



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.

6th to 13th February 2022

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions and has 3 Masses on Sunday, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with the times and Mass intentions. We are running a trial period of 3 Sunday Masses until February 2022. For information on Honouring Sunday please see cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 30 January
Our weekly income was £801 [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 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Mass Book p. 135-138
Some of you may be aware that Fr Adrian was in hospital all last week. He is out now but needs to rest for a few more days before further treatment this week, so we welcome Fr Peter Sebastian at our 9.30 and 11am Masses and Bishop Paul Hendricks will be here at the 6.30pm Mass. Fr Adrian is grateful for all your prayers.

Latest Government Guidance on Covid Restrictions

The government has updated its guidance for the safe use of places of worship. On 27 January 2022, Plan B measures were lifted in England (certain sanctions remain in Wales).

- Legal requirements for social distancing no longer apply and you will not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with.
- There are no legal restrictions on the number of people that can attend a place of worship, including at significant life events, such as baptisms.
- There is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering. **However, the government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces** where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet.

The latest Bishops' Conference Guidance can be read [here](#)

Following the new regulations there are not many changes to our practice at St Mary Magdalen's as, although we are still encouraged to keep the use of masks and hand sanitiser, this is **no longer compulsory**. Thankfully, we are now able to make a few further changes such as the return of Holy Water (under hygienic conditions) and the reintroduction of the Bidding Prayers (our Prayers of Intercession). Consequently, rather than refilling the Holy Water stoups, we have returned to the use of a Holy Water dispenser by the hand sanitiser. Please keep the stand under the dispenser, as this is to catch any of the excess water, thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

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 C | Mass Details and Intentions | | 6 th to 13 th February 2022 |
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| Date | Time | Feria or Feast Day | Intention |
| 6 th Feb. Sunday | 9.30 am | | Dominic Hopkins RIP |
| | 11.00 am | 5 th Sunday, Ordinary Time | The needs of our Parish Family |
| | 6.30 pm | | Olive Stephenson RIP |
| 7 th Feb. Monday | 9.30 am | NB the church is closed | Please note – the church is closed today |
| 8 th Feb. Tuesday | Closed today | NB the church is closed | Please note – the church is closed today |
| 9 th Feb. Wednesday | 9.30 am | Feria | Mary "Mollie" Barnett [Foundation Mass] |
| 10 th Feb. Thursday | 9.30 am | St Scholastica | The Good Estate of Bethan & Owain Williams |
| 11 th Feb. Friday | 9.00 am | Rosary and Benediction | The Luminous Mysteries |
| NB after Benediction | 9.30 am | Our Lady of Lourdes | The Good Estate of Bethan & Owain Williams |
| 12 th Feb. Saturday | 9.30 am | The Blessed Virgin Mary | Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass] |
| 13 th Feb. Sunday | 9.30 am | | Prayers for Racial Justice |
| | 11.00 am | 6 th Sunday, Ordinary Time | Holy Souls |
| | 6.30 pm | | The needs of our Parish Family |

Guidance for Communal Worship during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The 'Plan B' measures put in place by the government to mitigate against Covid virus transmission were lifted in full on 27 January 2022. Guidance is provided by the dioceses of England and Wales and material has been agreed with Public Health officials to follow the regulations for England and Wales which took effect on 28 January 2022.

The main principles of this guidance is that, alongside the positive effects of Covid vaccination, it should be stressed that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church. This is good practice for any transmissible illness. Medical advice should be sought as appropriate for those who are ill. The main form of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. **Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building. There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.** Churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation, balancing this against the need for church heating, especially at this time. **(Please note that in St Mary Magdalen's we do not need to keep the doors open any longer as there is sufficient air circulation from the open air vents).** It is clear from scientific evidence that transmission from surfaces (touch transmission) is now minimal and so the use of hymn books, missals and other worship aids can be resumed with immediate effect. **Whilst it is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches,** there is no need for readers (or other ministers) to sanitise their hands before reading or performing other ministries in the church. All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion. **Holy water stoups may be refilled** but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week). Usual forms of church cleaning are sufficient.

Given the above it is important that all the rotas of help we have for our ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Welcomers and Cleaners are maintained, so we are thankful to all our volunteers for their help.

For more information in our digital newsletter online please click [HERE](#)

Racial Justice Sunday 2022

This year's Racial Justice Sunday falls on 13 February 2022. The theme is "In the Image and Likeness of God" celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church.

Are you planning a holiday? Is it time to renew your car or home insurance? Are you looking for a new Broadband deal?

Help get the New Year off to a great start with a bargain and by signing up to support us for **FREE** on #easyfundraising.

You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 6,000 retailers

including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, we'll get a bonus £5 donation when you do!

If you haven't already done so please sign up today by clicking on this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=DAPV6N&char=254702&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

This will make a BIG difference to us this year as in the last few months of 2021, **30 supporters raised a total £207.43.**

This amount was raised simply by members of our Parish Family signing up and clicking on their ordinary online shopping.

If Fr Adrian and 29 other Parish members can do this, think how much more we can raise by a simple click?

Fr Adrian has obtained through MasterClass a grant for free Online Learning for over 18s – see below for more details

St Mary Magdalen Parish and [MasterClass](#) are offering a free adult Annual Membership to 100 individuals who have been especially impacted as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic who would not otherwise be able to afford access to the classes. Each annual membership is worth £264 per year BUT all fees are waived as part of this initiative. Individuals with an Annual Membership have access to online classes taught by world-renowned instructors. Founded in 2015, [MasterClass](#) is the streaming platform that makes it possible for anyone to learn from the best. With [MasterClass](#) hundreds of video lessons are available from over 100 of today's most brilliant minds. They are available anytime, anywhere on iOS, Android, desktop computers, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Roku devices.

To take up the offer of a year's free online tuition without any implication of joining up or subscribing thereafter please email

MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk with MasterClass in the title, giving your name, address, telephone number and a brief

description of how the free grant could help you. Applicants must be over-18 but the accounts can be used to help families in the Parish and local community. **Please apply before 28 February 2022** to be in with the chance of obtaining a free grant.

Our 1st Communion classes continue this week. Parish families who attend other schools are asked to meet outside the Parish Hall at 5.25pm for a prompt start at 5.30pm on Sun 6 February for Chapter 4 'God Helps Me Get it Right'

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 use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Leo Nugent Dominic Hopkins and Olive Stephenson who died recently and for Dennis Dooley, Margery Oakley, Cornelius Collins, Mary Barrett, Virginia De Canda, Paddy Walsh, Jean Garner 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