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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
22 November 2026

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

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, invites us to reflect on the kingship of Christ and the kind of kingdom he came to establish. In Year A, the Gospel reading from Matthew 25:31–46 presents us with a powerful image of Christ the King, seated on his glorious throne, separating the sheep from the goats. Yet, surprisingly the criteria for this judgement are not wealth, status, power or religious prestige, but love expressed through concrete acts of mercy.

In this Gospel, Jesus identifies himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. Whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him. This revelation challenges our understanding of kingship. Unlike earthly rulers who often seek honour, privilege and recognition, Christ identifies himself with the poor and vulnerable. His throne is not a symbol of domination but of service, compassion and self-giving love.

The celebration therefore reminds us that Christian faith cannot be separated from practical charity. It is not enough to profess Christ as King with our lips while ignoring those who suffer around us. Our love for God must find expression in our treatment of others, especially those who are forgotten, excluded and marginalised by society. Every act of kindness, every generous gesture and every effort to restore human dignity becomes an encounter with Christ himself.

The solemnity also invites us to examine our personal and collective conscience. In a world wounded by war, injustice, poverty, corruption and indifference, are we truly building the kingdom of Christ? Do our homes, workplaces, communities and institutions reflect his values of justice, mercy, peace and solidarity? Christ's kingship demands more than admiration; it calls for conversion and commitment.

As we celebrate Christ the King, may we remember that the measure of our discipleship is the love we show to others. One day, we shall stand before the King, and our lives will reveal how faithfully we recognised him in those who needed our compassion.

May Christ reign in our hearts, transform our relationships and guide our actions, so that through our service to others, we may become faithful witnesses of his everlasting kingdom.

The Peace of Christ
Fr Matteo

We pray for:

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

Those who have died recently: Sean Casey, Hugh McGlone, Hanna Bogacka

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Martin McMahon, William O'Sullivan, Brian McAlinden, Shane Carrigy,

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

Collection 15 November 2026 amounted to £1,574.32
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

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. So far, we have raised **£706.18**. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.
If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster.
Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2026

The Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 22 November 2026 marks the 41st World Youth Sunday, celebrating young people in the Church and the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

The theme this year is:
"Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Watch a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth:
https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/

Westminster Youth Ministry supports young people across our schools and parishes through retreats and outreach programmes. To learn more about its work and how you can support it, visit https://rcdow.org.uk/youth-ministry/.

LECTIO DIVINA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

LAST SESSION OF THE YEAR: Sunday 6th, December 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS COMMENCING - 22nd November 2026

Saturday	6:30pm	Martin McMahon	**Anniv**
Sunday	9:00am	People of the Parish	**Ints**
	10:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	12:00pm	William O'Sullivan	**Anniv**
	6:30pm	Brian McAlinden	**Anniv**
Monday	9:30am	Nina Manuelina Viegas Braganca	**RIP**
Tuesday	9:30am	Maria Dias	**Birthday Ints**
Wednesday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
Thursday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**
	12:30pm	Funeral T/L Sean Casey	**RIP**
Friday	9:30am	Shane Carrigy	**Anniv**
Saturday	9:30am	Holy Souls	**RIP**

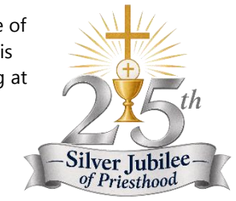
Funeral Notice

The Reception of the body of the late
Sean Casey
will take place on Wednesday, 25th November at 5:30pm.
The Requiem Mass will be held on
Thursday 26th November at 12:30pm
followed by burial at Islington and St Pancras Cemetery at 2:00pm

May he rest in peace ✞

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.

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.



RELIGIOUS OF THE ASSUMPTION

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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