



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.

Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and

Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

18th to 25th April 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions. As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 11th April

Standing Orders: £838 weekly average of 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
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:
NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch
NAME: RCAS St Mary Magdalen 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
- 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.



On first hearing of the news, through the week of National Mourning, during the funeral and each day ahead, we offer our profound condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and all the members of the Royal Family on the death of The Queen's beloved husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Requiescat in pacem.

We welcome many of our families who have returned from their Easter School Break and want to emphasise the opportunity of joining us for Mass after school drop-off. As part of a trial, we will open the church at 8.30am on Monday and from Wednesday to Saturday so that Mass can be held at 9am for our weekday Masses as shown below.

Thank you for your contribution to the annual Easter Collection for Fr Adrian at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Your support, your prayers and your kind gifts are much appreciated as Fr Adrian's collection totalled £898.10. This is separate to the ordinary collection which is averaged out for a weekly figure (as some people give monthly).

Please note: if you donate by Standing Order or by a banking App. direct to the Parish Account, such regular donations don't form part of the Easter collection as these go directly to supporting the work of the Parish.

Thank you for your contribution to the support of the People and Places of the Holy Land in the annual Good Friday collection which has so far raised £100. If you missed the opportunity for the collection please consider using the link in the online version of the newsletter: donations for the

[People and Places of the Holy Land](#)

Thank you, as ever, for all your prayers and support.

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.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		18 th to 25 th April – Eastertide
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
18th Apr. Sunday	11 am	3rd Sunday of Easter	Ida Maccaferri RIP - nearest anniversary Mass
19 th Apr. Monday	9 am	Feria	Private Intention [Deacon]
20 th Apr. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass] NB the church is closed
21 st Apr. Wednesday	9 am	St Anselm	Mass for Danny Whitby RIP and for his family
22 nd Apr. Thursday	9 am	Feria	Lawrence Deacon RIP & Michael Johnston RIP [anniversaries]
23 rd Apr. Friday	9 am	St George	The welfare of Jean Wells
24 th Apr. Saturday	9 am	Feria	The needs of our Parish Family
25th Apr. Sunday	11 am	3rd Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. As services can be attended now they are no longer livestreamed but Mass can be seen online from St George's Cathedral and other sites. Please see the Cathedral livestream webpage for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

First Holy Communion News: as per the message Fr Adrian asked to send out via the Year Reps., changes in the Lockdown restrictions mean that, in addition to the 'bubble of 6', each family is able to invite up to 6 more people to sit in the side aisles at Mass. Don't forget the next **Zoom meeting on the Mass & Celebration is on Wednesday 5 May from 8-9pm:** the link will be sent by email at the end of April.

Confirmation News: twice in the last 9 months Fr Adrian asked families who hoped to seek the Sacrament of Confirmation to contact him. Only a few families made enquiries (Fr Adrian will email them direct) but **a third and final call is being made to see if any of the young people of our Parish currently in Year 9 and 10 (aged 13/14 - 15/16) would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021.** If so, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk

The Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis has partnered with other dioceses to produce a survey which aims to find out about the experiences of Catholics during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey will help the Diocese to understand what has been happening whilst churches have been closed, or opened only for limited periods of time, and Catholics have had to practice their faith 'at a distance'. Please consider contributing to the survey, selecting the 'Archdiocese of Southwark' from the drop-down menu, so that we can hear about what God has been doing and what he wants to say to us about the future of the Church in this part of England and Wales.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and the deadline for submission is 4th July 2021.

To complete the form please click on this link in the online digital version of our newsletter:

[Covid- 19 Survey Form – Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols offered prayers for the Queen and the Royal Family at a Requiem Mass for His Royal Highness Prince Philip. His homily that day is printed in full:

Today our Royal Family is grieving. Their beloved Prince Philip has died, their faithful rock. Today we mourn his death. We pray for him, and for every member of that family, but especially for Her Majesty the Queen. Every family in grief needs comfort and support, and none more so than a grieving wife, our Queen. May our prayers contribute to her comfort and support. I recall so clearly the words of her Christmas Message to us all last year. She said: 'The teachings of Christ have always served as my inner light.' How much she will cherish that inner light today! How much we pray that this light of Christ will give her consolation, warmth and hope. Her message last Christmas was about darkness and light. She spoke of the darkness of the months of almost total lockdown that we were living through at that time. She spoke of 'Jesus, the light of the world' and the light given by so many who, in selfless duty put the lives of others above their own. Surely these words of Her Majesty may be applied to her beloved husband, Prince Philip. His long, long life is marked by many achievements. They are being gratefully recalled in these days: achievements for young people, for engineering, for the environment, in the defence of our nation, for so many charitable causes.

Yet it is for his selfless loyalty to the Queen and his tireless, generous sense of duty and service for which we give the most heartfelt thanks. Inspired by his Christian faith, and, I believe, by the example of his extraordinary mother, Princess Alice, the service given by Prince Philip will long be an inspiration to us all. Little wonder that, as they celebrated their Golden Jubilee, Her Majesty spoke of him as her 'constant strength and stay'. His long life has also been marked by great sadness and difficulties, as is often the case in family life. Yet, for this family, it has all been played out in the glare of publicity. I hope there is much consolation in the words of St Paul when he says: 'I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us', the freedom and glory of the children of God (Rom.8.18-21). An abiding memory of mine is the sight of Prince Philip, standing for hours on end, upright and alert, in the cold and pouring rain on that long celebratory Pageant on the River Thames, marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. How he must have longed to take shelter. But he did not.

A steadfast and indomitable spirit marked every one of his seventy years of service. For this we thank God and pray that he may now rest in peace. But peace and rest are not the whole story. No, the promises made by Jesus and handed on to us by St John, are more rich and fulfilling. Jesus says: 'This is the will of him who sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me' (John 6.39). Yes, nothing of the gifts given to this Prince Philip, from his strength of spirit, sharpness of phrase, kindness of heart, shall be lost. Indeed, the promise of Jesus is so explicit: 'It is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life and that I shall raise him up on the last day' (John 6.40). This promise of the Lord is made good, guaranteed, by his victory over death, celebrated in this Easter Feast. Yes, he is risen. He alone has the ultimate victory over death. He alone is able and so willing to share this victory with every one of us.

This is the fullness of the light brought into the world by Jesus. It is a light that brings hope, even in the darkest night, as Her Majesty said last Christmas. This light and hope, we pray, will now soften the sadness of our Royal Family and lead them through the darkness of their loss and grief. I pray that as we too mourn the loss of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, we too will remember these promises of the Lord and cling to them in steadfast hope. We are saddened by his going; we thank God for the gifts given to us through his example; we are strong in our faith that he will rise to the life of glory in the presence of God, the glory for which he has been created. Therein lies everlasting royalty, everlasting praise, everlasting joy.

Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols Archbishop of Westminster 10 April, 2021

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 emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at Mass.

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

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and Danny Whitby who died recently, and for Bridget Neville, Lucienne Ralph, Evelyn Dorsett, Mary Hughes Ida Maccaferri, Michael Johnston 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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.