



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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 INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

## 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**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 24<sup>th</sup> September.**  
 Our weekly income was £611 [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:

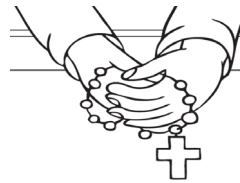
- Download a Standing order form  
[www.stmarymags.org.uk/community](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:  
**NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch**  
**NAME: RCAS Mortlake**  
**Account number: 20224311**  
**Sort Code: 60-07-20**  
 (Please quote your Gift Aid Number if you have one.)
- The Donation Button on our website's Homepage:  
[www.stmarymags.org.uk](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.

**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.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

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Today is Rosary Sunday and a timely reminder that October is the month when we are encouraged to pray the Rosary. Please remember that everyone is welcome to join us as we say the Rosary each Friday from 9 am, thank you.

Today we all have a special collection to enable us all to contribute towards the annual CAFOD Harvest Family Fast. Please see overleaf of some of the ways you can make a donation.



Please note; the children from St Mary Magdalen School will be joining us on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at our 9.30 for their special Harvest Mass.



**no one beyond reach**

Thank you to all parents who registered their children to enrol onto the First Holy Communion Programme for 2023/2024. Fr Adrian will be contacting you shortly with details of the next step you will need to follow in this process before you can make your application for your child to receive Holy Communion in 2024, thank you.



Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		1 <sup>st</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Rodrigues Family RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. Monday	9.30 am	The Holy Guardian Angles	Patricia Adams RIP
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. Tuesday	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Francis of Assisi	Susan Graham RIP
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	In Thanksgiving
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	The Welfare of the Prentice Family
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Saturday	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Oct. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Spirit

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Parish Refurbishment Programme last weekend. **Today we are collecting the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast envelopes which were also available last weekend. If you would like to make your donation online, please use this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter or, click onto this QR code using your mobile device, thank you. Please remember, that we are still collecting non-perishable items today which we will donate to our local foodbank especially for the Harvest.**



If you would like to make your own donation to the Foodbank, you can do so at any local supermarket.

**If you can, please join us on Thursday at the 9.30 am Mass when we welcome the children from our Parish School, St Mary Magdalen, who will be joining the Parish that day to celebrate their Harvest Mass, thank you.**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October is the annual day of prayer for Prisoners and their Families.**



It is the beginning of a whole week when the Catholic Church encourages everyone to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families. Prisoners' Sunday is a time to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. The Charity Pact (Prison Advice and

Care Trust) supports prisoners and their families in court, in prison, on release and in communities in many parts of England and Wales. If you would like to contribute and help to fund their work, we have some envelopes available at the entrance to the Church or, if you would like to learn more about their work or to donate to them, please click [HERE](#) using your digital device, thank you.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October we will also be welcoming Fr Rozario Arputham, from the Society of African Missions, who will letting us know more about the work of the SMA and to make a Mission Appeal on their behalf. The Society of African Missions was founded at Lyons, France in 1856 by a French Missionary Bishop, Bishop Melchior de Marion Bresiallac.

#### **Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass ...**

**Thank you to all the Parish families who stayed behind after our 9.30 am Mass, last Sunday, for the meeting to discuss how we can resume our Sunday Children's Liturgy. Fr Adrian was very encouraged with your response, however, please remember the sessions cannot be run without your help. For any families who would like to express interest in their child attending our Sunday 9.30 am Children's Liturgy, then please click onto this [LINK](#) alternatively it can be found in our Parish website under the heading of "Community and Downloads", thank you.**

**Can you spare some time to help us, please?** On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October we are asking for a few volunteers, after both of our Sunday Masses, to help with clearing decorating items from the upstairs loft to then take down to the Servers Sacristy. There has been a bit of decay and damage and we need to check and clean everything down in readiness for Advent and Christmas. This first stage of clear-up will need a relay of people down the stairs handing items for cleaning below, after the 9.30 am Mass, from 10.20 am to 10.50 am. Volunteers after the 11am Mass may want to bring a packed lunch as this may take longer from 11.45am to 12.30pm, thank you ☺

#### **Catholic Nursery/Reception, Secondary School Transfers and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Applications for 2024**

If you're applying to a Catholic School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the **"Parish Reference Request"**. This form, with a family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (the school SIF if you already have them) are to be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the information. Please make sure you are aware of each School's cut-off date, e.g., Secondary Schools will need their completed forms over the next few weeks. 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 next week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions, thank you.

#### **Would you like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024?**

All Parish Youth in Year 9 and above are invited to learn more about faith in a new Parish Youth Group from Autumn 2023. Those who attend Mass from the Youth Group will then have the opportunity to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the Youth Group QR code in the church or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9Eacsd6yyp> to sign up to join the Parish Youth Group to express interest in the Confirmation Programme. **Parents, please note, for the Youth Group and Confirmation Programme to go ahead we need your help this year. Each family wanting to join the Youth Group is asked for at least one parent to volunteer to be on a rota of three to four parents each week who will act as helpers as per Safeguarding regulations. You won't be expected to teach Catechism but will be needed to help with the planned refreshments and basic team activities/games on a Friday at an agreed time and with dates to follow. Full information will be given at a parent meeting once the closing date for applications to the Youth Group ends on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023, thank you**

#### **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 soul of;**

We pray for:

Marjory Read and Patricia Adams who died recently 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