



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

15th to 22nd 2024

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).

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 £605 [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

3rd Sunday in Advent: Printed versions of the Mass available
On the third Sunday of Advent we particularly remember that Advent prepares us for a time of joy; with the colour rose acting as a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation joined with the white of the expectation and joy of Christmas.



JESSE TREE



Our Jesse Tree symbols this week have continued to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's people. On Monday, the **Passover Lamb** (a symbol of the Sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God); we had **Jacob's ladder** as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; then came a **Ram's Horn** to symbolise how Joshua brought down the walls of Jericho in response to God's call. On Thursday, we had a **Shepherd's Crook** to remind us how David was to look after his people, but which also represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always; then we had **Hezekiah's Tent** to remind us of God's presence in difficult times through our union with the suffering and Sacrifice of Christ. On Sunday at our Family Mass, the **Ember and Tongs** to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others; and at the 11 am Mass the symbol of Jeremiah's **Tears** representing his grief at how God's people had sinned and needed to turn back to the Lord.

The sponsor(s) of this week's Sanctuary Candle is the Marabur Family. If you or your family would like to sponsor this 7-day candle, which is kept burning both day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle (costing £5), please email Fr Adrian with your family name, thank you.



Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		15 th to 22 nd December 2024
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
15 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	3 rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Johann Marabur, In Thanksgiving
16 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Intention of the Montero Family
17 th Dec. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
18 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Peace in the world
19 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Alice, Peter, John and Hale White families RIP [FM]
20 th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Luminous Mysteries
NB: after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
21 st Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
22 nd Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	4 th Sunday of Advent	Intention of the Donohoe and Gunn Families
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family

Today we have a special Second Collection to help with the cost of our Christmas decorations. Please donate online if you can by clicking [HERE](#).



A Big Thank You to all those who supported our **Christmas Market and Tree Sale** last Sunday. To those who braved the windy and wet weather and supported us by buying items, to the small team who organised the event, and to all those who helped on the day itself, **your support, helped us to raise the sum of £1,414.08 for our Parish Charity "Building Together"**.

Can you help the Parish to celebrate Christmas this year? We need some volunteers to help please ...

Please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following.

- Today (Sun. 15th), from 11 am in the Parish Hall, and again tomorrow (Mon. 16th) from 10 am, we need some volunteers to help with our initial preparations before we finish decorating the church.
- On Sunday 22nd December, after the 11 am Mass we need volunteers to prepare our nativity crib figure tableau, and to help decorate the Christmas Trees. It would be lovely if two Parish families volunteered to decorate a tree each as a Christmas gift to the Lord. Please email Fr Adrian if you can spare some time to help. ...
- We are also in need of donations of potted poinsettias to decorate the church for our Masses over Christmas! If you can donate a poinsettia, please bring it along to Mass on Sunday, otherwise please bring it to the Presbytery on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 10.30 am to 3 pm, when the Parish Office is open.

Details of our Advent and Christmastide services are available from the table at the back of the church.

On Christmas Eve at the 6 pm Mass we invite all children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Innkeepers, however many we have ☺

Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass: Fr Adrian would like to invite all families, especially all the children wanting to receive their First Holy communion in 2025 to attend the Children's Liturgy. We encourage all parent volunteers, so if you can, please see Fr Adrian to offer your help, and if you haven't yet signed-up your child to join, please see Fr Adrian for an application

As we are now in the Church's Liturgical Year C, all Parishes in England and Wales are using the New English Standard Version Lectionaries at Mass. With our prayers and thanks to those who have donated already toward the cost of these four volumes. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of these Lectionaries (£395 per volume), please use one of the white envelopes from the table at the back of the church and mark it "LECTIONARY". Please Gift Aid your donation where possible and in the space on the front of the envelope please write the name(s) to be included on the dedication page so that Fr Adrian can add your name, 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 is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope! Every 25 years the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee. All members of the global Church family are called to participate with the motto 'pilgrims of hope' and the logo shows people coming from the four corners of the earth in solidarity. It is a time to grow in our faith and a time too to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all creation. The 2025 Jubilee has especial significance in England & Wales as it commemorates 175 years since the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy after the penal centuries that followed the Reformation. Pilgrimage is a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Pope Francis will open the year of Jubilee on Christmas Eve. Missio (the official charity Pope Francis has to promote and support the caring mission of the Church), has created a bank of resources as we journey through this Holy Year by following this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter.

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

Ian Whyte who died recently, and for Bridget Kelleher, Thomas Heggie, Miroslava Bebenek, Josephine Horrocks, Hanora Kent, Janine Shelley, Alice Warne, Ellen Hickey, Christopher Holland, Marguerite McKee

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