

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

June —Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

7 June 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

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally known as Corpus Christi, invites the Church to contemplate the greatest gift Christ left to humanity: Himself in the Eucharist. In Year A, the readings draw us deeply into the mystery of God's nourishing presence and challenge us to recognize the Eucharist not only as a ritual we celebrate, but as a life we are called to live.

The first reading from Deuteronomy recalls Israel's journey through the desert. Moses reminds the people that God fed them with manna to teach them that "not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The wilderness was a place of hunger, uncertainty, and dependence. Yet it became the very place where God revealed His providence. Modern society, despite its abundance, still experiences spiritual hunger: hunger for meaning, belonging, peace, and hope. The Eucharist answers this deepest longing because it is not merely symbolic nourishment; it is Christ Himself, the Bread of Life.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, emphasizes the unity created through the Eucharist. "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body." At every Mass, believers gather from different backgrounds, struggles, and experiences, yet become one in Christ. In a fractured world marked by division and isolation, the Eucharist calls Christians to become instruments of communion. One cannot truly receive the Body of Christ while ignoring the suffering members of that same Body in society. Eucharistic devotion must always lead to charity, reconciliation, and solidarity with the poor.

The Gospel from John presents Jesus' profound teaching: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." These words shocked many listeners then, and they still challenge believers today. The Eucharist is not simply a pious tradition or weekly obligation. It is a living encounter with Christ who gives Himself completely for the life of the world. Every celebration of the Mass makes present the sacrifice of Calvary and reminds us that authentic love is always self-giving.

Corpus Christi therefore is more than a feast cantered on adoration; it is a summons to transformation. As Christ gives Himself entirely to us, we are called to become bread broken for others. The Eucharist strengthens believers to carry Christ into homes, workplaces, and communities desperately in need of compassion and hope. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, the Church becomes what it receives: the living presence of Christ in the world today.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

We pray for: **Those who are sick:** Mary Hall, Rose McDermott, Maura Brown, Siobhan McCarthy

Those who have died recently: Robina O'Brien, Dermoth O'Connor

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Michael Bourke, Tom Gilgunn, Sebastiao M.Dsouza, Elizabeth (Betty) Bunford, Leroy Lewis, David Okpeahior, Marie Savage

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 31 May 2026 amounted to £1,535.71
Standing orders for May: £3,761.00
Contactless Income for May: £168.17
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Today, Sunday 7 June, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. We extend a warm welcome to all our First Holy Communion children and their families, who join us for the 12 noon Mass and the traditional Corpus Christi procession. We pray that this special celebration will deepen their love for Our Lord in the Eucharist and strengthen them in their faith.

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 the 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.

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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:

Our Lady of Willesden, **11th June** – Marian Hall **11:30am–3:30pm**

All are welcome.

Mass Intentions commencing- Sunday 7 June

Saturday	6:30pm	Tom Gilgunn	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	David Okpeahior	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Our First Communicants and recently Confirmed young people	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Daniele Torrieri	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Bridie Loughlin	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Elizabeth and Charles Goldsmith	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Private Intention	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	For the souls of unknown soldiers	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Patrick Varley	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Michael Bourke	**Anniv**

YOUNG ADULTS' MASS

The next diocesan Young Adults' Mass is on **Tuesday 9 June at 7pm** in the sacred and historical crypt hidden beneath Westminster Cathedral. Come along to celebrate Holy Mass led by the youth chaplain Fr Francis and for the opportunity to meet like-minded young Catholics.

Westminster Cathedral Crypt, Victoria St, London, SW1P 1LT



LUMINISCENCE AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Experience *Luminiscence*, an immersive son et lumière (sound and light) production within Westminster Cathedral.
From 1 July 2026 until late January 2027, Westminster Cathedral will host this groundbreaking 360-degree sound and light experience on four evenings each week. Through breathtaking projections, music, and narration, visitors will journey through the history, architecture, and spiritual vision of the Cathedral.



Using 24 laser projectors, the Cathedral's ceilings and vaults will come alive with colour and imagery, culminating in a stunning vision of the interior with its ceilings fully adorned in mosaics. The experience is accompanied by carefully selected music and a specially written narration recorded by Hugh Bonneville.

For more information and to book tickets, visit:
https://luminiscence.com/london/