St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CIO REGISTERED INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Parish Office Open:
Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9 am to 3 pm
365 days a year (except for emergency call outs).

29th November to 6th December 2026

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am and 11.00 am
Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9 00 am with **Mass at 9.30 am,** but please check below for details.
Please note the church is closed on Tuesday.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9.00 am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass**.**
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £738 an average of the last 4 weeks]
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by clicking on this link in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website:** www.stmarymags.org.uk/community

*You can also give online through our **JustGiving** page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or **by using the QR codes in the church.** **Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.***

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY,
a partnership of nine churches working together locally.
The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on
Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and
St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on
Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.
Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.
In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

29th November: 1st Sunday in Advent: Mass Book P 82-84

Prepare the Way…

Prepare the Way… As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth. Until Christmas the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. You may also tie prayer 'gift tags' onto our Jesse Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer. The first symbol on our Jesse Tree this Sunday is a **dove** reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended.



Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		29th November to 6th December2026
Date	*Time*	*Feria or Feast Day*	*Intention*
29th Nov. Sunday	9.30 am	**1st Sunday in Advent**	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	**(New Liturgical Year B)**	Stuart and Pat Sexton RIP
30th Nov. Monday	9.30 am	St Andrew, Apostle	For the Bemrose Family
1st Dec. Tuesday	**Closed**	**NB the church is closed**	**The Church and Office are closed today**
2nd. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Douglas Smith RIP
3rd Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	St Francis Xavier, Priest	For the Welfare of Caroline Theobald
4th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	**Rosary and Benediction**	**Prayers for Peace: the Glorious Mysteries**
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	The Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
5th Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	**Sacrament of Reconciliation**	**The church is open for prayer until 12 pm**
6th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	**2nd Sunday in Advent**	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Barney Cunningham

Please pray for Archbishop John Wilson who was taken ill earlier this week with appendicitis..
Archbishop John is now recovering in hospital and is looking forward to being able to return home soon.

Only one more week 'til Sunday 6th December and The St Mary Magdalen Christmas Market incorporating our Christmas Tree sale raising funds for our Parish Charities, between 10 am to 2 pm.

are welcome to come along to this FREE event with Tombola, Mulled Wine and some Hot Food!

Please bring any donations of bottles for the tombola, chocolate, sweets and unopened brand new toys to one of our Sunday Masses or, drop them off at the Presbytery on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Can you volunteer to help at the Christmas Market on the day and with the various stalls. Please let Fr Adrian know if you could help volunteer on Sunday 6th December from 8.30 am, as we'll be selling trees in the car park, outside the church,from 10 am to 2 pm. As you raise the Christmas Tree in your house you be will helping us to raise funds for the safety work on the church. The trees cost: 4-5 ft £48, 5-6 ft £68, 6-7 ft £74, 7-8 ft £85 and 8-9 ft £120



Next Sunday we have an opportunity of contributing to our monthly "Building Together" collection, helping with the ongoing care and maintenance of the Parish, cemetery and grounds, thank you.

A note for your diary: Tuesday 8th December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
Fr Adrian invites everyone to join with him for Mass at 9.30 am on 8th December for this important Feast, thank you.

News about our Sacramental Programmes …

Holy Communion
Your next session is on Friday 11th December, from 3.30pm, beginning in the church

Confirmation
Your next session is on Sunday 13th December, beginning with our Advent Youth Mass with carols at 5.30 pm

Daily Reflection for Advent:
To help us to pray during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. To sign-up to receive the readings, please use this link **http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv** as you will then receive an email each morning. You can find more information via this website **www.southwarkdsc.org.uk** then clicking on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Ministries UK is celebrating the Holy Father's proclamation of the "Year of Our Lady of Guadalupe". The opportunity of visiting the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, in Bedford MK40 1HU is on Saturday 12th December from 11 am to 4 pm. The miraculous icon is a stunning image of Our Blessed Lady who appeared in Mexico City in the 1531 to St Juan Diego. During the day there will be Adoration, Rosary for Peace, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Testimonies and Holy Mass. Coaches to Church of the Holy Child are available from Slough and Ealing. For more information about the day please call Millie on 07957 594 646, thank you.



A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank
With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup, or tinned vegetables.
Also needed are washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:
Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord. Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord.

Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:
The sick and house bound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them in our prayers at every Mass. Please remember all the sick of our Parish, those who care for them and those in any kind of need. Individual names of the sick can be emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at Mass. These prayer petitions will be offered at every Mass as Fr Adrian keeps the private list of names at the altar.

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."
Luke 10:20

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the entrance and exit to the church if you would like to request a Mass for a family member or friend, for the Holy Souls or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Kay Crummy and Harry Uzoh who died recently, and for Walter Foster, Isabella & Brendan Dawson, Leslie Purdey, Bob Jordan, Patrick Reagan, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira, Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi, Douglas Smith, and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

The names of those who have died are taken from the Death Register, if you would like to include in prayer an individual whose funeral did not occur here, please list their name in an email to Fr Adrian. Please also state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to the list above for our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.