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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

September – Month of the Sorrowful Mother
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6 September 2026

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

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity No: 233699

The readings for this Sunday, place before us a challenging dimension of Christian discipleship: the responsibility to care not only for ourselves but also for one another. In a world where silence is often mistaken for tolerance and indifference is easily justified as respect for another person's freedom, the Word of God reminds us that genuine love sometimes requires us to speak.

The first reading presents the prophet Ezekiel as a "watchman" for Israel. His responsibility is not simply to observe what is happening but to warn people when they are moving away from the right path. This is a demanding vocation. It teaches us that faith involves responsibility. We cannot claim to love others while remaining completely indifferent to their choices and their wellbeing.

Yet the Gospel offers an important way of understanding this responsibility. Jesus teaches his disciples how to respond when a member of the community does wrong. The process begins privately, with one-to-one conversation. Only when that fails are others involved. This approach reveals that the goal is not condemnation, humiliation, or victory in an argument. The goal is restoration.

How often do we get this wrong? We may be quick to discuss another person's faults with everyone except the person concerned. Social media has made this temptation even stronger. We can criticize, expose, and cancel people from a safe distance. But Jesus proposes something more courageous: go to the person. Speak honestly, but do so with humility and love.

St Paul, in the second reading, gives us the foundation for this approach: "Love does no harm to a neighbour." Christian correction, therefore, must never become an excuse for cruelty. We are called to challenge wrongdoing while remembering the dignity of the person who has made the mistake. Truth without love can wound; love without truth can become indifference. Christian discipleship demands both.

The Gospel concludes with a beautiful reminder that Christ is present when his people gather in his name. This means that Christian community is not simply a collection of individuals pursuing personal holiness. We belong to one another. Another person's struggle should matter to us, just as our own struggles matter to the community.

The message of this Sunday is therefore both challenging and hopeful. God calls us to be watchmen, not judges; to be courageous enough to speak, but humble enough to listen; and to correct others not from a position of superiority, but from genuine love.

In a divided world, the Church is called to become a community where truth is spoken with compassion, forgiveness is always possible, and no one is abandoned. That is what it means to truly care for one another.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 30 August 2026 amounted to £1,479.74
Standing orders for July: £3,927.00
Contactless Income for August: £584.10
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

WELCOME BACK!

We extend a warm welcome to everyone as we return after the summer break. We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and are refreshed for the months ahead.
As a new academic year begins, we keep all our students, teachers, and school staff in our prayers. May the year ahead be filled with learning, growth, friendship, and many blessings, and may God guide and strengthen them in all they do.

PARISH DIARY 2027



The diary is now **open** for booking Masses.
Please contact the office.

NEED A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE COPY?

Should anyone require a replacement baptismal certificate, your request should be emailed to the Parish Office at: willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk. For GDPR purposes, please attach proof of your identification i.e. Passport/Driving Licence. We ask for a donation of £10 towards this. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2027

All children who are due to receive their First Holy Communion (currently in Year 3 or above) or make their Confirmation (currently in Year 9 or above) need to obtain an application form.
The forms will be available from the celebrating priest after all weekend Masses in October.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING - SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary and Alan Statham	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Patrick O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	Katherine and James Monahan	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Denise and Michelle Mason	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Jospen Mendonca	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Denis Sheahan	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Mary O'Shankerey	**Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Christy Sheehan	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Tom Walsh	**RIP**

We pray for:
Those who are sick: Isabel Olvera, Charles
Those who have died recently: Tsigereda Seyoum, Christopher Fahey
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick O'Sullivan, James Wallace, Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca, Mary and Alan Statham, Katherine and James Monahan, Denis Sheahan, Denise and Michelle Mason

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS

Our new parish priest, Fr Albert will be available to sign the **Certificate of Catholic Practice** on
Monday, 5th October
10:00am to 12:00pm and 5:00 – 7:00pm

Fr Albert will see you on a first come, first served basis in the Sacristy. Please come to the church and before your appointment complete only **one** CCP Application form and the top half of the Certificate of Catholic Practice form, one for each school.
The forms will be available in the church or you can download the Application form from our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/

ARE YOU A STUDENT AT ONE OF THE UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES IN LONDON?

Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach.

Our chaplaincy centre is at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AR. There will be dedicated Masses and events for students.
Please visit: www.universitycatholic.net
to find out more or phone 020 7387 6370.

If you are heading to a university outside London, then go to: www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk to find your local Catholic chaplain and find out what's available in your area.

CELEBRATING
THE NATIVITY OF MOTHER MARY

KONKANI MASS



Saturday 12th of September
at 3PM
at St.Mary Magdalene Church,
Willesden Green
NW10 2DD

ALL WELCOME!

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