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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

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11 October 2026

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

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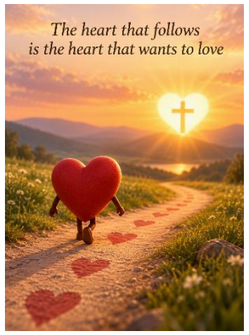
THE WEDDING GARMENT

There is a big problem with this story. In a good story Jesus always raises a question. It seems a bit unfair to be thrown out, having been brought in at the last minute, because you had no garment. However, the garment means you want to be there and to take on the values of the feast. The garment is the desire of the heart to be **a follower in name and deed**.



God invites all, but expects us to come with a good heart. Often, we see people around Mass who seem not to respect it. They may not come often, but God looks to the desires of the heart. Maybe the non-churchy parents who want their child baptised know deep down that their love for the child brings them to baptism. Is that not a good reason? Or maybe the young people who come to Mass because they have exams coming up and need all the help they can get?

While Jesus is totally the inviting one, he wants us to remain with him. The heart that follows is the heart that wants to love, and that desire is the wedding garment.

The man knew in his heart that he should not be there. Jesus sees into the heart. What we look for is the sincerity in what brings us to God and that can be different for everybody. **Religion is firstly of the heart, and then practice**. Again, the garment is the desire of the heart to be a follower in name and deed. The name is Christian and the deed is to be Christ like, to do things as Christ would: forgiving, merciful, compassionate, self-giving, patient, more attention to the wounded, lonely and forgotten. The garment is always available, always in vogue, your perfect size. Please put on one today if you are not already wearing one. You will be blessed in this world and hereafter:

An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health, food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates,
St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, Jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast.
"How much does it cost to eat?" asked the old man.
"Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch.
"Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter replied, "That's the best part…you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."
The old man looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault! If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, we could have been here ten years ago!"

Fr Albert

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 4 October 2026 amounted to £2,154.60
Standing orders for September: £4,029.00
Contactless Income for September: £710.31
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE & RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



WE DARE TO LOVE, a five week course, explores the essential truth of God's love and its part in our lives. Using scripture, story, prayer and reflection, we delve into how, through His cross and resurrection, Jesus enables us to live in harmony with God, self, others and nature.

This course could be a useful starting point for anyone wishing to learn more about their faith and it is mandatory for those who are thinking of being Baptised as adults into the Catholic Church (RCIA).

The course starts **Wednesday October 21st 7.00pm** in the upstairs hall of the Church of The Transfiguration.
Booklets and refreshments will be provided.
For more information email Barry at: **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

CAFOD – A better world needs all of us

Thank you to everyone who donated to this appeal last weekend. The total amount raised will be announced next week.

If you did not get a chance to donate to the Family Fast Day Appeal, CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of the church.
Or you can scan the QR code to donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING 11th October 2026

Saturday	6:30pm	Michael Barrett	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	Derrick Akakpo	**RIP**
	10:30am	Daniele Torrieri	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Anthony Chalissery	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Mr & Mrs MacKenzie Sr and family	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Bridget Mulhern & deceased family	**Anniv**
Wednesday	9:30am	Barbara Johnson	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Imelda Nkechi Duru	**Anniv**
Friday	9:30am	Mary MacKenzie	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Catherine Manning	**Ints**

We pray for:
Those who have died recently:
Elizabeth Wright, Cyrillia Joseph, Ailish Healy
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Michael Barrett, Daniele Torrieri, Anthony Chalissery, Bridget Mulhern & deceased family, Imelda Nkechi Duru, Michael Noel Armstrong, Séan, Paul, James and Aidan O'Sullivan, Jimmy Miller

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MONSIGNOR ROGER

All parishioners are warmly invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for Monsignor Roger on **Friday 16th October at 6.30pm**, followed by a reception in St Mary Magdalen's School.

This will be an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for his years of dedicated service and ministry as our Parish Priest.

If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please take one of the envelopes available at the back of the church and return your donation to the parish office by today, Sunday 11th October.
You can also donate through our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/donate/
Donate → Donate to our Parish → One-Off
Enter the amount and in the message box write:
Gift for Monsignor Roger.
NOTE: We **cannot** claim Gift-Aid for this donation.

Help needed

We will be preparing the school hall from 4:30pm and welcome all helpers. **Many hands make light work!** We should then be ready in time for Mass.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE CARDINAL HUME CENTRE

October 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Cardinal Hume Centre, which has provided support, hope and opportunity to thousands of people facing homelessness and hardship. To celebrate this milestone, a special Mass will be held at Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 13 October at 5.30pm.**
His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside at the Mass joined by Bishop James Curry and Dom Robert Igo OSB.
Given the great affection and esteem in which Cardinal Basil Hume is held across the UK, parishioners from St Mary Magdalen Church are warmly invited to attend this public celebration and give thanks for the Centre's 40 years of service.

INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

A delegation from the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, including Cardinal Koovakad, Prefect of the Dicastery, will be visiting England and Wales from Rome. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is arranging the following events across London:

•A Christian and Jewish Gathering
Sunday 18th October from 3-4.30pm (Central London)
•A Day with Christians and Hindus
Monday 19th October from 10am-5pm (Willesden Green)
•A Day with Christians and Jains
Tuesday 20th October from 9.30am-5pm (Harrow)

For more details, or to register for one or more of these events, please email Elliot Vanstone from the Catholic Bishops' Conference at **elliot.vanstone@cbcew.org.uk**.



CANDLELIT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Sunday, 18th October 2026
7pm

The Procession will be led by Archbishop Richard on his first visit to the Shrine.

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