



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered
Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

Parish & School News

Collection details: Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support: our collections on last week raised: £654.08 for the charitable work of the Parish and a further £70 towards the cost of the security fund which brings us to an amazing £3250 towards our £3500 budget,** which, thanks to Gift Aid donations we have now met so **A BIG THANK YOU for your tremendous support!** These sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.

Calling all 'Santa's Little Helpers' for our Christmas Fair on Sunday 15 December from 10.30 am to 2 pm

I am very conscious that our day falls so soon after the school fair but would like to thank all the volunteers and supporters of both events in trying to help our community. Please email Lucy or Jennie at lmuentes@talk21.com or jennie.unsworth@mac.com if you can help in preparation, helping on the day or in clearing up after the Fair.

Baskets are available at the Lady Altar for donations of Bric-a-Brac and unopened toiletries or gifts that can be sold on the day. The baskets will be emptied after each Sunday and daily Mass so they are not left unattended for long, thank you.

The governing board of St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School are consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for the academic year 2021-22. These draft admissions arrangements, with the changes highlighted, are on the school's website:

st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk

or a copy is available, on request, from the school. In accordance with the DfE School Admissions Code of Practice (2014), these proposed changes require a six-week consultation period. Accordingly, this consultation will run from Friday 8 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019.

Sunday Masses: 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

8th - 15th December 2019

JESSE TREE



As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen: the colour of preparation and penance; the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the prayer-lights, prayer-cards and Jesse Tree symbols on our sanctuary. Over the course of last week we placed the first symbols of our Jesse Tree: a **dove** reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to *remind* us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; **Noah's ark**, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people; a **field of stars**, showing that we are God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham; a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son; we have **Jacob's ladder** as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; Joseph's sacks of **grain** to represent God's provision, even in difficult times and on Sunday we place the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls us, even today.



Please remember: you are welcome to tie prayer 'gift tags' onto our Jesse Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer.

Red Box Collection for Papal Charity Missio:

thank you to all those who returned their Red Box 'piggy banks' to bring 'change for good' from the money raised. Please remember to collect your new Red Box from the Sacristy or see Fr Adrian if you would like to sign up for the first time.



Calling all volunteers ... if you currently serve on a rota such a Reader, Extraordinary Minister, Collection Counter or Collection Banker, Flower Arranging, Church Cleaning or Altar Linen Cleaning **please complete one of the 'St Mary Magdalen needs your help' forms** as we need your permission to share details confidentially between Parish members on the new rotas. If you would like to be a new helper in these roles or with the range of help we need over the Fair and Christmas period then please return the form by next Sunday.

Altar Servers rota
This weekend → Sunday 08th Dec. Team 2
 Sunday 15th Dec. Team 1 Sunday 22nd Dec. Team 2
Please ask parents if you can serve at our Christmas Masses
 Sunday 29th Dec. Team 1 Sunday 05th Jan. Team 2
 Sunday 12th Jan. Team 1 Sunday 19th Jan. Team 2
Servers are asked to practice before each Mass so please ensure that you turn up at least twenty minutes before Mass begins. Please note: as space is limited, a maximum of eight Servers can help on the Sanctuary at a time so that each has a role to play.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers, if you currently serve on a rota it will be renewed soon so please complete the volunteer contact form and email Fr Adrian if you are no longer able to serve. Loretta Prentice has been asked to coordinate the Readers' Rota and we say a fond thank you and farewell to Bec McCarthy who steps down from coordinating the Cleaning rota. **If you currently serve as an Extraordinary Minister, Reader or Altar Server and can help over the Christmas period please sign up on the Ministry Sheets in the Sacristy if you can help, thank you.**

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

8th- 15th December 2019

Sunday 8 th December	9.30am	Mira Bebenek RIP
Advent 2 Year A	11.00am	Joseph Németh & Maria Hluchan
(p.85-88)	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 9 th	9.30am	Holy Souls RIP
(The Immaculate Conception)		
Tuesday 10 th	No Mass	NB the Office is closed today
(Feria)		
Wednesday 11 th	9.30am	Fr Graziano de Palma
(Feria)		
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	Tony Watts RIP
(Feria)		
Friday 13 th	9.30am	Gloria Clifford-Holmes RIP
(St Lucy)		
Saturday 14 th	9.30am	Grant Strover RIP
(St John of the Cross)		
Sunday 15 th December	9.30am	George McCarthy RIP
Advent 3 Year A	11.00am	Bill Mannion RIP and Conal Mannion
(p.88-90)	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family

Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

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 written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistry.**

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

Luke 10:20

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Joseph Okere, Susan Whiting & Marie Powell-Blanche who died recently and for George McCarthy, Jessica Ward, Frances McFadden, Samuel Keefe, Joan Ward-Tetley, Roseanna Lawless, Anthony Renouff

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 on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

As we start a new liturgical year at Advent we begin the 'Year of the Word'

with a special focus on our personal link with scripture. An Advent booklet for with readings and activities for adults and children is available from the Gift Table by the West Door at the central aisle. These can be available free, but if you would like to contribute to their cost please leave a donation in the 'Newspapers' slot at the column by the front door of the church. Copies were available last week for those attending the Children's Liturgy at the 9.30 Mass but please take a copy if you were away and didn't receive one.