-year-old boy. What was perhaps less straightforward was my interest in the robes worn by clergy of all sorts, ranging from a preaching gown to a biretta. One of the least well-known of these is the pallium.



The pallium is a woollen band worn by archbishops. It is placed around the shoulders with two hanging strips and is decorated with black crosses. It is made from the wool of lambs blessed by the Pope each year on the feast of St Agnes. Rich in symbolism, it is worn by the Pope as a sign of his universal ministry and by Metropolitan Archbishops, such as our Archbishop of Westminster, and you can see it represented on the coat of arms of our Diocese of Westminster.

The Pope traditionally bestows the pallium on newly appointed metropolitan archbishops on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, which we celebrate this weekend It is no coincidence that this takes place on this feast, for this celebration focuses our attention on something distinctive about the Catholic Church among all Christians: the ministry of the Pope, the successor of St Peter and Bishop of Rome.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus then entrusts Peter with a unique mission: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." These words form the scriptural foundation of the Petrine ministry which continues in the life of the Church today. That is why Catholics should pay attention when the Holy Father teaches, whether on matters of faith and morals or on contemporary issues such as the ethical challenges posed by AI. His ministry helps ensure that, despite all the human weaknesses and failings that can be found within the Church, the authentic teaching of Christ continues to be proclaimed.

So, the pallium is a sign of the authority entrusted to an archbishop within his province. It symbolises his communion with the Pope and his bond with the universal Church. It points to the living continuity between today's bishops and the first apostles. Above all, because it is made from the wool of lambs, it reminds us that every bishop is called to be a shepherd after the example of Christ, carrying the lost sheep upon his shoulders.

The vestments worn by deacons, priests and bishops are not matters of personal taste or decoration. They are outward signs of the sacred mysteries being celebrated and of the ministry entrusted to those who wear them. While they may once have been the fascination of an eleven-year-old boy, they carry profound theological meaning.

As we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for Archbishop Richard, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may be faithful shepherds of God's people, leading us ever closer to Christ.

Monsignor Roger Reader

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 21 June 2026 amounted to £1,608.72
Standing orders for May: £3,761.00
Contactless Income for May: £168.17
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

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 at the back of the church or this newsletter online.

Please let us know if you can bring a dish to share by signing the food lists at the back of the church.

All support greatly appreciated!

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

NEXT SUNDAY: July 5th 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 one more session on:
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

We **welcome** to the parish Nathaniel Plumtree, a seminarian who will be staying with us for three weeks during his summer placement. His placement is at St Claudine's School, but he will be living in the presbytery and experiencing parish life at the weekends. Please make him feel at home.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING SUNDAY 28 JUNE

Saturday	6:30pm	Cornelius O'Neill	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	James Varley and Molly Ayres	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Joao Pedro Albuquerque	**Birthday Ints**
	12:00pm	Elaine Lydon	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Ruben Nunes	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Alicia Almeida	**Birthday Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Patrick Varley	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Geraldine Cummins and family	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Eileen Delaney and family	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	William Shore and Patrick O'Leary	**Ints**

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

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

CARITAS REPRESENTATIVES COULD THIS BE YOU?

Caritas Westminster is looking for parishioners who would like to serve as a Caritas Representative in their parish.
Caritas Reps act as a link between the parish and Caritas Westminster, helping to share opportunities for volunteering, social action and outreach, while encouraging greater awareness of local needs and community engagement.

This is a rewarding volunteer role for anyone who is passionate about putting faith into action and supporting the mission of the Church in serving those most in need.

To find out more, please visit the Caritas Volunteers page or contact Elizabeth Wills, Volunteer Engagement & Training Coordinator, at cvs@rcdow.org.uk.

We pray for:
Those who are sick: Remetina D'Sa
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cornelius O'Neill, James Varley and Molly Ayres, Oliver Finnigin,

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

Please join us for a Circus & World Cup themed celebration
All welcome!

Mini World Cup Final!
Children invited to wear their favourite football top

Food
Music
Dancing
Circus entertainer
Family fun

CIRCUS

ST. MARY MAGDALEN FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 19TH JULY
12.30-3.30PM

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL
LINACRE ROAD

Support

We need help with food for the celebration. If you can contribute, please sign up using the lists at the back of the church from 27th June.

If you help with setting up or volunteer on the day, please join the WhatsApp group.

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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