



# 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.

## 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Whilst Fr Adrian is away during the week he will continue to celebrate Mass for the needs of our Parish Family.

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 10<sup>th</sup> October

Our total income was £758 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

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#### This week we have a second collection for Prisoners' Sunday and the Prison's Charity "Pact"

Please click [HERE](#) to donate via our digital newsletter or scan the QR code with your phone. If you are able to be with us at Mass this Sunday then you can donate via the QR code from the newsletter or by using a Gift Aid envelope available from the back of the church. Prisoners and their families are often some of the most socially excluded people in our society. Even for people of faith they are often forgotten or come lower down on a list of causes to "hold a hand out to". For Pact, having supported hundreds of thousands of prisoners and their families for over a century, they have seen the tangible and lasting benefits of supportive, non-judgemental intervention.



Pact is the leading Catholic charity working in prisons and communities in England and Wales and is supported and endorsed by the Bishops' Conference. There are very many ways in which you can help to support Pact's mission and the charity is always happy to discuss the work individuals and groups do to provide support. For more information about the work of Pact please see [prisonadvice.org.uk](http://prisonadvice.org.uk), thank you.

#### Please remember the countdown for School References

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.**

Please be aware that some schools are asking for forms to be returned before half-term so **please check the individual requirements of each school to meet their deadlines.**

### 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		17 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Oct. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Monday	9.30 am	St Luke	O'Brien & Mannion families, living & deceased
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	The good estate of James Bemrose
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Vicki Aver - In Thanksgiving
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St John Paul II	The welfare of Clare Johnston
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	Private Intention
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Oct. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family

For the last few months we have given notice of our return to three Masses on a Sunday from 7<sup>th</sup> November. We still do not have a rota for enough volunteers for these Masses yet but will run a trial from Nov. '21 to Feb.'22 to see if this is possible.

Each October is the 'Month of the Rosary. Please click [HERE](#) for a link to ways of praying the Rosary individually and as a family, as mentioned in last week's Newsletter. Please remember that we pray the Rosary every week before Mass on Fridays at 9am, during this time a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before the 9.30 Mass.

**Church Synod 2021/22: Every person matters to the Lord and his Church, every voice matters and every story is important.**

Pope Francis has asked the Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This process is called a synod, and is a programme of making our way together in faith, united in Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life. The worldwide Synodal process is guided by a fundamental question: How does 'journeying together' take place today in different levels of our lives? **In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan listening phase of the Synod.** Therefore, our Parish is hosting a dialogue process, where conversations about the Church's mission in the life of our community and the diocese can be prayerfully examined; and where the will of the Lord can be discerned, as we seek to grow in faith and number.

**In the parish of St Mary Magdalen we will be holding a reflection meeting on Sunday 14 November, starting with Mass at 6.30pm.** The Synod questions will be available to all several weeks in advance as we invite both online and written submissions beforehand so that as many people as possible can participate. If you would like to take your part in the Synod process but cannot attend the meeting on 14 November, please email [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk) with **SYNOD 21/22** in the title so that the series of questions can be emailed to you. Further details on how we can all respond to the Synod will be provided in future newsletters as we would be delighted to hear from you and to receive your responses.

**The Church continues its mission of inviting others to join the Way:** the Synod process is important in the life of the Church since, as everyone journeys together, listening first to the Lord in their heart and then speaking openly and listening with each other, we learn to hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us. The Holy Father wants the Church to grow in three key areas: **Communion, Participation and Mission.** By growing together in **Communion**, the people of God deepen their **Participation** in the life of the Church and so become more effective disciples in **Mission to our families, to our community and to the world.**

**Thank you to Children's Liturgy Helpers Past, Present and Future:** it's been a great blessing over the years to have had many parents and children be a part of the 9.30 Mass children's liturgy. We aim to build another wonderful team together and have 11 families involved so far. To help plan for our children's work in Advent Fr Adrian will be inviting volunteers to a Zoom meeting at the end of Half Term on **Sunday 31 October at 6pm.** Our 9.30 Mass resumes on 7 Nov. but as all volunteers need to have CRB certificates as part of our Safeguarding please keep 21 Nov. free after the 9.30 Mass as Reps from the Diocese will help volunteers with the forms.

**Volunteers this week 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

**Cleaners:** Sue A, Vicki A, Katrina M, Clare F  
**Reader:** Judith Jones Readings in Mass Book p.146  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Fiona Hoyle  
**Welcomers:** Steve S, Katrina M, Clare F

**Volunteers next week 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**

**Cleaners:** Rachele C, Oonagh R, Cara S, Deirdre G  
**Reader:** Patricia O'Rourke Readings in Mass Book p.149  
**Extraordinary Minister:** Sebastian Wood  
**Welcomers:** Kim F, Pietro C, Gilly B, Clare F

**The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invite the faithful to pray a novena, nine days of prayer, seeking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, to help defeat the 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021'.** The Bill will receive its Second Reading, with full debate, in the House of Lords on 22 October. If successful, it will allow terminally ill adults with less than six months to live, assistance to commit suicide. Catholics are encouraged to pray the novena with short daily reflections to uphold the infinite worth of each human person through proper investment in palliative care. Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, said: "Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of Saint John Paul II on 22 October. "The novena, asking the intercession of Pope Saint John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. "Saint John Paul II, pray for us!" You can download a PDF of the novena to your phone or device by clicking [HERE](#) in the digital newsletter online.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk)

**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, Audrey Tittle, Albert Isalan and Ella Bridget Mole who died recently, and for Joseph Hudson, Catherine Lyons,

Sonia and William Pike, Eileen Treacy, John Parry, Mary Gatens, Leo Sullivan, Michael Flood

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