



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings are currently postponed
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an
appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered
Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

**Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs
of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details**

From The Archbishop of Southwark, Most Rev John Wilson:

**With immediate effect, without any exceptions,
all our churches and chapels across the Archdiocese
must remain closed to the public until further notice.**

**This is to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 virus
among gatherings of people, and, in particular,
to protect the most vulnerable**

The cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm.

Holy Week Parish & School News 5th-12th April 2020

Sadly, this Sunday we were to have come together with our neighbouring congregation of St Mary the Virgin in our ecumenical Walk of Witness to commemorate Jesus' entry in to Jerusalem by walking with palm leaves through the streets of East Sheen and Mortlake accompanied by a donkey. The traditional tale of how the donkey got the cross on its back by serving Jesus is told in a wonderful way through this donkey sanctuary website and I would encourage families to be able to read the story this weekend: https://www.donkeys.ie/html/Fairy_story.htm

I have drawn together websites with craft activities and prayers which can be downloaded by Parish families and have emailed this out through our Parish School and to all those who have registered their email with us. The email and its download links take us through Palm Sunday and Holy Week into Easter with the aim that we can journey together in prayer even though we cannot gather together in the church. If you haven't yet registered your email address with us the Easter message can be downloaded at the bottom of our home page: www.stmarymags.org.uk. Although we don't have the facility to stream our services from the church you may like to watch from the list below or join us in prayer from the link at the bottom of this page at the same time as our Holy Week and Easter services at the times listed overleaf. In addition to the links in the Easter Message, families can download activity sheets from the Missio website <https://missiontogether.org.uk/>

Whilst currently it is not possible to attend Mass, there are several Parishes who broadcast online, including: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon>, the Shrine at Walsingham <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> and from the US <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
NB: Mass times may change according to circumstances.

Prayers and texts can also be found online via the website <https://us.magnificat.net/free>: please click on the UK/Eire tab.

Collection details for last Sunday, 29 March

Parish Collection £0 Standing Order £400

Naturally, in the circumstances we're in, where we're all called to isolate at home in order to minimise the risk of catching and spreading Coronavirus, we are still unable to open the church. **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.** If you are able to make a donation, no one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income, but **please consider helping to continue supporting our Parish in its ministry to all those in need by giving your regular Sunday donation, even though you can't come to the church.** This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our website www.stmarymags.org.uk/community for regular giving direct from your account or by using the Parish bank details you'll find on that form to donate through your bank's App from your phone or online website.

Thank you to all our parishioners who up to now had been donating by Gift Aid either by envelope or by standing order. If you prefer to make your weekly contribution in the Gift Aid envelope, please store these until you are able to return them safely to the church. **If you haven't signed up to Gift Aid yet** and would like to support the scheme, then you can either download a declaration from the community link above or you can email Fr Adrian who can put you in contact with our parish Gift Aid organiser. For those who would like to give regularly but don't pay tax in the UK we will be ordering separate envelopes for the monthly Parish Care Collection which can also be used for Planned Giving by non-tax paying parishioners: more information will follow in due course, thank you.

If you are a Senior and would like support at home such as food deliveries, please call the FiSH Neighbourhood Care Helpline on 020 8876 3414.

Spiritual Communion

During this time when it is not possible to physically receive Holy Communion, Catholics are encouraged to make a spiritual communion. An excellent prayer sheet has been produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, including a prayer for spiritual communion. This can be found online via: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/No-Mass-A4.pdf>

Prayers and Devotions During Lent:

To encourage the opportunity of Lenten prayers and devotions families may like to pray together at home using a variety of resources via <https://media.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-eng/stations-eng.html>
This Sunday's readings and children's worksheet can be found via: http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/a-lent-06-passion_sunday.PDF
Other websites you might like to explore are ...
<https://www.lentinisolation.com/> during these times of isolation and for those who may be chronically sick or unwell at this time:
<https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Prayer/Responses/Sickness.shtml>

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

5th – 12th April 2020

Sunday 5th April

Palm Sunday Yr A

9am The needs of our Parish Family

Monday 6th

(Mon. of Holy Week)

9am The Saunderson Family

Tuesday 7th

(Tue. of Holy Week)

9am For NHS and Social Key Workers

Wednesday 8th

(Spy Wednesday)

9am For all affected by Coronavirus

Thursday 9th

(Maundy Thursday)

7pm The Neal Family [Foundation Mass]

Friday 10th

(Good Friday)

3pm Instead of Mass the Solemn Liturgy is celebrated today

Saturday 11th Easter Vigil 8pm Rose Farrell [Foundation Mass]

(Holy Saturday)

Sunday 12th April

Easter Sunday Yr A

9am The needs of our Parish Family

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

Christopher Broadley, Eileen Goggin, Winifred Cleveland William O'Connor, Bernard Froude, Moira Copp, Mary Neal 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.

Pope Francis offers this prayer for Catholics wishing to make a spiritual communion:

At your feet, O my Lord Jesus, I prostrate myself and offer you repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in your holy presence. I adore you in the sacrament of your love.

I desire to receive you into the poor dwelling that my heart offers you.

While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I for my part, am coming to you. May your love embrace my whole being in life and death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. Amen.

Prayers for when you can not get to Mass

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

I wish, my Lord, to receive You

with the purity, humility and devotion

with which your Most Holy Mother received You,

with the spirit and fervour of the saints.

Come Lord Jesus.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ...

give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You.

And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments,

and specially to rejoice in the presence

of Your very blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ,

in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

(St Thomas More)