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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15 November 2026

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

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

MAKING PEOPLE LAUGH

There is a story of the thirty-eight-year-old cleaning lady who would go to the movies and sigh, "If only I had her looks." She would listen to a singer and moan, "If only I had her voice." Then one day someone gave her a copy of the book, The Magic of Believing. She stopped comparing herself with actresses and singers. She stopped crying about what she didn't have and started concentrating on what she did have. She took inventory of herself and remembered that in high school she had had a reputation for being the funniest girl around. She began to turn her liabilities into assets.

When she was at the top of her career, Phyllis Diller made over $1 million a year. In the 1960's that was a great deal of money. She wasn't good-looking and she had a scratchy voice, but she could make people laugh. Maybe God is saying something like that to us through today's parable of the talents. When we complain that we wish "that we had more, if only we were like someone other than ourselves, if only… "He says to us: "Use the gifts I have given you!" Stop crying about what you do not have and start concentrating on what you do have. Use the gifts that God has given you. Don't say you don't have gifts. Look within you will see the gifts God has given to you.

We ought to celebrate and thank God immensely for His generosity and open-handedness. He is the kind of leader who does not cling to power. He entrusts his "property" (his cause) to everyone without counting the risk.

So, please use the gifts God has given to you. Do not be afraid to take risks, to trust yourself, to trust life and to trust God. The world is waiting to enjoy your gifts, and our Sweet Jesus can't wait to tell you,

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!"

Fr Albert

We pray for:

Those who are sick: Dorina Dsa, Mary Mifsud, Austin Gibbons, Tony Thornton

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Muriel and George Wilson, Luce Dubois, Brendan Howard, Sean Higgins, Laurence Cleary, Mary Ann Quinn, Catherine McGloin, Dolores Irish, Gladys Boylan, Carmeleta Derenza O'Sullivan,

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING 15th November 2026

Saturday	6:30pm	Mary Brady	**RIP**
Sunday	9:00am	Muriel and George Wilson	**Anniv**
	10:30am	Sheila Smith	**RIP**
	12:00pm	Luce Dubois	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Brendan Howard	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Catherine Manning	**Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Sadie Gleeson	**Ints**
	7:00pm	Mass of Remembrance	
		Holy Souls	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Saturday	9:30am	Sandra Riordan	**Ints**

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 8 November 2026 amounted to £1,553.45
Standing orders for October: £4,156.00
Contactless Income for October: £1,061.17
Thank you for your generosity in whatever way you give.

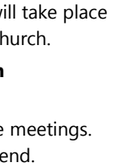
SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or 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 – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan 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. Last session on **Wednesday November 18th 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

TODAY: 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.

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.

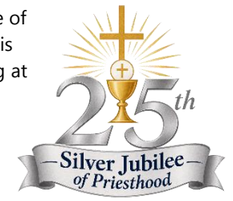
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

The first meeting for candidates and parents/guardians will take place on Monday, 7th December in St Mary Magdalen Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 at 5:30pm
CONFIRMATION 2027 at 6:30pm

Important information and dates will be shared at these meetings.
All those who have registered are required to attend.

Fr Albert's Silver Jubilee



Fr Albert will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of priesthood this December. We will mark this joyous occasion with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalen Church on **Thursday, 10th December, at 7.00pm,** followed by light refreshments.
Everyone is warmly invited to join us in celebrating this special occasion.

SAFEGUARDING: INFORMATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Please take a moment to look at the Safeguarding noticeboard at the back of the church. There you will find important information about the Diocesan Safeguarding Service, available training and our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Claudia Tugbobo.

Safeguarding training is available to all who are interested. If you volunteer in any way, you are asked to complete the **Level 3 Safeguarding for Volunteers in the Catholic Church.**

The training is free, and can be completed online. The Diocese's new training provider is the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA). Scanning the QR code takes you to the 'Catholic Church's online Learning Portal where you can sign up and access the relevant modules.

If you have any questions about safeguarding or training, please contact the parish office or Claudia directly at:
willesdengreensg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Please let us know when you have completed the training. Thank you.

SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS THIS WINTER

The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 80303, London W9 4LW with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 .
Thank you so much for your support.

Young Adults ADVENT RETREAT DAY (aged 18-35) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th December 2026, 10am – 6pm.
Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington).
Programme includes talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • Mass and social time. £5 registration fee/ subsidised student places available on request. Register now by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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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ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday 5 December 2026

For University Students & Young Adults (18-35)

Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London W8 5HH

Talks · Mass · Adoration · Social

£5 registration fee/ subsidised student places on request

To register scan the QR code or email: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org



Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency

Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

- **Do you volunteer in the Catholic Church?**
- **Do you know your responsibilities in keeping people safe?**
- **Have you completed your essential safeguarding training?**

The CSSA host online training modules. You can complete them at your own pace, wherever you choose. It is essential that you complete the training, whatever your role. It has been put together by training experts both at the CSSA and in the Catholic Church.

Access the training on the CSSA website at **training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk** or by scanning the QR code opposite:

All courses are free.

Questions about what you need to do next? Contact your Safeguarding Co-ordinator where you are:

Help protect everyone and help keep the Catholic Church as a welcoming place for all.

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