



# 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.

## August 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 17<sup>th</sup> July

Our total income was £791 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](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.

### Summer Celebrations

Who would ever have thought that a year ago, when we had the lifting of the first Lockdown and rejoiced over the fact that there was some freedom of movement, that we would be heading for a summer of somewhat limited freedom and a list of 'red, amber and green' countries that can be visited. Although we are having to get used to new limitations, at least the cycle of 'farewell' and 'thank you' remains a milestone as we send the children from our Parish Families in Year 6 heralded with our prayers as they move onto Year 7 in new schools. In addition to our Year 6 'leavers' we have a number of other pupils, families and staff members who are moving on and we pray that all may continue to know God's blessings in their 'pastures new'. Page 3 and page 4 contain the latest news as to how we continue to keep safe under the somewhat-reduced Covid-restrictions. As we move into these changes it will take some time for us to return to 'pre-Covid' days, but after the summer break, further calls will be given for volunteers so that we can plan ahead together and see what's possible.



### 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.

### News Links on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima bombing

[Catholic Bishops' of England, Wales and Scotland statement on 75th anniversary of Hiroshima bombing](#)  
[Catholic Bishops' of England, Wales and Scotland statement on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#)  
[Ecumenical statement on UK nuclear stockpile](#)  
[Pope Francis' address at Hiroshima](#)  
[Archbishop Mitsuaki Takami's statement](#)

### The Holy Father's prayer intention for August: Church on the way

In his video message for his prayer intention for August, Pope Francis reminds the faithful that "the vocation of the Church is evangelization," and even more, "the Church's identity is evangelization." In this month, the Holy Father reflects on the situation of the Church, its vocation and its identity, and calls us to renew it "by discerning God's will in our daily life," and "embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit." "Our own reform as persons is that transformation," the Pope said. This allows the "Holy Spirit, the gift of God in our hearts, to remind us what Jesus taught and helps us to put into practice." Pope Francis begins with the specific vocation of the Church, which is to evangelize. The Holy Father dreams of an even more missionary option: "one that goes out to meet others without proselytism and transforms its structures for the evangelization of today's world." He emphasizes that he is not talking about proselytism but rather a reform of the Church through "a reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices and rigidity." To make progress in this regard, Pope Francis invites all to move forward based on spiritual experience: "an experience of prayer, an experience of charity and an experience of service." The video can be found here: [https://youtu.be/ROhU2POS\\_o8](https://youtu.be/ROhU2POS_o8)

In preparation for a gradual return in the autumn, would our existing Servers, as well as any of our children who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in 2020 or '21 who would like to become an Altar Server, **please return an Application Form via this [LINK](#)**

DATE	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	STEWARDS
01/08/2021	Kim Fellows	James Sexton	Sinead, Julie, Clare
08/08/2021	Peter Owens	Maggie Barker	Meredith, Julie, Clare
15/08/2021	Mark Harrison	Sebastian Wood	Steve, Katrina, Maureen
22/08/2021	To be confirmed	Sofia Brough-Aparicio	Kim, Pietro, Gilly, Julie, Clare
29/08/2021	Tracey Cotterill	Maggie Barker	Maria, Gerry, Clare, Julie
05/09/2021	Pietro Crescini	James Sexton	Anna, Sinead, Meredith, Julie, Clare

*Thank you to all the members of our Parish Ministry Teams who have been able to volunteer as above to help with our Masses over the summer period. Our COVID-cleaning schedule continues as well so please help when you can. Thank you.*

