



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.

28th March to 4th 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 21st March

Standing Orders: £1,003 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.

Collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday 2021

Each year on Good Friday the Church holds a collection to help care for the people and places of the Holy Land. To promote this year's collection, the Holy See have asked us to reflect that ... "Those who kept watch with the Lord Jesus in the first Holy Week laid deep roots in their land, which is reflected in the ancient Christian culture of the Holy Places. The Christians of the Holy Land who trace their line back to those same witnesses, have remembered the Lord Jesus' call to place their trust unwavering in God's promises; they have recalled his words to serve not only as beacons of faith to their fellow Christians around the world - to be a city built on a hill which cannot be hidden (Cf. Matt. 5:14); but also, as bringers of peace (Cf. Is. 52:7) to a society which has traditionally been, and continues to be, greatly troubled and divided, for "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace." (Ja. 3:18).

On Good Friday, the Church asks her children to help the Christian community of this City in a very practical way, made all the more urgent by the recent effects of Covid.

These are the children of those first Christians who witnessed the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Down the centuries, this Christian community has held fast to the hope bestowed by the Gospel and prized the pledge of Christ's definitive victory over sin and death, by bearing witness to the power of forgiveness, which reveals the Church's deepest nature as the sign and sacrament of a humanity reconciled, renewed and made one in the Lord Jesus. This year, to help the Holy Land, please donate via the online newsletter through this [LINK](#).

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS:

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		28 th March to 4 th April – Lent & Holy Week
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
28th Mar. Sunday	11 am	Palm Sunday – church open	Barbara Porter RIP : live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will also be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
29 th Mar. Monday	9-10.30am	Mass & Reconciliation Service	The needs of our Parish Family
30 th Mar. Tuesday	9-10.30am	Mass & Reconciliation Service	Sir Edward Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
31 st Mar Wednesday	Cathedral	NB the church is closed	Holy Souls
1 st Apr. Thursday	6 pm	Maundy Thursday	Our Dearly Departed & all those affected by Covid
2 nd Apr. Friday	3 pm	Good Friday	Holy Communion & Congregational Veneration of the Cross
3 rd Apr. Saturday	6 pm	Easter Vigil	Tish Deacon: Mass of Thanksgiving
4th Apr. Sunday	11 am	Easter Sunday	The needs of our Parish Family

Please note: Holy Week Services are livestreamed from St George's Cathedral:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

On 28 March we celebrate Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week, and mark the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. On this day we would normally have an ecumenical Walk of Witness, waving our palm branches to represent the actions of the crowd as Christ rode into Jerusalem. This is not possible this year and there are other changes as a result of Covid restrictions. Palm branches will be distributed at the end of Mass on Sunday and can be requested from Fr Adrian after other services if you weren't able to attend. On Monday and Tuesday, from 9am the church will be open for Mass and then prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10.30am at the Chapel of the Holy Family. **The church is closed on Wednesday for the Chrism Mass, with this and all other Holy Week services being available online from the link at the bottom of the front page.** On Holy Thursday we gather as a community of believers to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and start the Triduum – three days of services in commemoration of Christ's Passion which form one liturgy as a whole. **Full times and details below.**

Year 6 at our Parish St Mary Magdalen Primary School have worked together between classes 6F and 6D to draw their favourite pictures of the Holy Week Passion Story as an Easter Gift to Fr Adrian. From Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week Fr Adrian will be posting the pictures on the Parish Twitter account **@MortlakeParish**. Each picture will be simply identified as 'by Year 6' but we are sure the children who worked together to produce each page will enjoy the artwork so please look out for it.

If you would like to participate in **Stations of the Cross** there are a few sites online, including <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/stations-cross> or for families and children, please consider a video version <https://youtu.be/512UbsSaqMA> or a very simple one with text only ([click here](#)). This version is easily printable at home and suitable for all ages to draw or write together as a family (click online): [cf_activity_kidstations \(cathfamily.org\)](http://cf_activity_kidstations(cathfamily.org))



Don't forget that this Sunday the clocks will have gone forward one hour at 2am to mark the beginning of British Summer Time. Our cemetery garden has already 'sprung forward' so don't forget to take a walk to see the beautiful bluebells and spring flowers.

Under the title "Save from ruin" **The National News** highlighted the fundraising campaign of our 'caretaker' charity partner **Habitats & Heritage** by saying that "Explorer Richard Burton's stone Syrian desert tent" is "rotting in a south London graveyard". It needs our help, but the Parish works closely to promote the care and preservation of our listed mausoleum and has recently completed a conservation study to plan its care.

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](#)

Our service times for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter
11am Palm Sunday Palms will be distributed at the end – click to see if there are any returns <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-palm-sunday-tickets-130409850373>
Monday 9-10.30am Individual Reconciliation at the front of the church
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Wednesday The church is closed for the Diocesan Chrism Mass at St George's
6pm Maundy Thursday – click to reserve <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143992057119>
3pm Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday – click to reserve <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143993022005>
6pm Easter Vigil – click to reserve from 21 March onwards <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143993671949>
11am Easter Sunday – click to reserve <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143994169437>

Due to Covid Restrictions there is no Watching at the Altar of Repose



Although seats for our Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday have already been taken, other reservations for Holy Week are still available. To aid as many parish members to attend as possible please reserve one service initially and nearer the day see if seats are available.

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 Katherine Barbona, Monique Bennett, Mary Kendrell, William Saunders, Barbara Porter, Theresa Wyatt Victor M. Sobral Mederios, Bridget O'Keefe Alegantini, 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.