



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.

23rd to 30th May 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 16th May

Standing Orders: £720 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.

The Garden Project: you may have noticed the recent changes to the front Garden as part of the plans to celebrate our Anniversary. **This week we are holding a second collection to raise funds to help with more plants,** if you would like further details please refer to last week's Newsletter for more information. Thank you.

To donate to the project either please:

- Use this [LINK](#) in the digital email of the newsletter
- Choose 'Garden Project' from the contactless menu, or
- Donate cash or cheque into the 2nd collection containers NB Gift Aid envelopes can be used to add to your donation

Thank you to all those who donate under the Gift Aid system, either direct to the Parish by standing order or through the Gift Aid envelopes. If you used the Gift Aid envelopes last year but changed to standing order during Lockdown, please email to let Fr Adrian know if you'd like a supply of envelopes as well. If you're a Gift Aid donor who only used the envelope system, then new boxes can be collected after the Sunday Mass from 11.30am to 12pm outside the church.

The Cemetery Project: our cemetery is a World Heritage site, but has no funding other than what we can raise. To help care for our cemetery Giovanni Rossato, a member of the Parish, is completing a cycle ride from London to Brighton next month on 13th June. Giovanni would like to say a special 'THANK YOU', as he is so pleased with the support from the Parish through the donations and messages of encouragement. He plans to start from our church and finish at St Mary Magdalen Church, Brighton and says that his training is going very well. Please note that all the monies raised will help fund the professional mapping and care of our cemetery for the future, so please sponsor him by donating via this JustGiving [LINK](#)

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		23 rd to 30 th May – Pentecost Sunday
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
23rd May Sunday	11 am	Pentecost Sunday	John Boshier & Evelyn McCabe [Foundation Mass]
24 th May Monday	9.30 am	Mary, Mother of the Church	Best family intentions
25 th May Tuesday	Closed	St Bede the Venerable	NB the church is closed
26 th May Wednesday	9.30 am	St Philip Neri	The welfare of the Hink family
27 th May Thursday	9.30 am	Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Tan Kah Peng RIP
28 th May Friday	9.00 am	Rosary & Benediction	The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria in Ordinary Time	The welfare of Alison Roberts
29 th May. Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
30th May Sunday	11 am	The Most Holy Trinity	Michael RC Lomax [Foundation Mass]

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. Mass can be seen online from our Cathedral – please see this link for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

Pentecost Reflections

Beyond the Cross' is a five-part art and culture series that follows the Risen Christ through the artist's eye taking in some of the main encounters of the season of Easter. This week we conclude our five-part art and culture series 'Beyond the Cross' that follows the Risen Christ through the artist's eye taking in some of the main encounters of the season of Easter. 'Pentecost' is a dramatic oil on canvas piece by Domenikos Theotokopoulos or El Greco as he was known. Painted around 1600, 'Pentecost' hangs in the Museo Del Prado in Madrid. It depicts the moment when the Holy Ghost, in the form of flames, rests on the Virgin and the Apostles on Pentecost day in Jerusalem, as is told in the book of Acts (2: 1-5). To view this week's video please enter this text online or click on the link in our newsletter: <https://youtu.be/61k8S7EUfTY>

Sunday 23 May – Sunday 30 May 2021

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI designated 24 May, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians as an annual worldwide Day of Prayer for the Church in China. This year, Cardinal Charles Bo, President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, has called on the faithful to extend this to a **Week of Prayer for the Church and people of China**. Bishop Declan Lang, Chair of the Bishops' International Affairs department, is encouraging Catholics to take up Cardinal Bo's call to prayer for China. "I hope that Catholics in England and Wales may take up Cardinal Bo's call to mark this week with prayer for the Church in China and the peoples of China, asking Our Lady of Sheshan to protect them. "This is also an important time to pray for the Chinese community in our own countries and celebrate their important contribution to our society."

Path of dialogue and forgiveness Pope Francis invites Bishops from all over the world, and all Catholics, to join in prayer for peace in the Holy Land, as part of a Pentecost Vigil celebrated by Catholic Ordinaries at St. Stephen's Church in Jerusalem. The universal Church will unite in prayer at the Vigil of Pentecost celebrated in Jerusalem on Saturday 22 May. Pope Francis announced his appeal for Catholics around the world to take part on Friday morning, at the end of his address to new non-resident Ambassadors accredited to the Holy See. The Pope invited the Churches around the world to pray and implore peace in the Holy Land, joining the celebration promoted by the Catholic ordinaries in the Holy City. "My thoughts," Pope Francis said, "turn to the events taking place these days in the Holy Land. I thank God for the decision to halt the armed conflicts and acts of violence, and I pray for the pursuit of paths of dialogue and peace. Tomorrow evening, the Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land, together with their faithful, will gather to celebrate the Vigil of Pentecost in Saint Stephen's Church in Jerusalem and to implore the gift of peace." "I take this opportunity," added the Pope, "to ask all the pastors and faithful of the Catholic Church to unite themselves spiritually with this prayer. May every community pray to the Holy Spirit "that Israelis and Palestinians may find the path of dialogue and forgiveness, be patient builders of peace and justice, and be open, step by step, to a common hope, to coexistence among brothers and sisters."

The Anglican Bishop of Southwark and the Catholic Bishop of Clifton have written to the British government to reinforce the calls of Christian leaders in the Holy Land for the international community to help end the human rights violations and unjustifiable violence of recent days which harms all people, and which will have long lasting implications for the region.

The Bishops, who are regular visitors to the region, including to Gaza, highlighted how the planned evictions of Palestinians from their homes in Sheikh Jarrah and the violations of the right to pray at Al Aqsa Mosque were significant catalysts to the crisis. The continued blockade of Gaza has compounded instability and suffering, propagating violence. Mindful that local Church leaders have been unequivocally clear that lasting peace requires justice, the bishops note that "while the priority must be stopping further bloodshed in the coming days, these underlying factors cannot be ignored." To this end the Bishops write that "unless the international community is willing to adopt a rights-based approach to its peace-making, Israel's control of the occupied territories will become ever more entrenched, Palestinian rights further encroached upon and outbreaks of fighting increasingly likely. Israel's security cannot be based on the permanent inequality and disenfranchisement of Palestinians."

A message from our Parish School: It is so important that our children feel their voices are heard at home, at school, in the Parish and in the wider world. If possible, families are asked to participate in the "Big Ask" a survey by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza. This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. It will be used to show the government what children think, and what they need to live happier lives. This survey only takes 5-10 minutes: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Gift Aid News: if you use the Gift Aid envelopes these will probably be running out soon. The new ones have arrived, so please see our volunteer Gift Aid Coordinator, Steve Smith, after Mass to collect your new set of boxes. Thank you.

A call for help for 9.30am & 6.30pm: we are trying to resume our usual Mass schedule and hope to resume this when we can build up volunteer teams for each Mass. Please email Clare via MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help.

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 Sue Cuss and Carlotta Diez who died recently and for Mary Bronnan, Sidney Fernandes, Annie Mephram, Laura Rodrigues, Peter Barnes 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.