



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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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 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.

## 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March 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.

The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions during the week. We are also temporarily closed at the weekend for Covid-safety reasons so our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March

Standing Orders: £821 weekly 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](http://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](http://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.

### Celebrating Mother's Day:

One day a year is never enough to celebrate the love and memories our mothers bring us, but it's a good reminder to help us set some time aside to focus on the love and care they have given us over the years. Many will have the joy of making new memories on Mother's Day as they spend time together as a family, but sadly, for many, this is a day for memories only. Some families are apart through the separation of family life, the distance of travel, or the loss of grief and most especially during this Pandemic, as a result of the Covid-restrictions which keep us apart.

Thankfully those restrictions will gradually lift and, although we can't gather together in the church this Sunday, we will soon be able to return to 'Mother Church' for our Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations. Listed overleaf are the details the Government has given which affect our return to Parish life and the links for when, next Sunday, we can begin booking the free seat reservations for Mass. As many like to come at this time of year please consider choosing one of the services to come to so that as many people in the Parish as possible can join us. We only use this system at Christmas and Easter but it's very simple and if you've held out from getting a seat it's always worth checking back online just a couple of hours before just in case someone has had to cancel. If that's the case, please do let us know through EventBrite booking so that the seats can be released for others who might not yet have booked. To celebrate the memory of all mothers this year, instead of giving a single daffodil flower as has been the tradition in the past, we have made a donation to Marie Curie Cancer care to support their work on behalf of all our families, showing love for our mothers and our care for others.

With my prayers as ever, God bless, Fr. Adrian.

### THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS:

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		14 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 - the season of Lent
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Laetare</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Monday	9 am	Feria	Mrs Hughes & the devoted staff of St Mary Mags school
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Tuesday	9 am	Feria	In thanksgiving: Fr Adrian
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar Wednesday	9 am	St Patrick	Private Intention (Deacon)
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Thursday	9 am	Feria	The welfare of Richard Plummer
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Friday	9 am	St Joseph	Thanksgiving to St Joseph for Joseph in answer to prayers
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Saturday	9 am	Feria	The needs of our Parish Family
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	

For this week's scripture sheet, please click on [Week-6-Gospels](#)  
**We continue our series of scripture reflections to aid our journey through Lent.** The short reflections, which can be done by yourself or in a mix of family and friends, have been written by David McLoughlin, the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham. Each weekend, the online version of the newsletter will have links to PDF sheets for the series "**Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God**".

If you would like to participate in **Stations of the Cross** there are a few sites online, including <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/stations-cross> or for families and children, please consider a video version <https://youtu.be/512UbsSaqMA> or a very simple one with text only ([click here](#)). This version is easily printable at home and suitable for all ages to draw or write together as a family (click online): [cf activity kidsstations \(cathfamily.org\)](#)

**A Mother's Day Prayer for Mother's Everywhere** (anonymous author)  
 May the blessing of the Divine be an especially bright benediction upon mothers everywhere.  
 On your blessed day - On Mother's Day!

**Important dates in the Government 'Road Map' to plan ahead, with reference to Parish Life**  
**The key thing to note, besides from funeral and wedding numbers, we hope that baptisms can resume soon. Although this will be no earlier than 17 May Fr Adrian will be in touch with families to help plan the days ahead.**

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions>

**Step 1: 29 March:** This week most schools break up for Easter. Outdoor gatherings of either 6 people or 2 households will be allowed, providing greater flexibility for families to see each other. This includes in private gardens. Outdoor sports facilities, such as tennis and basketball courts, will be allowed to reopen, and people can take part in formally organised outdoor sports. At this point, the Stay at Home order will end, although many lockdown restrictions will remain. For example, you should continue to work from home where possible, and overseas travel remains banned, aside for a small number of reasons.  
**Funerals can continue with up to 30 people, and the numbers able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes remains at 6. Currently baptisms are only allowed if they to be held as part of a Sunday Mass.**

The subsequent steps specific to our church services are set out as follows:

**Step 2, no earlier than 12 April: Funerals** can continue with **up to 30 people**, and the numbers able to attend **weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15 (from 6).**

**Step 3, no earlier than 17 May:** Outdoors, most social contact rules will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - although we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this. **Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals.** Other life events that will be permitted include christenings [NB at **baptisms the rule of 6 from a maximum of 2 households will apply**].

**Step 4, no earlier than 21 June:** It is hoped all legal limits on social contact can be removed. This will also guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events. [NB until changes are announced the 17 May rules apply].

**Our service times for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter**

**11am Palm Sunday** Palms will be distributed at the end – click to reserve from 21 March onwards  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-palm-sunday-tickets-130409850373>

**Monday 9-10.30am** Individual Reconciliation at the front of the church

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**Wednesday** The church is closed for the Diocesan Christ Mass at St George's

**6pm Maundy Thursday** – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143992057119>

**3pm Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday** – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143993022005>

**6pm Easter Vigil** – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143993671949>

**11am Easter Sunday** – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143994169437>

**Just an advance notice:  
 on Palm Sunday 28 March  
 the clocks go forward  
 one hour for 'BST'**

Please note by clicking on these links now you can set an email or diary reminder to reserve a free seat at Mass when they are released next Sunday. To aid as many parish members coming as possible please reserve one service initially and nearer the day see if seats are available.

**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."

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

Reginald Ralph, Dorothy Cumber,  
 Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary O'Sullivan

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.