



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.

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).

13th August to 3rd September 2023

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 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 6th August.
Our weekly income was £708 [an average of the 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 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

19th Week Ordinary Time 13th August 2023

Pope Francis calls for prayers after the shipwreck off the Italian coast. Linda Bordonni from Vatican News comments that following yet another migrant tragedy in the Mediterranean, Pope Francis sends an online message with his sorrow and urges all men and women of goodwill not to be indifferent in the face of continuing migrant deaths during dangerous sea crossings and journeys of hope. Pope Francis' @Pontifex tweet on Thursday, 10 August said: **"With sorrow I heard about the news of the shipwreck involving migrants in the Mediterranean Sea. Let us not remain indifferent to these tragedies, and let us pray for the victims and their families."** His message was in response to the sinking of yet another migrant boat off the shores of Italy. Forty-one people died on Wednesday when the vessel transporting them from Tunisia to Italy capsized. Four survivors were rescued by a Maltese cargo ship and taken to Lampedusa by the Italian coastguard. The survivors, from Ivory Coast and Guinea, said that 45 people had been on board, including three children. The vessel reportedly set off last Thursday and travelled for around six hours before it was capsized by a large wave. **As people continue to lose their lives at sea, the Holy Father remains steadfast in his mission to sensitise the people and institutions that so often turn to look the other way.**

Our newsletter is a "Bumper Edition" for the summer, with information for the whole of August since the Parish Office is closed during this time. Any changes to the Mass Intentions will be posted weekly in the church noticeboard which is found to the right of the main door. In addition to the Anniversary Prayer List on the last page, each week's anniversaries will be listed after the Mass Intentions so we can pray for the repose of their souls.

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		13th to 19th August 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
13th August Sunday	9.30 am	19th Week in Ordinary Time	Mass Intention Available
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
14th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Maximilian Kolbe	Mass Intention Available
15th Aug. Tuesday	9.30 am	The Assumption of Our Lady	Joanna Abbott [Foundation Mass]
	7.00 pm		For the Holy Souls
16th Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Aileen Bajot [Foundation Mass]
17th Aug. Thursday	No 9.30 am	Mass, the church is open at 1pm	2pm Requiem Mass for Joseph Hellel RIP
18th Aug. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
19th Aug. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today

This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Hellel who died recently; for Daphne Handville, Eileen McKenna and for all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

Fr Adrian is remaining here throughout the summer but the church remains closed each Tuesday.

Fr Adrian does have some hospital visits which could not be moved, **so please note; there will be no Mass on Monday 21st August.** It is hoped that Fr Adrian will be able to have a holiday later during the year



A thank you from Clare Foster, a member of our Parish family who ran the Cancer Research Race for Life in Hyde Park, on Sunday July 23: "Thank you so much for donating to the Cancer Research Race for Life last Sunday. The sponsorship and your kind support means so much to me as it will help to change so many lives. Many of us know people living with cancer, including my friend Carmel who walked the 5K route. This was such a fantastic achievement and between us we have raised £1,037 so far. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated and if you were away and would like to donate please click here: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/clares-race-for-life-327469032>, thank you."

Catholic Nursery/Reception, Secondary School Transfers and 6th Form Applications for 2024

If you're applying to a Catholic School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the **Parish Reference Request**". This form, with a family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (the school SIF if you already have them) are to be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the information. Please make sure you are aware of each School's cut-off date, e.g., Secondary Schools will need their completed forms over the next few weeks. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms so that forms handed in one Sunday are usually returned the next week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions.

THE FUTURE OF MORTLAKE HALL.

Mortlake Hall was set up as a registered charity after the closure of Mortlake Church of England primary school in the 1980's.

The Trustees of the Hall are in the process of reviewing the use of the Hall and recognise the changing needs of the local community would like to hear the views of as many residents as possible. If you would like to make your views known the Trustees would welcome your input via the online survey which can be accessed by using this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter.

On Friday, 8th September 2023, we are invited to attend: "A celebration of Our Lady's birthday?"

The Catholic Women's League (Southwark Branch) is organising a one-day pilgrimage at Our Lady of the Rosary and St Dominic Church, Southampton Road, NW5.

- The day will begin with refreshments at 11am, then a Mass and then lunch.
- After lunch there is the opportunity of praying the Rosary and a visit to the Rosary Garden.
- The day should finish at about 4pm.
- Suggested contribution of £10 per person.

For more details or if you want to attend the pilgrimage please contact Aline Cook on alinecook@hotmail.com by **14 August**.

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST: If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this may be for you.

To be held at Aylesford Priory from 6-8 October, with accommodation costing £230 for a single person or £210 shared.

For more details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

A Seminar entitled is to be held "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities".

This will take at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 28 October 2023 from 9.30am to 4.00pm. All are welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion which will be chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

For more information and registration, please use this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter or scan the QR Code

Or you can write us at racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.



Will you be going abroad this summer?

If so, please remember the charity Mary's Meals by donating any unused currency you bring home with you. Please take one of the envelopes from the table, at the back of the church, fill it with your unused and unwanted foreign currency, bringing it back again to church so that we can arrange for it to be collected. All donations given to Mary's Meals will help towards providing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries, thank you.

Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year?

If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2023, whether they are in our Parish School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School please the details below ...

Each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions, so if that applies to you, an extra application is needed for your child to become Catholic.

To express interest in the Programme please click this link in the online version of the newsletter <https://forms.office.com/e/Yx88JTKgPa>
(Posters are available with QR codes for this link.)

Please note: this is only the first part of the application but to enrol your child into our First Communion Programme this initial online form must be completed between now and 24 September 2023 for the 2023/2024 Programme.



