



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and

Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 12th September

Our total income was £814 per week [average of last 4 weeks]

We are all in such extreme circumstances, many with reduced incomes that it is a blessing to be able to receive any donation you are able to give.

Please Note: no one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We can receive donations via the following methods:

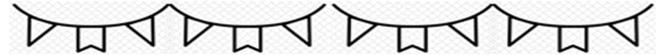
- Download a Standing order form www.stmarymags.org.uk/community
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:
NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch
NAME: RCAS St Mary Magdalen Mortlake
Account number: 20224311
Sort Code: 60-07-20
(Please quote your Gift Aid Number if you have one.)
- The Donation Button on our website's Homepage: www.stmarymags.org.uk
- Gift Aid Envelopes or Cash can be deposited in the blue donation buckets at the exit of the Church.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Payment Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish, especially whilst we are unable to take basket collections in church as we used to. If you haven't yet signed up to contribute by Standing Order or online, then please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **Thank you for giving what you can**, it will be a great blessing for the continued support of the church.

19th to 26th September 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions. As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.



Parish Celebration Lunch

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parish Party this coming Sunday the 19th of September. Please bring picnic food and drinks to enjoy together. This lunch is to celebrate together as a Parish Family. If the helpers could kindly come at 10:00am to start setting up the tables it would be greatly appreciated.

Details of this Sunday's Second Collection

Each year on this Sunday the Church in England and Wales would ordinarily celebrate Home Mission Sunday. This would normally take place on 19th September, but this year September held so many challenges for everyone that it has been moved to Gaudete Sunday. Our mission as Christians is to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel, this is the same joy we celebrate during Advent on Gaudete Sunday. Our Bishops have decided that, this year, the resources for Home Mission Sunday will be chosen to support and develop efforts to share the Good News this Christmas. Consequently, this week second collection has been moved to 12th December (Gaudete Sunday).

The countdown for School References has begun

Many schools are operating 'open evenings' for prospective parents to have an actual and/or 'virtual' look around. Please look out for information from individual schools as we cannot publish all these details in the newsletter. If you will be applying for a place for a child in Reception, Year 7 or 'Sixth Form' (Year 12) for admission in 2022 please see the information overleaf and ask Fr Adrian for the Parish form.

All Year 7 applications have to be given to Fr Adrian by 17 October at the latest to ensure you can collect them on 24 October in time for their return to the school by 31 October.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		19 th to 26 th September
	Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day
19th Sep. Sunday	11 am	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
20 th Sep. Monday	9.30 am	St Andrew	Sophie Burnham
	10.00 am	School Mass for New Term	NB this Mass cannot be open for general admittance
21 th Sep. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	NB the church is closed
22 nd Sep. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	The Welfare of Clare Johnston
23 rd Sep. Thursday	9.30 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
24 th Sep. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Juliet O'Hea [Foundation Mass]
25 th Sep. Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	Edward Barnes RIP
26th Sep. Sunday	11 am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family

Home Help Needed

One of our elderly parishioners is looking for some paid help twice a week with cleaning and local shopping trips. This could tie-in with school times, if needed. For more details, please call
07941 237 497

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Missio Box, please do bring them to Church so that we can donate the money which you have been kindly collecting. Please ensure that your name and address are on the box, or include a sheet wrapped around it with your details. You will be given a new box as a replacement. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Please bring your box to Sunday Mass.

Important information for Parents/Carers seeking application for a school place in 2022

Parents/Carers seeking a reference from Fr Adrian must see him to collect the form '**Information for the Parish Priest Regarding a School Application**'. This form has to be completed by a parent, and given back to Fr Adrian together with a family photo/print and a copy of the child's baptism certificate (not an original) in an A4+ size envelope clearly marked SCHOOL APPLICATION with the NAME OF THE CHILD and the NAME OF THE PARENTS/CARERS.

This form, together with any school forms (SIF) for Fr Adrian to complete (if you already have them) **must be given in person to Fr Adrian after Mass on Sunday.** Depending on the number of forms received each week Fr Adrian may then contact the parents for a discussion either in person or via a video link on Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

Once completed, school references handed in the weekend before are to be collected at 12pm (Noon) the following Sunday. This process allows for papers to be quarantined before and after completion in readiness for collection.

Please note: application and SIF papers cannot be dropped off or collected outside these times.

Please note: the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is planned to return on Sunday 28th November 2021

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a person attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they are considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation has been reintroduced by the Bishops which has been announced as

Sunday 28th November 2021 – the First Sunday of Advent, thereafter weekly attendance at Mass would be expected as part of our ordinary life of faith and service as a Christian.

Bishop's Open Letter on Assisted Dying Bill

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. The letter encourages us to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why Catholic Christians would oppose this legislation and asks us to particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. Bishop John's letter urges discussion and communication about this important matter. For more information and a copy of the letter please click [HERE](#):

Volunteers this week 18th/19th September 2021:

Cleaners: Lucy M, Carolina S, Charlotte C, Helena DLC

Reader: Kim F

Extraordinary Minister: Seb W

Welcomers: Kim F, Pietro C, Gilly B, Clare F, Julie W

Volunteers next week 25th/26th September 2021:

Cleaners: Sue A, Vicki A, Katrina M, Maureen T,

Reader: Kim F

Extraordinary Minister: Sofia B-A

Welcomers: Maria L, Gerry O'C, Steve S, Julie W

Please help our Parish to return to our pre-Pandemic level of all three of our Sunday Masses Although we had hoped to return to the full complement of Masses by now, it has not been possible through volunteer levels. However, from November 7th we will be restoring the 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses, in addition to the existing 11am Mass. In order to do this, we need your help please. If you would like to volunteer as a Welcomer, Cleaner, Reader or Extraordinary Minister we would hope to welcome you to our existing Teams. For information please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Please remember, as per the last few weeks of our digital newsletter emails, if you would like your child to be considered for entry to the First Holy Communion or Confirmation Programme, parents are requested to sign up to express their interest by entering this link in their browser or clicking this link in the online newsletter:
<https://forms.office.com/r/4dVz2Jr3MF>

9:30am Mass - Our Children's Liturgy Volunteer Coordinator

Helena Torralba and Fr Adrian have emailed all the families of children who had attended our 9:30am Mass Children's Liturgy before the Pandemic. **We have had 10 replies so far but would be grateful if all parents could let us know their reply.** Fr Adrian is planning a meeting with past and present families so that we can plan ahead for Children's Liturgy when we can resume the 9.30 Mass. More details to follow.

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 emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at Mass.

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."

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, or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Edward Barnes who died recently and for Bernard Patching, Amos Willett, Thomas Grey, Felipe Rodrigues, Phyllis Adams, Monica Angell. 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.