



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

## 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**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 call outs).

**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.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Mass Book p. 137-141**

**Lent** begins this year on

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

Our 'Ash Wednesday', Masses will be at 9.30am and 7pm, with the opportunity of receiving Ashes at both Masses. Please also remember our 'Stations of the Cross', on Sundays at 10.30am, between the 9.30 and 11am Masses each week during Lent. Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Usually, after the 9.30am Mass on Ash Wednesday, Fr Adrian would visit the Parish School to hold a special Reflection Service for the children however, this year, Ash Wednesday occurs during the Half-Term School holiday. Although some of our families are away for the school break, if you are able to join us for the Holy Day we have Mass at either 9.30am or at 7pm.



**Lenten Prayer from Catherine Gorman (CAFOD)**

**Loving God**, your Son, Jesus,  
calmed the storm  
that frightened the disciples.

You keep us safe too,  
even when we are afraid.

Show us how to follow you,  
and help us to be there for one another.

Teach us to share whatever we have fairly so that we,  
and our whole global family,  
may look to the future with hope. **Amen.**

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Our weekly income was £656 an average of the last 4 weeks]

*We are all in different 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](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:  
**NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch**  
**NAME: RCAS 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](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk)
- Gift Aid Envelopes or Cash can be given in the collections taken during Mass.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Donation Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy

### 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 A	Mass Details and Intentions		11 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	5 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our Parish
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Philomina Ward and the Ward Family RIP
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Tuesday	Closed	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Wednesday	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday	Peter and Elizabeth Sherston-Baker
	7.00 pm		For the Holy Souls
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the welfare of Katrina
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Sorrowful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	Ted and Sophie McCormack [Foundation Mass]
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	6 <sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time	James Collins RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family

Thank you to all those who were able to donate towards the Parish Building Together Collection last Sunday. On **18<sup>th</sup> February**, we will have the **annual opportunity** of donating to the **Clergy Support Fund**, which helps with the costs in providing care for priests in our Archdiocese in their old age, retirement and in time of ill health. Sunday **25<sup>th</sup> February** is the annual **opportunity** of donating to the **CAFOD Lenten Family Fast**. If you can make your donation by Gift Aid, please remember to take one of the envelopes, which will be available nearer the time from the church, thank you.

**St Mary Magdalen Parish**  
WhatsApp community



**Parish WhatsApp Group News:** Many thanks for those who contacted the Parish following the news of a new WhatsApp Group. It has taken a couple of weeks to figure out the nuances of managing the WhatsApp groups as we first had to create a "Community" but all is sorted now. The easiest way to join is to follow via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1lckAXxgJ4y> on your phone or via a QR code ... When you have signed-up, you'll be part of the "Announcements" Group, where all those who've signed up to the group are based, but then there are sub-groups people can join, such as the First Communion Group, Confirmation, Altar Server Parent Group etc. If you leave a sub-Group then you are still part of the "Announcements" Group but, you leave the WhatsApp Group entirely if you exit from the "Announcements" section. We look forward to welcoming you to the group and, rest assured, the Parish won't bombard you with messages, we'll just keep you up to date with important news.

CAFOD and SCAIF have set a challenge to **"WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY"**. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. CAFOD's 2024 Lent Appeal is to help fishing communities feed their families in Liberia and SCAIF's WEE BOX Appeal is focused on women and girls in Rwanda facing gender-based violence. CAFOD and SCAIF have a shared project in Ethiopia and are working together to respond to the food crisis. Years of drought caused by the climate crisis means families are no longer able to cope, but your support means we are working with people right now, providing them with water, emergency food and healthcare. For more details of this and how to sign-up and join the challenge, click



[HERE](#) in the online newsletter or visit [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

We have been asked by "A Day With Mary" to promote their pilgrimage to Fatima between 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June. For more details please click [HERE](#) and follow the link to download a booking form with full details of the costs etc.

**Thank you** to all everyone who has made your **donation of non-perishable items** in a condition where we could **sell the donated gifts at a Parish Fair**. *(Please provide the original packaging, where possible, but please note we cannot sell used items such as half a bottle of shampoo!)*, please see Fr Adrian after Mass with any donations. We plan to hold a Parish Fair soon and ask if you can help at the fair or if you have ideas for fundraising to **please sign-up to the Parish WhatsApp Fundraising Group (details above) to offer your help or to share any ideas you have to help us to raise the funds needed to pay for the ongoing Health & Safety repairs, thank you**



As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. This one-day course is for all married couples no matter how long you have been married and seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills. If you would be interested in attending, please contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

The courses begin at 9.45am and finish at 4.30pm and are available on: 16th March, at Gravesend Parish, 13th April, at Whitstable Parish, 29th June: at Sittingbourne Parish, 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.

**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;**

Martin McGrath, David Hoyland, Michael McDonagh and Irene Baker who died recently, and for Timothy O'Rorke, Jean Garner, Mark Allwright, Nancy McDonnell, Sylvie Parke, Sophia McCormack, Colin Sambrook, Evelyn McCabe, Ruth Carroll, Luigi Vicca 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