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		8 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug: 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday to the Feast of the Assumption
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feria or Feast Day</i>	<i>Intention</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Teresa Benedicta	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Clare	The Good Estate of Clare Roberts
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	The welfare of Amy Mackenzie
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Friday	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	George RIP
14 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Saturday	9.30 am	St Maximillian Kolbe	The welfare of S. O'Kelly
<b>15<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>The Assumption of Our Lady</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		15 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug: Feast of the Assumption to 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday OT
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feria or Feast Day</i>	<i>Intention</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>The Assumption of Our Lady</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Monday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Danny Whitby RIP
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Pamela Raggett RIP
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Friday	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Glorious Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St Bernard	Aileen Bajot [Foundation Mass]
21 <sup>st</sup> Aug. Saturday	9.30 am	St Pius X	The Good Estate of Sarah Stewart Fielding
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		22 <sup>nd</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug: 21 <sup>st</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feria or Feast Day</i>	<i>Intention</i>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Canon Bernard Jose [Foundation Mass]
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Tuesday	9.30 am	St Bartholomew	Gerard Tolan RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Wednesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Thursday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Friday	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Joyful Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St Monica	Josephine 'Josie' Donohoe RIP
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Saturday	9.30 am	St Augustine	Private Intention
<b>29<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		29 <sup>th</sup> Aug to 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep: 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feria or Feast Day</i>	<i>Intention</i>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Margaret Clitherow ...	Teresa B Corr [Foundation Mass]
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
1 <sup>st</sup> Sep. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Josephine 'Josie' Donohoe RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Private Intention
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep. Friday	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Luminous Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St Gregory the Great	Philip, Count of Paris [Foundation Mass]
4 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	Alexander Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family

<p><b>Parish Administrator Role.</b> Clare Foster has been covering this role during the Pandemic but will be returning to running her businesses towards the end of the Summer. We welcome new applications and from those who applied prior to Lockdown. Interviews are being held with a view to a mid-September start with a handover and induction. Please apply by email with your CV to <a href="mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk">MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Newsletter News</b></p> <p>This weekend sees a ‘bumper’ newsletter for the Summer which covers all the necessary information during August for the times of our Masses and Feast Days etc. Please note that the Mass Intention List is posted in the Church Notice Board which is to the right of the front porch. NB the changes to Masses in the 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of August.</p>
<p><b>Year of the Family</b></p> <p>The “Amoris Laetitia Family Year” is an initiative of Pope Francis which began on 19 March 2021 and ends on 26 June 2022. For the July Focus, we have been given a number of biblical resources to celebrate this year. Please enter these details or click on the link below in the online digital version of our newsletter:  <a href="https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/year-of-the-family/">https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/year-of-the-family/</a></p>	<p><b>Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 25 July 2021.</b></p> <p>Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says “The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!” As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there’s no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren. For further details please click on this <a href="#">LINK</a> in the online digital version of our newsletter.</p>


**July 2021 Update on the Government Guidelines for Places of Worship:**

Despite significant easing of restrictions from 19 July, the wearing of masks (unless exempt) has not ceased in the church as **“the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas.”** Although people may now sit anywhere in the church, we are still asked to limit contact with those outside our own family so please be considerate of those around you. We “still have a legal duty to manage risks” to those who come to church. We manage these risks, including the risk of COVID, by our Health and Safety Risk Assessment and continue to take reasonable steps to mitigate these risks by:

- **cleaning surfaces that people touch regularly;**
- **the two side aisles will be reserved for those who wish to sit over 1m apart with every other row still closed in these aisles alone;**
- **although we do not need a one way flow system, please be sensitive to the needs and movements of others in your movement around church;**
- **continuing to take steps to ensure an adequate air flow;**
- **ensuring that those who are unwell do not attend and by**
- **communicating the measures that have been put in place.**

As soon as any more restrictions are lifted we will let you know, but the latest guidance, as detailed above, means that the only major change from 19 July is that we have no limit on the number who can attend church. Although this means we could sit anywhere we still have to be careful not to mix groups. We will not want to turn anyone away, but you must be personally responsible for keeping a safe distance from others. If you would prefer that someone outside your family doesn’t sit next to you, please place a bag or coat beside you to indicate this or borrow a sign from the back of the church.

Holy Communion will remain for the time being after the closing benediction. The Parish will continue to implement the law in order to keep everyone as safe as possible and will notify you of any changes. The Government regulations stipulate that COVID-19 has not gone away, so it is important to remember the actions we can take to follow the advice to **“keep yourself and others safe.”** We are told that “everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious”.

