

ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY —Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 JULY 2026

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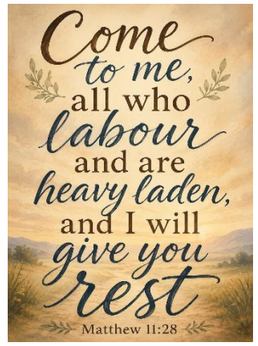
Mass Times
Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:00am*,
10:30am, 12noon & 6:30pm
Monday— Saturday: 9:30am*
.**Livestreamed*

Eucharistic Adoration
Weekdays and Saturday:
One hour before morning Mass

Confession
Saturdays: 10:00am- 10:30am
5:30pm— 6:15pm
& At Call



In a world that prizes achievement, status, and self-sufficiency, today's Gospel offers a refreshing and deeply reassuring invitation. Jesus thanks the Father because the mysteries of God's kingdom have been revealed, not to the wise and learned in the eyes of the world, but to the little ones. He then extends one of the most comforting invitations found anywhere in Scripture: "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Most of us know what it means to carry burdens. Some are visible: illness, financial worries, family responsibilities, or the pressures of work. Others remain hidden: grief, loneliness, disappointment, anxiety, or a sense of failure. These burdens can leave us exhausted, searching for peace in places that rarely satisfy.

Jesus does not promise a life free from difficulties. Instead, He promises His presence. He invites us to exchange the heavy loads we carry alone for His yoke, which is "easy," and His burden, which is "light." At first, this may sound puzzling. A yoke is still a yoke. Yet the difference lies in who walks beside us. When Christ shares our journey, our burdens are transformed. They no longer crush us because we do not bear them alone.

The Gospel also challenges our understanding of greatness. God's wisdom is not reserved for the powerful or the intellectually gifted but is revealed to those who approach Him with humility, openness, and trust. The "little ones" are those who recognise their need for God. Their strength comes not from self-reliance but from faith.

This message is especially relevant today. In a culture that often celebrates independence above all else, Jesus reminds us that true freedom comes from depending on Him. Rest is not found merely by escaping our responsibilities but by discovering God's grace at work within them.

As we gather for the Eucharist this Sunday, we are invited to place our burdens on the altar along with the bread and wine. Christ receives them, blesses them, and returns to us the strength we need for another week of faithful living.

May we hear His invitation with renewed hearts: "Come to me." In accepting that invitation, we discover not only rest for our souls but also the quiet joy of knowing that we never walk alone.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 28 June 2026 amounted to £1,551.72
Standing orders for May: £3,761.00
Contactless Income for June: £277.29
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

TODAY: July 5th at 4:45pm

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

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

If you have been serving for more than a year, you are now entitled to join the Guild of St Stephen and receive your medal. We will be admitting new servers to the Guild at the **11:00am** Mass on **Sunday 19th July**, please email the office if you are coming to this Mass and we will prepare a medal for you.

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 5 JULY

Saturday	6:30pm	Francis Benoît	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Pat Varley	**RIP**
	10:30am	William and Catherine Dyra	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Agata Licciardello	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Francisco Fernandes	**Birthday Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Patrick and Josephine Delaney	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Frank and Kay Shine	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Peter Mangan	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Luce Dubois	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Aleksandra and Kazimierz Markul	**Anniv**

CAFOD VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food.
CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives.

Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code.

Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions.
Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July and there will be a second collection next weekend.
It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

You can donate in church, by visiting **www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate**, or by **texting 'SEA'** to **70460** to donate **£5**. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

RACE NIGHT

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Special Needs Group invites you to a charity Race Night on
Friday, 24th July at 7:30 p.m.
at Tony's Bar, 356-360 Willesden High Road.

All proceeds will go towards funding events for the group.
Horses are available for purchase at £10 each from the parish office.
Please provide your name and the name of your horse, which will be printed in the Race Night booklet.
Be sure to leave your phone number in case you're a winner and receive £40!

We look forward to seeing you there!

BEYOND THE CROSS

A course run on Wednesday evenings in July at 7:00pm
At The Church of the Transfiguration, Kensal Rise
Next session on Wednesday, 8th 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

We pray for:
Those who are sick: Remetina D'Sa, Tadhg Sullivan

Those who have died recently: Philomena Healy, Edgardo Laraya, Mary O'Sullivan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Peter Mangan, William and Catherine Dyra, Francis Benoît, Felicja Nowicka, Waclaw Kowalczyk

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

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

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

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.

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Venezuela Earthquake Appeal



Our neighbours in Venezuela are without food, water or shelter following two devastating earthquakes.

We need your help to get vital supplies to those in urgent need.

Take action by donating today

Scan the QR code or donate online at

cafod.org.uk/Venezuela

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