



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

3rd to 10th May 2026

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 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £610 [an average of the last 4 weeks]
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website:** www.stmarymags.org.uk/community

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or by using the QR codes in the church. Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist. In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

5th Sunday of Easter: 3rd May: Mass Book Page p 265-268
Today we especially remember the life of Sir James Marshall and his wife Lady Alice Marshall. The son of James Marshall (1796-1855) an Anglican Vicar, James Marshall Junior was educated at Exeter College, Oxford and went on to join the military. He lost his right arm through a gun accident and entered the Church of England as a cleric.

At 28 he was moved to become a Catholic and began teaching. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1866 and in 1873 he was appointed chief magistrate of the Gold Coast (now Ghana) and assessor to the native chiefs. The chiefs took his amputation as an indication that Sir James was a War Hero and soon took confidence in him. Through the witness he was able to give to his faith, Sir James established the first Catholic Church in Ghana after the Portuguese had left many years before. Sir James was involved in the 2nd Ashanti war (1873) and received the Ashanti medal. In 1876, he was promoted to senior puisne judge of the supreme court of the Gold Coast. James became a chief justice in 1879 and was knighted in 1882. He was Executive commissioner for the West African colonies at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition 1886 and afterwards created CMG. Sir James and his wife Lady Alice Marshall are buried in our Cemetery, and their grave is to be found to the right of the Burton Mausoleum as you face the tomb entrance. All are welcome, after the 11 am Mass, to join us for prayers at their graveside, thank you.

May is dedicated to our Mother Mary.

Please consider whether you can join with Fr Adrian to say the Rosary at 9 am, before our Mass each Friday. Otherwise, please join with Archbishop John Wilson in praying the Rosary via this webpage <https://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife> which has all the resources you will need, thank you.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		3 rd to 10 th May 2026
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
3rd May. Sunday	9.30 am	5th Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Sir James and Lady Marshall RIP & The Marshallan Family
4 th May. Monday	9.30 am	The English Martyrs	For Milly Mackenzie
5 th May. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
6 th May. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Easter	Sheelagh Kerr RIP
7 th May. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Easter	Thomas Boyle
8 th May. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Luminous Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Easter	The O'Brien and Mannion Families [Foundation Mass]
9 th May. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
10th May. Sunday	9.30 am	6th Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Eileen McLoughlin RIP

Thank you for your donations last Weekend to the Priest Training Fund.



The St Mary Magdalen Spring Fair, on Sunday 10th May, from 10 am to 2 pm

Thank you if you have already offered to help at the Spring Fair. In preparation, **please help by donating any items to regift that can be sold** (such as, extra Christmas or Easter gifts).

We are also in need of donations for our **Bottle Tombola** such as **unopened wine, spirits and soft drinks.**

We also need **plants for our Plant Stall**, these can be **potted cuttings or seedlings or any pot plants** that have outgrown your home. **Help is needed on the day, so please let Fr Adrian know if you can give some of your time, thank you.**

Sunday 10th May is World Communions Day when we have the annual opportunity of giving a donation towards to support the work of the **Catholic Communications Network (CNN)**. Due to the other events during May, our usual monthly **"Building Together"** collection has been moved to 17th May for this month, thank you.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at www.rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday or via this QR code



A date for your diary : Thursday 14th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, with Mass at 9.30am and at 7pm.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation when we are obliged, in the most positive sense, to come together as a Parish Family that day.

Annual Mass in Celebration of Marriage. If anyone is celebrating their 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or over, wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a special Mass at St George's Cathedral, at 3pm on Saturday 11th July.

To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, please send an email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk with your full names, address, telephone number, and the anniversary you are celebrating. Please include your parish name in the email, thank you.

Habitats and Heritage our partner charity, helping with the preservation of the **Burton Mausoleum** in our cemetery, have advised Fr Adrian of more some dates when they will be guiding some tours of the Mausoleum, which can be found via this webpage <https://habitatsandheritage.org.uk/events> thank you.



We're fundraising to restore our beautiful Gray & Davison pipe organ that dates from the 1750s and is badly in need of repair. Thanks to an anonymous donor we have raised £15,000 already but need to raise a total of £65,000 to complete all the repairs necessary. Once repaired, it will allow us to support a Parish choir and allow us to host concerts and recitals that can strengthen community through the shared joy of music. Please consider supporting this important project by taking one of the Pipe Organ Pledge Forms from the back of church which will provide more information. Whether you can make a sizeable donation or a small one, please sign up to Gift Aid your donation if you can. Thank you for your support which will make such a difference to the musical life of our Parish.

Fr Adrian has been advised that the **Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 21st to 28th August** this year. If you are interested in joining Fr Adrian, who will be visiting as an assisted pilgrim himself, as a helper or as a pilgrim, you can find more information via this QR code, or this webpage www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join.

You can also email them at contact@catholicassiciation.co.uk or call 01732 886 666, thank you.

A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank.

With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket.

All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables.

Also needed are washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.



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.

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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

Rachel Taylor who died recently, for Sir James and Lady Alice Marshall, Mary Lugg, Edward Wilding, Victor Scotting,

Jeannie Batty, Michael Broadley, Leonard Avis 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