



# 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.

**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 callouts).

## 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**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 9.30 am to 10.30 am and by request.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION**  
*Our weekly income was £666 [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](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)*

*You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through [www.stmarymags.org.uk](http://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**

### 14<sup>th</sup> December: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent:

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On the third Sunday of Advent, we particularly remember that Advent prepares us for a time of joy; with the colour rose acting as a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation joined with the white

of the expectation and joy of

Christmas. Our Jesse Tree symbols this week have continued to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's

people. On Monday, we placed a **White Lily** to symbolise the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal; the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us (a symbol of the Sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God).

The **Ten Commandments**, reminding us of ways that bring out the best in us and how we should try to live our lives, in relation to God and those around us. Ultimately, God's greatest Commandment of Love should be written on our hearts, so that we witness, in action, to God's love. On Thursday came a **Ram's Horn** to symbolise how Joshua brought down the walls of Jericho in response to God's call; then we had a **Shepherd's Crook** to remind us how David was to look after his people, but which also represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always. On Sunday at our Family Mass, the symbol is the stone altar Elijah built, consecrated by the Lord with fire, showing people the true light of God; and at the 11 am Mass the symbol of **Hezekiah's Tent** to remind us of God's presence in difficult times through our union with the suffering and Sacrifice of Christ.



Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		14 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2025
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sunday	John Chambers, Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP
	11.00 am		Joseph Hellel RIP
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Intention of Lalage Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Tish Deacon's Family Intentions
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Bryan Parry-Jones RIP
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Peace: The Sorrowful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Alice, Peter, John and Hale White families RIP [FM]
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Intention of the Montero Family

**A Big Thank You to all those who supported our Christmas Market and Tree Sale last Sunday. To those who braved the windy and wet weather and supported us by buying items, to the small team who organised the event, and to all those who helped on the day itself, your support, helped us to raise the sum of £1,383.26 for our Parish Charity "Building Together". Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in the raffle, please check the sheet to see if you've won anything and then see Fr Adrian after Mass to collect your prize!**



A Big "Thank you" to all those who were able to contribute to the special collection last weekend for Missio to help to support their flood relief work in both in Sri Lanka as a whole and at Fr Piyal's college, St Xavier's College in Marawilla, as they deal with the aftermath of this disaster. Thanks to your support for Fr Piyal we raised the sum of £329.87 which will be sent to Missio.

**Instead of our monthly collection for the "Building Together" Fund, we are holding a special collection to help with the cost of our Christmas decorations. Please donate online if you can by clicking [HERE](#), thank you.**

Fr Adrian has asked that our **Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention** this week be in **remembrance of "The Holy Souls"**. 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.

**Can you help the Parish to celebrate Christmas this year? We need some volunteers to help please ...**

**Please email [mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following.**

- **Today, from 11 am we need some volunteers** to help with our initial preparations before we finish decorating the church in readiness for Christmas.
- **On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, after the 11 am Mass we need volunteers** to prepare our nativity crib figure tableau, and to help decorate the Christmas Trees. It would be lovely if two Parish families volunteered to decorate a tree each as a Christmas gift to the Lord. Please email Fr Adrian if you can help, thank you.
- We are also in need of donations of potted poinsettias to decorate the church for our Masses over Christmas! If you can donate a poinsettia, please bring it along to Mass on Sunday, otherwise please bring it to the Presbytery on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 10.30 am to 3 pm, when the Parish Office is open.

**Details of our Advent and Christmastide services are available from the table at the back of the church.**

**On Christmas Eve at the 6pm Mass we invite any children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as Mary's, Josephs', Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Innkeepers, however many we have 😊**

**Your Invitation to the Prayer Vigil on the Assisted Dying Bill**

We are all invited to a special Vigil, seeking guidance and wisdom for the members of the House of Lords as they consider the Assisted Dying Bill. Through collective prayer, we can support our leaders in making decisions that uphold the sanctity and dignity of human life. Let us gather in unity, asking for the guidance and courage for the Lords to oppose this bill.

The Vigil is being held at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, W3 2DY, on Saturday 13th December at 11.30 am.

All our prayers, whether in person at Ealing Abbey or spiritual, are deeply valued at this crucial time, thank you.



**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 is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits, thank you.

**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**

Rita Smith who died recently;

Bridget Kelleher, Thomas Heggie, Miroslava Bebenek, Josephine Horrocks, Hanora Kent, Janine Shelley, Alice Warne, Ellen Hickey, Christopher Holland, Marguerite McKee, Joseph Coleman 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.