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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

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8 November 2026

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

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

The readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect on the importance of wisdom, vigilance and readiness in our journey of faith. Through the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13), Jesus reminds us of a fundamental truth: we must always be prepared for the coming of the Lord, because we neither know the day nor the hour.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil, while the other five were foolish and failed to prepare adequately. When the bridegroom arrived unexpectedly, only those who had prepared were ready to enter the wedding feast. The others were left outside.



This parable challenges us to examine the quality of our Christian lives. The oil in our lamps represents the faith, love, prayer, good works and spiritual commitment that sustain us in our relationship with God. Being a Christian is not simply about belonging to a Church, attending Sunday Mass or identifying ourselves as believers. It is about nurturing a living relationship with Christ every day through our choices, attitudes and actions.

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that wisdom is readily available to those who sincerely seek her. Similarly, the second reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians encourages us to remain hopeful, even in the face of death, because our faith rests on the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to reflect on our lives and our ultimate destiny. Are our lamps burning brightly, or have we allowed the oil of faith to run low through indifference, selfishness, hatred and neglect of others?

The message of this Sunday is clear: preparation for the Lord's coming is not a last-minute activity but a daily responsibility. We must keep our faith alive through prayer, charity, forgiveness and service to one another.

May we learn from the wise virgins and live each day with hearts prepared to welcome Christ. Let our lamps remain burning, so that whenever the Bridegroom comes, he will find us ready to enter the eternal joy of his kingdom.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Dorina Dsa,

Those who have died recently: Tsgereda Sium, Yanap Brhane, Michael Kenny

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Phil and Teresa McGovern, Michael and Nora Macken

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 1 November 2026 amounted to £1,890.02
Standing orders for September: £4,029.00
Contactless Income for October: £1,061.17
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – Next Weekend

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form.

You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE,

for all those whose funerals or memorials have taken place in the parish, particularly in the past year, will be celebrated at **7:00pm on Thursday 19th November.**
All are welcome to come and offer the greatest prayer we have—the Mass—for their deceased loved ones.

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE with RCIA

WE DARE TO LOVE, is a five-week course exploring God's love through scripture, prayer and reflection. Fourth session on **Wednesday November 11th 7.00pm** in the upstairs hall of the Church of The Transfiguration in Kensal Rise. All are welcome to join any session.
For more information email Barry at: **wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk**

LECTIO DIVINA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

NEXT SESSION: Sunday 15th November, 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.
Venue: Church Annexe (by side church entrance)
For more information, contact Barry: wgoutreach@rcdow.org.uk.

PARISH AND SCHOOL

- The students from Newman Catholic College will be joining us for Mass this Tuesday morning.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING 8th November 2026

Saturday	6:30pm	Dominic Ngwoke	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Phil and Teresa McGovern	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Michael and Nora Macken	**Anniv**
	12:00pm	In Remembrance of All Who Died in the Service of Peace	**RIP**
	6:30pm	People of the Parish	**Ints**
Monday	9:30am	Sadie Gleeson	**Ints**
Tuesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Mary MacKenzie	**Ints**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**

The family of the late **Michael Kenny**, who lived in Doyle Gardens, wish to inform parishioners of his peaceful passing.

Michael will repose at Patrick Ryan & Daughter Funeral Home, 49 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, UB6 9LB, on Tuesday, 17 November 2026, from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, followed by removal to the Church of the Most Sacred Heart, 73 Pembroke Road, Ruislip Manor, HA4 8NN, arriving for 6.30pm.

The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 18 November 2026, at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip, HA4 7SJ, at 12.45pm.
Those unable to attend may join via livestream on the Sacred Heart Ruislip YouTube channel.

Please remember Michael and his family in your prayers.
May he rest in peace.

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 ☙ 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!

