



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 call outs).

8th to 15th December 2024

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 £386 [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

2nd Sunday in Advent

Take a printed version of the Mass. Please see Fr Adrian if you would like to request a large print version of this sheet.

The St Mary Magdalen Christmas Market with Tree Sale, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Stay after the 9.30 am Mass today and come to our Christmas Market, raising funds for our Parish Charity "Building Together". **All are welcome to come to our FREE event and purchase some Christmas Bargains, Children's 'Mystery Bags', Mulled Wine and Hot Food!** As is our Parish tradition, we will be selling Christmas Trees
4-5ft - £45 5-6ft - £60 6-7ft - £65
7-8ft - £75 8ft and over - £90.



Last weekend we entered Advent and the beginning of Liturgical Year C. This date also marked the date all Parishes in England and Wales began using the New English Standard Version Lectionaries at Mass. With our prayers and thanks to those who have donated already toward the cost of these four volumes. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of these Lectionaries (£395 per volume), please use one of the white envelopes from the table at the back of the church and mark it "LECTIONARY". Please Gift Aid your donation where possible and in the space on the front of the envelope please write the name(s) to be included on the dedication page so that Fr Adrian can add your name, thank you 😊

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		8 th to 15 th December 2024
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
8 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Fr Adrian's Family RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
9 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	The Immaculate Conception	For the Holy Souls
10 th Dec. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
11 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the intention of Masimo Tomeo
12 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the intention of the Deacon Family
13 th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Joyful Mysteries
NB: after Benediction	9.30 am	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Morag Stafford RIP
14 th Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
15 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	3 rd Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Johann Marabur, In Thanksgiving

Parish Building Together Collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this monthly collection.



The sponsor(s) of this week's Sanctuary Candle is the Seaford Family. If you or your family would like to sponsor this 7-day candle, which is kept burning both day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle (costing £5), please email Fr Adrian with your family name, thank you.



As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen: the colour of preparation and penance, the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the prayer-lights, prayer-cards and Jesse Tree symbols on our sanctuary. Over the course of last week, we placed the first symbols of our Jesse Tree: a **dove** reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation, as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin. **Noah's ark** reminded us of God's covenant to save his people; the symbol represented Joseph's **sacks of grain** to show God's provision for us, even in very difficult times. Then the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls each of us, even today. 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). On Sunday, we have two icons, at our Family Mass, the symbol showing how God's people are as countless as the number of **stars in the sky** and, at our 11 am Mass, 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. Although, it is (the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) this feast in celebrated liturgically tomorrow (Mon. 9th Dec.).



JESSE TREE



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

Please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following.

- Today we have our Christmas Market and Tree Sale. Can you help for 30 minutes or more?
- On Saturday 14th Dec., from 11 am in the Parish Hall, and again on Sunday 15th and on Monday 16th, from 10 am, we need some volunteers to help with our initial preparations before we finish decorating the church.
- On Sunday 22nd 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 to help. ...

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 Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Innkeepers, however many we have ☺

Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass: Fr Adrian would like to invite all families, especially all the children wanting to receive their First Holy communion in 2025 to attend the Children's Liturgy. We encourage more parent volunteers, so if you can, please see Fr Adrian to offer your help, and if you haven't yet signed-up your child to join, please see Fr Adrian for an application

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.



Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope!" The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. With more to follow ...



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

Ian Whyte who died recently, and for Jessica Ward, Frances McFadden, Joan Wand-Tetley, Anthony Renouf, Thomas McKenna, Roveanna Lawless, Tess McKenna-Whyte, Samuel Keefe, Abilio Ferriera

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