



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.

6th to 13th June 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.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 30th May

Our total income was £727 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.

On Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, or the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

In reflecting on the feast, Pope Francis has expressed that God knows how short our memories can be and because of this "He left us a memorial," which goes far beyond words or signs. "He gave us Food, for it is not easy to forget something we have actually tasted. He left us Bread in which He is truly present, alive and true, with all the flavour of His love." The Eucharist, he said, is no mere memory, it is a fact. "In Mass the death and resurrection of Jesus are set before us." As many of our Parish remain at home until the Pandemic truly subsides, let us pray for all those who have not been able to participate in Holy Communion over the last year and for whom the Eucharist is still a memory. May we be reunited around the altar soon yet know still the strength of our union in Christ.

Gift Aid News: if you use the Gift Aid envelopes these will probably be running out soon. The new ones have arrived, so please see our volunteer Gift Aid Coordinator, Steve Smith, after Mass to collect your new set of boxes. Thank you.

The Cemetery Project: our cemetery is a World Heritage site, but has no funding other than we can raise ourselves. To help care for our cemetery a member of the Parish is completing a cycle ride from London to Brighton next month on 13th June. **Giovanni would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU'** for your support and encouragement. Please note that all the monies raised will help fund the professional mapping and care of our cemetery for the future. **The first stage of the project is likely to cost £3,000** so, although he has set a much lower target, do please continue to sponsor him by donating what you can via this JustGiving [LINK](#) as any amount will be a great help and can be boosted by up to 25% by Gift Aid set against UK tax.

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.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		6 th to 13 th June 2021: Corpus Christi to 11 th Sunday in OT
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
6th June Sunday	11 am	Corpus Christi	The needs of our Parish Family
7 th June Monday	9.30 am	Feria in Ordinary Time	The welfare of the Deacon family & their intentions
8 th June Tuesday	Closed	Feria in Ordinary Time	NB the church is closed
9 th June Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria in Ordinary Time	The welfare of Fr Javier
10 th June Thursday	9.30 am	Feria in Ordinary Time	The welfare of Nathan and Anna on their marriage
11 th June Friday	9.00 am	Rosary & Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Bridie Barry RIP
12 th June Saturday	9.30 am	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Canon Edward St. John RIP (buried in the cemetery)
13th June Sunday	11 am	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. Mass can be seen online from our Cathedral – please see this link for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

The government has updated its response roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 restrictions to combat the virus and **we remain at Step 3**. The government says that each step in the roadmap will be guided by 'data not dates' and that a week's notice will be provided before any new step is taken. We remain with the present individual or 'family bubbles' of up to 6 people together at Mass but still cannot mix these bubbles yet.



At Step 3 the main changes that to note are that not much has changed:

masks and social distancing remain, the Holy Water stoups must remain unfilled, the Sign of the Peace remains suspended and Holy Communion remains under one kind.

What is possible now is that

Fr Adrian is able to say 'The Body of Christ' to each Communicant and they are able to respond 'Amen.'

We also hope to be able to return soon to having Altar Servers at St Mary Magdalen's so look out for further news.

Advance Notice: please note, there will be no 9.30 Mass on Saturday 12 June as that day we celebrate our First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30am and 12pm. With Covid restrictions the Masses are only open to the candidates and their families, but please keep them in your prayers:

Angelica, Bertie, Caio, Charlotte, Elias, Elodie, Eva, Georgie, Grayson, Harriet, Jack, Luke, Mariana, Mateos Mia, Morgan, Mya, Nicholas, Riley F, Riley K, Sadie, Sam, Tomas, Xaviera and Zoe

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridie Barry.

David Barry, on behalf of Bridie's family has given notice of Bridie's funeral as follows: **Tuesday 8th June 2021** at Mortlake Crematorium, **beginning at 3:20pm**. Bridie helped to care for the church and the car park area for many years and is fondly remembered by many. Covid restrictions limit attendance at the crematorium to family, but the family invite parish members to see a broadcast of the funeral via this link <https://www.obitus.com>. Please use the details yeyi7111 and 455277 to log in prior to the 3.20pm start.

St Mary Magdalen Primary School Summer Fair, Saturday 26 June

We're delighted to let you know that the School Summer Fair, being an outdoor event, is taking place this year on Saturday 26 June, on the Stag Brewery Playing Fields, Lower Richmond Road, Mortlake. Organised by the parents of St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in conjunction with the Mortlake Community Association, the Fair is a popular family event that brings together the local community for a day of fun, support for local businesses, and the chief fundraiser for St Mary Magdalen's Primary School, raising much-needed funds to provide and maintain necessary and invaluable resources for learning. Schools are all having to fight harder to stay financially afloat and funds raised by the Fair are so important to help us to continue to maintain the excellent education we are able to provide to all of our pupils. Last year's funds enabled us to transform our Reception class's outdoor area with all-weather Easigrass, and this year's funds will go towards improving our facilities with playground refurbishments and a 'Clockhouse' to provide additional groups' learning space.

Our biggest fundraiser event at the Fair is the Grand Raffle, for which we have some really fantastic prizes available this year - from tickets to EuroDisney, Cirque de Soleil and West End musical Drifters' Girl, to days out at Bocketts Farm and Wetlands Centre to many vouchers at local restaurants, cafes and hairdressers and others. **Tickets are only £1 each and will be on sale after mass on Sunday 13 June and Sunday 20 June - so please bring your cash along or cards - we will have a card machine.**



Thank you in advance and best wishes from everyone at St Mary Magdalen's Primary School. St Mary Magdalen's PTA.

In case you hadn't heard ... there seemed to be surprise in the national media to learn that twice divorced Prime Minister Boris Johnson had married his fiancée Carrie Symonds in Westminster Cathedral. As with any couples who seek to marry in the Catholic Church a minimum of six months (and in their case ten months) of preparation has to occur, to establish if a couple are free to marry by their understanding of the Teaching of the Church and proof both in Civil and Canon Law that they are not already married to another person. Prime Minister Boris Johnson was baptised Catholic as a child. Canon Law states that a Catholic should marry in a Catholic church and, as both his previous marriages were not Catholic ceremonies, neither were recognised as legitimate marriages. Catholic Canon law does not permit the remarriage of a divorcee whose former spouse is still alive yet, as both marriages were annulled in preparation for the wedding (through their not being Catholic ceremonies), as both Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Carrie Symonds are baptised Catholics they have now entered a Sacramental union. The now Mrs Johnson is a lifelong Catholic who, prior to her marriage to the Prime Minister, had never been married before.

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

Bridie Barry who died recently and for Winifred Nash, William Shaw Carruthers, Lisa Parker, Marianne D'Albret Horrocks, Jeremiah Allen, Virginia Barrington, Dorothy Haley, Rose Russell, Kathleen Stephens

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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.