



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

19th to 26th April 2026

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION

Our weekly income was £610 [an average of the last 4 weeks] Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website:** www.stmarymags.org.uk/community

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or by using **the QR codes in the church.** Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

3rd Sunday of Easter: 19th April: Mass Book Page p 258-262

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life

On Sunday, 19 April, at 4:30 pm please join with Fr Adrian and the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life, as members the House of Lords continue to debate whether to make Assisted Suicide law. This Holy Hour will present a unified, prayerful front to offer a petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law. St Mary Magdalen's will be open on Sunday afternoon for those who can come to the church, however, if you can't join us here, all families are encouraged to pray a Holy Hour from home instead. For more information about this Holy Hour please follow this link via www.cbcew.org.uk and for the prayer resources from www.cbcew.org.uk/Dignity-of-Life.pdf

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Cheese and Wine event yesterday evening. With very special thanks to all those who helped to arrange the event beforehand and/or helped in any way yesterday.



Yesterday morning we were visited by the Mayor and the other Civic Dignitaries who came for the Public opening of the Mausoleum. With thanks to Habitats and Heritage who held special tours of the Mausoleum last Sunday for members of our Parish. Please note: as all guided tours are now open to the public, Habitats and Heritage, our partner charity has advised Fr Adrian that the next opportunities to take a tour of the Mausoleum will be during May. Details of how you can book one of these tours will be advertised in the newsletter when Fr Adrian has the details.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		19 th to 26 th April 2026
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
19 th Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Liam and Joan O'Connor RIP [Foundation Mass]
20 th Apr. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Easter	Rose Kavanagh [Foundation Mass]
21 st Apr. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
22 nd Apr. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Easter	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
23 rd Apr. Thursday	9.30 am	St George, Patron of England	Susie O'Kelly
24 th Apr. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Easter	For the Holy Souls
25 th Apr. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
26 th Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	4 th Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		John Drumm RIP [Anniversary]

Please note; there will be no Mass at 9.30 am and the church will be closed on Monday 27th April, thank you.

Thank you to everyone who donated, last Sunday, to our monthly Building Together collection.

On **Sunday 26th April** we have our annual opportunity of making a contribution to the **Priest Training Fund (Ecclestial Education)** at all our Masses. This Fund helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also helps to support ongoing formation of the clergy, thank you.

The St Mary Magdalen Spring Fair is on Sunday 10th May. In preparation, **please help by donating any unused and unopened items that can be sold** (such as, extra Christmas or Easter gifts). We are also in need of donations for our **Bottle Tombola such as unopened wine, spirits and soft drinks**, thank you.

Fr Adrian has asked that our Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention this week be in remembrance of "Joshua Jones". Each sanctuary candle costs the Parish £5, but we are grateful to individuals and families who sponsor this, either by donating for any amount, or none if a donation isn't possible. If you would like to sponsor our 7-day candle please see Fr Adrian or complete one of the white Gift Aid envelopes with your contact details and stating the prayer intention you would like at each Mass for a particular week, thank you.

Annual Mass in Celebration of Marriage. If anyone is celebrating their 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or over, wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a special Mass at St George's Cathedral, at 3pm on Saturday 11th July. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, please send an email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with your full names, address, telephone number, and the anniversary you are celebrating. Please include your parish name in the email, thank you.

 "Ambassadors for Christ" is a video series aimed at helping us live our Christian faith or indeed become Christians. Each Monday a new video is posted on YouTube, and **on the 2nd Sunday of each month we will meet after the 11am Mass from 12 to 12.30 pm for a chat about the videos over a light lunch of bread, cheese and wine, so please join us on Sunday 10th May when we meet next.** To view the videos and take part in this project, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAV2vfSPuxc> and for the worksheets visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets> Thank you.

Build a Better Marriage. This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples whether you've been married for five or 55 years. There is no charge and couples will have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. The day will begin at 9 am and is due to finish by 4.30pm, with local venues in Wallington on May 23rd and in West Norwood on 3rd October. If you would like to learn more about this special day, please telephone 07983 524 727 or Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Are you aged between 20 and 30 and would like to learn more about the Religious Life?

If so, you might to join with others on 15th to 17th May in Liverpoos for a Vocations Weekend being organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), to a 'Come and See' weekend to give an opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, with the chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit their website at www.fcjsisters.org If you would like to register for this weekend, please visit <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

We're fundraising to restore our beautiful Gray & Davison pipe organ that dates from the 1750s and is badly in need of repair. Thanks to an anonymous donor we have raised £15,000 already but need to raise a total of £65,000 to complete all the repairs necessary. Once repaired, it will allow us to support a Parish choir and allow us to host concerts and recitals that can strengthen community through the shared joy of music. Please consider supporting this important project by taking one of the Pipe Organ Pledge Forms from the back of church which will provide more information. Whether you can make a sizeable donation or a small one, please sign up to Gift Aid your donation if you can. Thank you for your support which will make such a difference to the musical life of our Parish.



A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank. With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables. Also needed are washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord.

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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

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, for the Holy Souls or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Diane Mulligan and Rachel Taylor who died recently, for Evelyn Dorsett, Hugo Long, Mary Hughes, Pope Francis, Emma Haley, John Drumm 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