



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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 INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

7th to 14th January 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.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 31st December.

Our weekly income was £525 [an average of the 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 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

Solemnity of the Epiphany: Mass Book p 118

A MESSAGE FROM FR ADRIAN: Thank you for your kind gifts and cards, especially all the children's drawings, home made treats, whisky and wine. A wee dram will help toast the end of all the nasty side-effects from my cancer treatment (when I stop beinf queazy, but the home-made ginger biscuits were a great help so a big THANK YOU. The Parish and I have been through a lot during 2023, especially during the time when I was away in hospital and convalescing, and I thank you all for welcoming and supporting Fr Peter Andrews during that time. Although I was not in the Parish from January to May, we have contined to have a number of safety repairs and still continue with plans for the 'Cemetery Garden'. THANK YOU for the ways you served the Lord in 2023 and how we still continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and gifts you are to the Parish. I would like to thank Nicola, the Parish Secretary, our Parish Finance and Building Committee members, and each and every Parish Member for your support and service throughout the year by donating to the Sunday collections and volunteering in so many ways. It is a blessing to have the continued support of Sophie and Jan our First Communion Catechists, our Confirmation Parent volunteers and Catechists, Anna who helped to co-ordinate the Extraordinary Ministers and to all in our Sunday teams, to all our Readers, Welcomers, those who've helped with the Collection, Jennie and the Flower Arrangement helpers, Clare and our Church Cleaning teams, our three Linen Laundry volunteers, Chris our Parent helper with the Servers and the enthusiastic Altar Server Team. To our Sunday Music Co-ordinator Kate and to all our Musicians and Singers who have helped to bless our Sunday Liturgy with song and to all past and present Children's Liturgy volunteers, in the hope we can continue next year. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!** May we know the Lord's blessing, comfort and care for ourselves and for our loved ones throughout the New Year and the months ahead. With my prayers, God bless, Fr Adrian

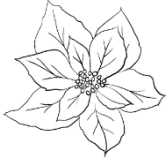
ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

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.

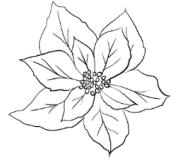
Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		7 th to 14 th January 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
7 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	Solemnity of The Epiphany	Joseph Hellel RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
8 th Jan. Monday	9.30 am	The Baptism of the Lord	For the Bemrose Family [Foundation Mass]
9 th Jan. Tuesday	CLOSED	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
10 th Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
11 th Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Mary Fein [Foundation Mass]
12 th Jan. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Thanks to St Francis, St Anne & The Sacred Heart
13 th Jan. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
14 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Spirit

Next Sunday we are taking the monthly Building Together collection for the care and maintenance of our Parish.

Can you help please?



Thank you to all those who donated poinsettias, if there's any you would like as houseplants, you are welcome to take one after any of our Masses this Sunday (don't forget to only water when the soil is dry). As Christmas time ends this Sunday, 7th January, we need a small number of volunteers to help the Magi on their return journey after the 11am Mass on 7th January, please help us if you can.



A small team of people takes down the Parish decorations each year, thank you if you can be part of that team and please join us after our Masses on 14th Jan. if you can volunteer to help put away our Christmas decorations.

Peace Sunday follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on Sunday 14th January, when the Catholic Church in England and Wales and parishes around the country will come together to pray and act for peace. For anyone who would like to give a donation to the work of PAX Christi, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> for further information.

Sunday 28th January is Racial Justice Sunday: Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the event at St George's Cathedral at the 10am Mass. As space is limited, anyone who would like to be is asked to email the Parish Office at Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with your details as Fr Adrian has been asked to let Canon Victor Darlington, who co-ordinates the The Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, know how many parishioners would like to attend, thank you.

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 27th January 2024



The Cemetery Gardening Group invite you to a **BURN'S NIGHT QUIZ** to help raise funds for the 'St Mary Magdalen Cemetery Fund'. This is an independent fund that the Parish Cemetery volunteers raise to help with the costs of maintaining the Cemetery which is fully endorsed and supported by the Parish. More details will follow but please save the evening of **Saturday 27th January 2024 for a wonderful celebration together.**

Catholic Primary School applications for 2024

If you're applying to a Catholic Primary School for next year, please see Fr Adrian, after Mass, to obtain a form called the "Parish Reference Request". This form gives details of what information the Parish needs (e.g. baptism details and copy certificate) plus any School forms for Fr Adrian to complete (i.e. the School "SIF"). These forms are to be handed to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms, so that forms handed-in one Sunday, are usually returned the following week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions and please make sure that you are aware of each School's cut-off date.

DON'T FORGET TO APPLY VIA THE COUNCIL AND COMPLETE THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FORM.

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

In response to the Israel-Palestinian crisis, CAFOD have launched an appeal to support those affected and get funds to local experts in Gaza and southern Israel to help communities and those who need our help. If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD please either go directly to cafod.org.uk click [HERE](#) or telephone 0303 303 3030, thank you

Reflection on the Epiphany by Thomas Arundel, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1399

The contemplation of the great mystery of the Incarnation, in which the Eternal Word chose the holy and immaculate Virgin that from her womb he should clothe himself with flesh, has drawn all Christian nations to venerate her from whom came the first beginnings of our redemption. But we English, being the servants of her special inheritance, and her own Dowry, as we are commonly called, ought to surpass others in the fervour of our praises and devotions.

As some people were away for Christmas, Fr Adrian has been asked to publish again for anyone who would like to contact them, Michael and Christine Brown's new address of Room 50, Cedar Mews, Birstall, Leicester LE4 3LX

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**

Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joy-Ann Williamson and David Hoyland who died recently, for Patrick Brown, Gordon Irvine, Roland Foulon, Flora Felton, Eileen McLean, Henri Jaume, Julia Fernandes, Janine Leyder, Kathleen Flood, John Goggin, Ann Opie, Maurice Wade 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