<p><b>Parishioners and Friends who are sick:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 or written on the Prayer Board to the right of the baptistery. These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.</p> <p><b>Luke 10:20</b></p> <p>“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”</p> <p>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. To request a Mass for the Holy Souls Masses please complete a Mass envelope or donate via the QR code and email Fr Adrian to let him know you. Thank you.</p> 	<p><b>Please pray for the repose of the souls of George Jackman, Michele Fraser, Christopher Phipps, Joan Hill, Alice O’Neill, Norbert Healy, Joyce Culnane, Susan Hooper, Brendan Corr, Winifred Kitts, ‘Baby’ Burns, Martin Graham, Catherine Applegarth, Daphne Handville, Eileen McKenna, Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White, Dorothy Sarson</b></p> <p>and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.</p> <p><b>May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen</b></p> <p>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.</p>
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### Wedding Congratulations to ...

Ben & Victoria who were married on 1<sup>st</sup> July, Kate & Alex who were married on 16<sup>th</sup> July, Rochelle & Rhodri who were married on 24<sup>th</sup> July, Nick & Lucy who will marry on 21<sup>st</sup> August, Sarah & Matthew who will marry on 29<sup>th</sup> August, and in advance to Bill & Rosie who will marry on 30<sup>th</sup> October. With our prayers for them and all their family and friends.

**Dog Adoption.** One of our Parishioners is looking to rescue a dog. She feels that she has a loving home to offer to an unwanted dog, which sadly is a reality in post-Lockdown times. If you know of anyone who can no longer keep their dog through difficulties please get in touch, in confidence, via: [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk)

**Fr Adrian is here throughout the summer** to enable the number of weddings and baptisms we have, but the church remains closed each Tuesday. Fr Adrian hopes to take a break in October as, by then, he will have been with us for 26 months without a holiday or a single weekend away.

### Volunteers this week Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021:

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

**Reader:** Katrina Murphy

**Extraordinary Minister:** Maggie B

**Stewards:** Kim F, Pietro C, Gilly B, Julie W

### Volunteers from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September:

**Cleaners:** Volunteers as arranged

**Reader:** Volunteer as arranged

**Extraordinary Minister:** Volunteer as arranged

**Stewards:** Volunteers as arranged

### **A message from Lucy Muentes, a trusted Parish Family Member and one of our Fundraising Coordinators:**

"Are you going away on holiday this summer? Would you be interested in a house sitter to feed the cats, water the garden etc.? Alternatively, do you have a spare room to rent? We are awaiting the completion of our flat purchase in East Sheen and urgently in need of somewhere to stay from 15 August to the end of September. It would be for myself and my 14 year old daughter. We would be interested in any number of weeks from now until the end of September.

Please contact Lucy Muentes on [lucyamo96@gmail.com](mailto:lucyamo96@gmail.com) or 07891 696346. Many thanks."

Please keep Lucy and her daughter in your prayers and please contact them if you could help with their request.

### **Specific News from the Bishop's Conference Regarding the Celebration of Holy Mass**

The following is recommended for the celebration of Holy Mass from the 19 July within the churches and communities in England and Wales:

- At this time, it is not recommended that Holy Water stoups are refilled. Should people wish to receive holy water, it is recommended that you bring a container such as a small bottle which can be filled by Fr Adrian after Mass.
- All usual ministers for the celebration of Holy Mass can be deployed such as servers, cantors, readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- The offertory collection can be resumed in church with baskets and pouches, however, it is still encouraged to promote online or contactless giving in the churches as the optimum method.
- It is recommended that the physical Sign of Peace remain suspended as it is not an integral part of the Mass, and its omission will help to reduce physical contact between people during the celebration.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand but those who wish to receive on the tongue may do so. There should be care on the part of the minister to avoid physical contact with the hand or the tongue of the communicant when distributing Holy Communion. In the event of contamination the minister should sanitise their hands before further distribution.

**Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England:** On 19 July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the Covid-19 virus transmission were rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement "The pandemic is not over." Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

**Sunday Obligation** We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society.

Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church. In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward.

We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.