



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).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £624 [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

30th November to 7th 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.

30th November: 1st Sunday in Advent:

Mass Book p 82-84

Prepare the Way...

As we begin the season of Advent, you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth. Until Christmas, the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit."

Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures.

You may like to tie prayer 'gift tags' onto our Jesse Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer.



Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		30 th November to 7 th December 2025
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
30th Nov. Sunday	9.30 am	1st Sunday in Advent	Andrzej Maciejewski RIP
	11.00 am		Mario Fernandes RIP
1st Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Andrzej Maciejewski RIP
2nd Dec. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
3rd Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Francis Xavier, Priest	Good Estate of Susie O'Kelly
4th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	The Welfare of Graham Gardener
5th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
6th Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
7th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	2nd Sunday in Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Beatrice and Samuel Kariuki-Davidson Ngari RIP

Only one more week 'til Sunday 7th December and The St Mary Magdalen Christmas Market incorporating our Christmas Tree sale, raising funds for our Parish Charity "Building Together", between 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome to our *FREE* event to purchase some Christmas Bargains, Children's 'Mystery Bags', Mulled Wine and Hot Food! We need your help especially this week to deliver leaflets to our local streets.

Please consider if you can take a bundle to post, possibly on your way home after Mass today, through each letterbox of the houses in the street indicated. Please remember that we still need for volunteers to help at the Christmas Market, and if you can, please donate



bottles for our Bottle Stall, any extra unopened gifts you have bought for Christmas you can give, or, any Christmas decorations, either new or unused. Please also let Fr Adrian know if you will be baking for Christmas! If so, please consider baking some extra (cup) cakes, biscuits, cookies etc., to donate to the Market. Please bring any donations to one of our Sunday Masses or, drop them off at the Presbytery on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. As is our Parish tradition we will also be selling Christmas Trees costing ...



4-5 ft £45, 5-6 ft £65, 6-7 ft £70, 7-8 ft £80 and 8-9 ft £95 ☺

Please let Fr Adrian know if you can help on 7th December, from 8.30 am, with the sale of the trees or at the Christmas Market, thank you ☺

Fr Adrian also asks if you can spare some time after the 11 am Mass on Sundays 14th and 21st December to help with some of the preparations to enable our church look even more beautiful in readiness for our Christmas celebrations, thank you.

Ruth O'Callaghan, one of our Parishioners, is an author and poet, with several published works. For an example of her work, please visit the website www.ruthocallaghan.wordpress.com/poems/ Ruth supports a homeless project supporting a range of day centres and night shelters in Camden. Ruth's sixteenth collection of poems is called "CELL", and she would like to offer the book, worth £14, free to parishioners who make a donation of £10 to the charity via this link:



www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/4047298 You don't have to a PayPal account to donate, you can simply use a debit or credit card to donate, but Ruth asks please that you ask for a receipt so that you can email this to Fr Adrian to forward to Ruth so that she can provide you with a copy of her book "CELL", which can be collected from Fr Adrian on a Sunday. For more information on the homeless project, please follow the link online www.c4wshomelessproject.org/history

On 7th December, we will be holding our monthly 'Building Together' collection to help with our Parish Health and Safety costs. If you like to contribute to this collection online, you can do so by clicking [HERE](#) in the online newsletter, 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.

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, Robin Simpson QC, Gerard Lively and Philomena Gallagher who died recently; for Walter Foster, Isabella and Brendan Dawson, Leslie Purdey, Bob Jordan, Patrick Reagan, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira, Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi 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.