



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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**Baptisms and Weddings** by arrangement  
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

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## Parish & School News 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**A message from Fr Adrian:** "Thank you for the kind words, Christmas cards and gifts that were received over the last few days, they are much appreciated and, together with the Christmas collection, will be a great help throughout the New Year ahead. I would especially like to thank our Parish Finance and Building Committee and all those who support the Parish throughout the year by volunteering in many ways such as our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, sacristy helpers, catechists, musicians and singers, helpers with Children's Liturgy, our collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners, our altar servers and, especially whilst we have no employed staff, the small number of volunteers who have helped in the Parish Office: without your support our Parish would grind to a halt. You provide a wonderful, loving, selfless act of service to the Lord and may our prayers be that we continue to be the local expression of the Body of Christ together and a witness of God's love to those around us. With my continued prayers and thanksgiving that you and your family will have had a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings, Fr. Adrian."

**OUR FAITH ENQUIRY [RCIA] GROUP** for adults who wish to learn more about their faith or to be baptised or confirmed starts soon. If you would like to be baptised or confirmed as an adult or would like more information, please see Fr Adrian after Mass. Thank you.

**School Applications for September 2020:** if you have not yet provided Fr Adrian with the reference form(s) required by Catholic schools, please remember to see Fr Adrian to obtain and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a school place. Without this Parish form, school references cannot be provided but please be aware of application closure dates and that references can only be handed in or collected after Mass on Sunday, thank you.

**Sunday Masses:** 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

**Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

**Collection details:** Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support: our collections last week raised: £545 for the charitable work of the Parish.** These sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. **Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order** direct into the parish account which provides, on average, £400 to total **£945**. In addition, we raised **£237** towards the cost of decorating the church at Christmas through our second collection.



**A BIG THANK YOU** to Lucy and Jennie for all their 'behind-the-scenes' work and their coordination of the many 'Santa's Helpers' at each stall, not to forget Santa himself and to all those who

were able to donate to or support our Christmas Fair which, in just four hours raised the amazing sum of **£2,277**. **Thank you to all involved for your hard work in giving of your time, your talents and your treasures.** The winners of our prize raffle are posted around the church and will be contacted by the details given on their ticket over the Christmas and New Year period. If you have a winning ticket, please bring this along at any Mass to see Fr Adrian to collect a prize or email the Parish Office at [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) to make arrangements for collection. With thanks again to all our raffle donors.

Parents who have applied for this year's **First Holy Communion Programme** are reminded that both the school and the Parish groups will start soon. If your child does not attend the Parish school, please note the first class begins at **5pm on Sunday 12 January**. Parish members are particularly asked to keep all our First Holy Communion children in their prayers. Bishop Paul has affirmed that **Confirmation for parish youth** will occur in 2021 with applications starting this autumn.

**Altar Servers rota** Thank you to all the servers who were able to help at our Christmas Masses, it was much appreciated. All our servers have a small gift to thank them for their help during the year, if you haven't collect yours yet, please see Fr Adrian.

**This weekend →** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. Team 1  
 Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> Jan. Team 2 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Team 1  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. Team 2 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Team 1

**Servers are asked to practice before each Mass so please ensure that you turn up at least twenty minutes before Mass begins, thank you.**

**Calling all volunteers ...**

if you currently serve on a rota such a Reader, Extraordinary Minister, Collection Counter or Collection Banker, Flower Arranging, Church Cleaning or Altar Linen Cleaning **please remember to complete and return one of the 'St Mary Magdalen needs your help' forms** as we need your permission to share details confidentially between Parish members on the new rotas. If you would like to be a new helper in these roles then please see Fr Adrian, thank you.

**In a few weeks' time we hope to start again the monthly 'bacon butty breakfast' on a Sunday to help raise funds for Parish projects. If you can help with this please email the Parish [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk] so that Fr Adrian can pass on your details to the coordinators, thank you.**

## MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

### 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Alexander Doci
<b>The Holy Family Year A</b>	11.00am	No intention
(p.106-109)	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Alexander Doci
(Feria)		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>NB the Office is closed today</b>
(Feria)		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Fr Adrian and family
(Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Alexander Doci
(Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	No intention
(Feria)		
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Alexander Doci
(Feria)		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	The needs of our Parish Family
<b>Epiphany Year A</b>	11.00am	No intention
(p.114-118)	6.30pm	Barbara Porter RIP

**Parishioners and Friends who are sick:**

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 written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistery.**

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

**Luke 10:20**

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

Brian Minihan who died recently and for Alice Tame, Albert Rosier, Eileen Burnside, 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 on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

Archbishop John Wilson has written his first Pastoral Letter as Archbishop of Southwark, to be read at all our Masses today, the Feast of the Holy Family

"...I want to begin by offering you, your families, and your loved ones, my very best wishes for this Holy Season of Christmas. In what are changing and sometimes challenging times, we, nonetheless, renew our faith that a Saviour has been born for us who is Christ the Lord. May He bless you this Christmas and give you His peace..."

The full text of the letter can be downloaded from the Diocesan website or accessed via our online newsletter by clicking on the [link](#).



**Red Box Collection for the Papal Charity Missio:**

thank you to all those who returned their Red Box 'piggy banks' to bring 'change for good' from the money raised. Please remember to collect your new Red Box from the Sacristy or see Fr Adrian if you would like to sign up for the first time.