Would you like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024?

All Parish Youth in Year 9 and above are invited to learn more about faith in a new Parish Youth Group from Autumn 2023. Those who attend Mass from the Youth Group will then have the opportunity to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the Youth Group QR code in the church or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9Eacad6yzzp> to sign up to join the Parish Youth Group to express interest in the Confirmation Programme. **Parents, please note, for the Youth Group and Confirmation Programme to go ahead we need your help this year. Each family wanting to join the Youth Group is asked for at least one parent to volunteer to be on a rota of three to four parents each week who will act as helpers as per Safeguarding regulations. You won't be expected to teach Catechism but will be needed to help with refreshments and basic team activities/games. Full information will be given at a parents meeting once the closing date for applications to the Youth Group ends on 15 October 2023, thank you.**



Fix the Food System: Please sign the petition by the West Door in church to support CAFOD's food campaign in urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds.

Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds. More information can be found online via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Weg7ZLpZpM> and **the petition can be signed by the West Door in church in support of CAFOD's campaign for Fair Trade.**

Reflection by Gustavo Gutierrez

The poverty of the poor is not a summons to alleviate their plight with acts of generosity, but rather a compelling obligation to fashion an entirely different social order.

Prayer by Nick Fawcett

Sovereign God, we bring you our spiritual hunger, our yearning for inner contentment, knowing that you alone can feed our souls, and do so in ways exceeding all our expectations. Come, then, now, and reach out to all gathered here today, filling us with spiritual food – bread of life and living water – so that we may go on our way, nourished, filled, truly satisfied. Amen.



Whilst many servers are away over the summer holidays we don't run a formal rota, but if you are on a 'staycation' or are back from your holidays then please consider serving at our Sunday Masses. In preparation for the return of the rota in the autumn, would parents of any of our children who made their 1st Communion in 2023 who would like to become an Altar Server, please let Fr Adrian know if they would like to join the ministry by downloading an application from via this [LINK](#) in our digital newsletter. Please then return the completed form to Fr Adrian after Mass, thank you.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine:

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, 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. To request a Mass please complete a manilla coloured envelope, alternatively, you can donate via the QR code above but if you do this please email Fr Adrian to let him know so that the Holy Souls Mass can be said as soon as possible, thank you.



During August please pray for the repose of the souls of

Joseph Hellel who died recently and for; Alice O'Neill, Norbert Healy, Joyce Culnane, Susan Hooper, Brendan Corr, Winifred Kitts, Enda Farrell, Kenneth O'Neil, 'Baby' Burns, Martin Graham, Catherine Applegarth, Daphne Handville, Eileen McKenna, Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins, Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner, Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White

and for 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

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Mass Intentions during August ...

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		20 th to 26 th August 2023
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feria or Feast Day</i>	<i>Intention</i>
20th August Sunday	9.30 am	20th Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Mass Intention Available
21 st Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Pius X	For the Holy Souls
22 nd Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
23 rd Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
24 th Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	St Bartholomew	Canon Bernard Jose [Foundation Mass]
25 th Aug. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
26 th Aug. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today

This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce and Edward Goggins

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		27 th August to 2 nd September 2023
<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feria or Feast Day</i>	<i>Intention</i>
27th August Sunday	9.30 am	21st Week in Ordinary Time	Mass Intention Available
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
28 th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Augustine	Teresa B. Corr [Foundation Mass]
29 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
30 th Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	Sts M Clitherow, A Line, M Ward	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
31 st Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
1 st Sep. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	In thanksgiving to the Holy Family
2 nd Sep. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
3rd Sept. Sunday	9.30 am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Alexandra Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]

This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner, Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White

Chaplains bring comfort and solidarity in Ukraine

Ukrainian military chaplains are extending a helping hand to communities by offering spiritual guidance, practical aid, and a message of hope to those affected by the devastating consequences of war. Agnel Maria reports for Vatican News that “As war continues to bring death and destruction in Ukraine, military chaplains are reaching out to soldiers and civilians. The chaplains comfort and reaffirm the people to not lose hope. To do so they have also created a bond with officials and with medical staff working in the war zones. They try to instil peace and comfort in the minds of the soldiers. Amidst the conflict, Father Rostyslav Vysochan, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and second lieutenant in the armed forces, finds profound purpose in his role as a chaplain. Deployed to the front line in the aftermath of Russia's incursion into Crimea and the separatist activities in Donetsk and Luhansk, Father Vysochan embraces his duty with conviction. He tries to guide soldiers through the moral dilemma of engaging in combat to defend one's country.

Father Vysochan assists the soldiers in dealing with the stress of having to kill in order to save lives and ministers the Sacrament of Confession, through which soldiers find solace and inner peace. He's been joined on several journeys to the war front by deacons from his church, and now some of them make their own visits to minister to the growing number of widows and their children. Their van is always stocked with essential items, which they readily distribute to civilians they encounter on their path. Whether it's an elderly person or a couple of soldiers grappling with a tire issue, the chaplains stop to offer their support, demonstrating their companionship. Beyond their spiritual responsibilities, the chaplains extend their reach through practical acts of kindness. When encountering wounded soldiers at a stabilization point, they provide food and set up amenities such as a coffee machine. The journeys of these Ukrainian military chaplains embody dedication, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support to all affected by war. Their actions exemplify the profound role that chaplains play in times of crisis, fostering resilience, unity, and hope.”

We Continue to pray at every Mass for the people of Ukraine and for Russia to seek peace and pray the Rosary for Peace during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday from 9am before the 9.30am Mass – all are welcome to join us in prayer.