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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

EDUCATION SUNDAY
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13 September 2026

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

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1,300,000,000,000 – that is quite some number. Can anyone even begin to imagine what 1.3 trillion would look like? According to the BBC, it is roughly what giving $5,000 to every adult American citizen would cost. You may have heard that Mr Trump has said he will do this if his party wins the mid-term elections. Whether or not that happens, the figure is difficult to imagine.

It is even more difficult to imagine the figure Jesus uses in this Sunday's Gospel, because he speaks of "talents". A talent was not a talent in the modern sense of the word – an ability at, say, football or music. A talent was a large quantity of silver, and therefore a form of currency. The mathematics of Jesus' illustration goes something like this: one talent was about 6,000 days' wages; 10,000 talents therefore represented 60 million days' wages, or roughly 200,000 years of wages. In today's money, that could amount to several billion pounds.

Now let's look at the money owed to this servant. One of his colleagues owes him 100 denarii. One denarius was approximately one day's wage, so 100 denarii represented about 100 days' wages – perhaps £10,000–£15,000 in today's money.

This is certainly not a small amount. The servant has genuinely been wronged and has a right to feel that he has suffered a loss. And here we come to something important about forgiveness. Jesus is not telling us that injury does not matter. There are things people can do to us which cause deep and lasting hurt: stealing, violence, betrayal, lies, having an affair, selfishness or the breaking of trust. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that these things did not happen, nor does it mean that justice is unimportant.

But Jesus asks us to remember that we too stand in need of forgiveness. We have received from God a mercy which we could never earn or repay. The extraordinary contrast between the two debts is meant to make us realise the immense generosity of God.

Let's come now to some numbers which we can understand: seven and seventy times seven. Peter is, reasonably, asking how often he must forgive someone who has wronged him. I suspect we have all thought: "I will forgive him or her this time, but I'm not going to do it for ever." The use of the figure seven is interesting here. Seven was thought of as the perfect number, and so seventy-seven, or seventy times seven, is perhaps an even greater expression of completeness. Only God is perfect, of course, but that does not mean we should never strive for perfection.

Let's set the numbers aside for a moment. Instead, let's make a point this week of forgiving someone – perhaps someone who has genuinely hurt us – and in that way come closer to the God whose immense generosity forgives us.

Monsignor Roger

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 6 September 2026 amounted to £1,592.49
Standing orders for August: £3,776.00
Contactless Income for August: £584.10
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

MONSIGNOR ROGER WRITES:

This will be my last full weekend in the Parish of St Mary Magdalen, Willesden Green. I came here over seven years ago fresh from prison (!). I had never been a parish priest before, and you were all so kind and patient with me as I began to find my feet here. It has been a great pleasure and honour to have been your pastor for these years, and I will have very many happy memories of this place. I would just like to thank each and every one of you for all that you give to the life of this vibrant community. Whether you have a special ministry in the parish, or whether you simply come to Mass week by week, you give such a lot. Thank you.

I know that you will make Fr Albert very welcome as he becomes your parish priest. He is a priest of great experience and has a generous, pastoral heart. Please do remember both him and myself in your prayers.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 16th October at 6:30pm followed by a reception in the school hall. I look forward to seeing you all at that.

May God bless you all, Monsignor Roger.

PARISH DIARY 2027



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

CARITAS DEAF SERVICE 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Deaf Service will celebrate 50 years of becoming part of the diocesan family **on Saturday 26th September 2026**, with a Mass at **2pm** in Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan. All are invited to join this Mass in Word and Sign.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Saturday	6:30pm	Kay Papp	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Siyanda Diniz	**Birthday Ints**
	10:30am	Sara, Edgar and Joshua	**Ints**
	12:00pm	John Savage	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Elizabeth and Charles Goldsmith	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Alan Clohessy & Martin Shannon	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Megan Mendes	**Birthday Ints**
Thursday	9:30am	Healing for Susie	**Ints**
Friday	9:30am	Margaret Ita O'Neill	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	Johny Cash for his recovery	**Ints**

We pray for:
Those who are sick: Isabel Olvera, Charles
Those who have died recently: Christopher Fahey, Gerry Kelly, Jeff Bowden
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kay Papp, Margaret Ita O'Neill, John Savage, Theodore Pascal, Alfredo Tampon

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Christopher Fahey
will take place on Monday, 21st September at 11:30am
followed by burial at Willesden New Cemetery at 1:00pm

May he rest in peace ✝

EDUCATION SUNDAY

On this Education Sunday, we would like to wish our parish schools and student parishioners, a happy, fruitful and inspiring year of learning.

SCHOOL AND PARISH

We welcome Newman Catholic College to Mass this Tuesday.

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.

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/

SECONDARY SCHOOLS OPEN EVENINGS
For Year 7 intake 2027/2028 :

NEWMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Thursday 1 October 2026 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Open Mornings: 15,16, 22, 23 Sept & 6,7,13,14 Oct from 9:15am to 10:45am
https://www.ncc.brent.sch.uk/

ST CLAUDINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
Tuesday 29 September 2026 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Open Morning Tour from Wednesday 30 Sept to Friday 9 October 9:00am – 9:40am.
Visit the website to book a tour.
https://www.stclaudines.co.uk/

ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday 1 October 2026 from 5:30pm
https://www.st-james.barnet.sch.uk/
There will be parking on the school site at the end of Great Strand NW9 5PE.

YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@stmarymagdalenrcchurchwill1878