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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

November – Month of the Holy Souls

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
1 November 2026

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

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MASS ATTENDANCE

A holy elderly priest was once asked, "how many people attended the early morning Mass today?" He responded, "there were three old ladies, the janitor, several thousand archangels, a large number of seraphim, and several millions of the triumphant saints of God". But we always have room for one more! We should always keep in mind the great crowd of witnesses that surround us at every Mass.

It is this great crowd of witnesses that we celebrate today, the Feast of All Saints. We honour today the memory of countless known and unknown, canonized and uncanonized saints. Today, we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. This feast is observed in order to teach us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man (I Tm 2:5).

All Saints Day is a summon, a call, a challenge to every one of us. It gives us the simple but reassuring fact that nobody is born a Saint. A Saint is something you have to become. All Saints Day beckons us to something beautiful. It reminds us of our great potential—the promise that lies within each of us – the promise of holiness. It is God's promise that has already been fulfilled in the countless people we venerate this day, who are meant to be our models, our companions, our inspirations, our guides — all the Saints. They give us blessed hope, because they assure us again and again that no one is born a Saint, but every one of us, by the grace of God, can become one.

One thing that strikes you first about the Saints is their diversity. There is Thomas Aquinas, the towering intellectual, and there is Father Jean-Marie Vianney (the Curé d'Ars), who barely made it through the seminary. There is Vincent de Paul, a saint in the city, and there is Antony who found sanctity in the harsh loneliness of the desert. There is Bernard of Clairvaux kneeling on the hard stones in penance for his sins, and there is Hildegard of Bingen singing and throwing flowers, madly in love with God. There is Albertus Magnus, the quirky scientist, half-philosopher and half-wizard, and there is Gerard Manley Hopkins, the gentle Jesuit poet. There is Peter, the hard-nosed and no-nonsense fisherman, and there is the Jewish Edith Stein, secretary to Edmund Husserl and colleague to Martin Heidegger, the most famous philosopher of the twentieth century, who left everything to enter the Discalced Carmelites and died a Martyr for the Faith in the gas chamber in Auschwitz II-Birkenau concentration camp in 1942. There is Joan of Arc, leading armies into war, and there is Francis of Assisi, the peacenik who would never 4 hurt an animal. There is the grave and serious Jerome, and there is Philip Neri, whose spirituality was based on laughter. God is an Artist, and artists love to change their styles. The saints are God's masterpieces, and He never tires of painting them in different colours, different styles, and different compositions. What does this mean for us? It means we should not try to imitate any one Saint exactly. We need to look at them all, study their unique holiness, but then find that specific colour God wants to bear through us. St. Catherine of Siena was right: "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

By God's providence my induction as your Parish Priest is on this Hallowed Day. Through the intercession of All the Saints may I serve you all diligently and may we all grow in holiness seeking to please God in all we do. Many thanks to Canon Shaun Lennard, our Episcopal Vicar for celebrating the Induction Ceremony. ***Fr Albert***

We pray for: **Those who are sick:** Leo, Dorina Dsa,
Those who have died recently: Sean Martin Casey, Bridget Egan, Noel Cassidy, John Ruddy, Sanoja Gunaratne, Frank Clarke, Renato Sudique
Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eric, Ann and Stanley Lindford, John O'Sullivan, Tom Mahoney, Delton John Daroux (Big John), Elaine McFarlene, Kevin Gerald Hennessy, James Theophilus Bailey (Doc),

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 25 October 2026 amounted to £1,584.09
Standing orders for September: £4,029.00
Contactless Income for September: £710.31
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

RITE OF INDUCTION OF FR ALBERT

We warmly welcome Canon Shaun Lennard to our parish today. At the 12 noon Mass, Canon Shaun will conduct the Rite of Induction, during which Fr Albert Ofere will formally assume the office of Parish Priest of St Mary Magdalen and the Church of the Transfiguration. Please keep Fr Albert in your prayers as he begins this important chapter of ministry among us.

NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd	**All Souls – Masses at 9:30am & 6:30pm**
Monday 2nd	**Concelebrated Mass at St Mary's Cemetery 11:30am with blessing of graves.**
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance Sunday. Solemn Mass for the Fallen at 12 noon.**
Tuesday 10th	**Mass for deceased priests of the Deanery at St Joseph's Church, Wembley at 11:00am**
Thursday 19th	**Mass of Remembrance at 7:00pm when we pray for all our parishioners, family and friends who have died in the past year. All welcome.**

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE with RCIA

WE DARE TO LOVE, is a five-week course exploring God's love through scripture, prayer and reflection. Ideal for anyone wishing to deepen their faith, it is also required for adults preparing for Baptism in the Catholic Church (RCIA).
Third session on **Wednesday November 4th 7.00pm** in the upstairs hall of the Church of The Transfiguration in Kensal Rise.
For more information email Barry at: **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

LECTIO DIVINA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

TODAY Sunday 1 November, 4:45pm
Join other young adults for prayerful reflection on Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.
Venue: Church Annexe (by the church entrance)
For more information, contact Barry: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

The next course preparing parents for the **baptism** of their child will be held on **Saturday, 7th November 2026** at **11:00am**. Please contact the office to book a place.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING 1st November 2026

Saturday	6:30pm	Eric, Ann and Stanley Lindford	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Maria and Andrea Sapelli	**Ints**
	12:00pm	Private Intention	**Ints**
	6:30pm	Monica Lynch	**RIP**
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	6:30pm	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Mary MacKenzie	**Ints**
	11:30am	Funeral T/L Renato Sudique	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Mary Rowe Smullen	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**

If you would like to support our parish schools by displaying a board outside your home, please see this newsletter on our website for further details or the poster at the back of the church. Thank you.

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late
Renato Sudique
will take place on Tuesday, 3rd November at 11:30am
followed by cremation at Islington Crematorium at 2:00pm

May he rest in peace ✝

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE

Friday, 4th December 4:00pm to 6:00pm
The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School are once again hosting their annual tea dance for senior citizens.
If you would like to attend, please contact the parish office by Thursday, 5th November.
Free transport is available to and from the school.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

for Nursery, Infant and Primary school applications.
Fr Albert will be available to sign the Certificates on
Monday, 16th November in the Sacristy.
from 10am – 12noon and from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.
You will be seen on a 'first come, first served basis'. Before your appointment, please download and complete one CCP Application:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/certificate-of-catholic-practice-applications/
The Certificates will be available in the church for you to fill out the **top half only** for every school you are applying for.

Federation of Convent of Jesus and Mary Catholic Infant School & Nursery and St Mary Magdalen's Junior School

OPEN DAYS

If you have a child due to start Nursery, Reception or Junior School in September 2027, you are welcome to attend the open days below.
There is no need to reserve a place.
Applications for Nursery and Reception and Junior School September 2027 are to be made no later than 15th January 2027

OPEN DAYS at CJMIS&N
CJMIS&N NURSERY – 10th November @ 3.30pm
CJMIS&N RECEPTION – 12th November @ 3.30pm
SMM JUNIOR TRANSITION – 19th November @ 9am



Saint Nicholas of Tolentine and Prayer for the Deceased

Lord, God of holiness and light.
You do not allow any shadow of darkness or evil in your sight,
and so in your mercy you grant to those
who have left this world burdened with sin,
a time of purification,
applying to them the spiritual treasures of your holy Church.
Hear our prayer and through the merits of Christ,
the Blessed Virgin, the saints,
and all your faithful people
bring to an end this time of waiting for our beloved dead.
In your providence you have chosen Saint Nicholas
as a special intercessor on behalf of the departed.
Hear also his fervent prayer for those whom
we recommend to you through his intercession. Amen.

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Help Support Our Christmas Fair!

Our Christmas Fair is being sponsored by Plus Rooms, a family-run local building company. We need just a few more families to display a Plus Rooms advertising board outside their homes for six weeks.

For every board displayed, £30 will go towards our schools' fundraising, with £900 raised if we reach our target of 30 homes.

If you can help, please contact Lily from the Federation Parents, Staff & Friends Association (PSFA), representing the schools at:
thefederationpsfa@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

