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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

JULY —Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12 JULY 2026

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

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There are so many things which we can learn from the parables which Jesus told. They unfold for us a view of God and his kingdom which even, and maybe especially, children can understand. In primary schools and First Holy Communion classes all over the world, teachers and catechists use the parables of Jesus to capture the attention of their pupils as they open up their minds to the joys of the Gospel. I am sure that most of us first heard the parable of the sower when we were at school. I am equally sure that most of the children hearing it today, just like the peasants who first heard it from the lips of Jesus, will understand its basic message – that the seed of God's word grows strongest in rich soil.

But, re-reading these words while preparing this homily, there is one thing which struck me afresh. When I go and stay with a friend of mine, and our conversation begins to wear a little thin, we watch television. If he is with me, I make him watch *The Traitors*. If I am staying with him, he makes me watch *Gardeners' World*. *The Traitors* confuses him, while *Gardeners' World* makes me just a little bored. Yet one thing I have picked up from Monty Don and the other presenters is the importance of where, when and how you plant seeds. You may need to dig a little trench for them. Some seeds thrive in full sunlight, others in shade. Some need plenty of space, while others grow better close together. The gardener prepares the soil carefully because he wants every seed to have the best possible chance of growing. Compare that with the sower in today's Gospel. He seems almost reckless, scattering seed everywhere. Some falls on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, and only some on rich soil. He does not seem overly concerned about where it lands.

One way of looking at the parable is to see the sower as a picture of God himself, generously scattering the seed of his word throughout the world. If that is the case, then God may appear to be rather careless in the way he sows, perhaps even extravagant. But perhaps that is precisely the point. God's love is never mean. He does not reserve his grace only for those who seem worthy of it. He scatters it among the young and the old, the faithful and the doubtful, those who come to church every week and those who have not crossed its threshold for years. He gives everyone the opportunity to hear his voice and to respond.

The question, then, is not whether God is generous enough, but whether we are ready to receive what he offers. There are times when our hearts can become hardened by disappointment or routine. At other times we may be enthusiastic for a while but easily discouraged when life becomes difficult. The thorns can be the worries of everyday life, anxieties about health, family or finances, or the constant distractions that leave little room for prayer. Yet the good soil is not something we are simply born with. It is something that can be cultivated.

We do that in simple ways. You do by coming to Mass so faithfully, by taking a few moments each day to pray, by reading a little of the Scriptures, by forgiving someone who has hurt you, by encouraging a neighbour who is lonely, or by showing kindness within your own family. Thus, the soil of our hearts becomes richer. Then the seed that God has so generously scattered can take root, grow strong, and produce a harvest far greater than we could ever have imagined.

Monsignor Roger Reader

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 5 July 2026 amounted to £1,599.26
Standing orders for June: £4,010
Contactless Income for June: £277.29
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

As many of you heard at Mass last week, the Archbishop of Westminster has appointed me to be the next Parish Priest of the parish of Our Lady of Grace and St Edward, Chiswick, in succession to Canon Michael Dunne. I will be taking up this appointment in early September. The new Parish Priest of Kensal Rise and Willesden Green will be Fr Albert Ofere, whom some of you will know, from English Martyrs, Wembley.
Please pray for us both as we take on the ministry assigned to us by our Archbishop.

Monsignor Roger.

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 when you started serving and we will prepare a medal for you.

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

FINAL SESSION next Sunday: July 19th 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 will take place in the annexe by the entrance to the church.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING - SUNDAY 12 JULY

Saturday	6:30pm	Dan and Mary O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Geoff Mason	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Nicola Leahy	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Joseph Pick	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Salvador Diniz	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Sara Murphy	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Bernadette Redmond	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Celine Campbell	**RIP**
	12:30pm	Funeral T/L Adrian Charles	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Peggy Quinn	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Josephine and Edward Bell	**RIP**

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Adrian Anton Charles
will take place on Friday, 16th July at 12:30pm
followed by cremation at West London Crematorium at 2:00pm

May he rest in peace ✞

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 today, Sunday 12th July and there will be second collection this 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 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!

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Our next event is coming up soon - our fantastic **Summer Party**, taking place on Sunday, 16th August, at Hendon Football Club, from 12:30pm to 6:00pm.
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon with circus entertainment, delicious food, music, and dancing!
The event is free to attend, and carers are very welcome.
If you or someone you know would like to attend and become part of our Special Needs Group, please email Maria at:
willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk
by 1st August to book your place.

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, 15th July.

Exploring 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: Adrian Charles, John Shannon, Michael Cronin, Yoav Benjamin Finkelstein

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aleksandra & Kazimierz Markul, Geoff Mason, Sara Murphy, Dan and Mary O'Sullivan

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.

Sea Sunday

SEAFARERS NEED YOU

Every day, seafarers and fishers face danger, isolation and hardship.

Your kindness brings hope, faith, and support.

SCAN TO DONATE

WILL YOU HELP THEM?

Please donate online at www.stellamaris.org.uk
Or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5

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