



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.

5 December to 12 December 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions.

The positive obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass returns at Advent on 28th November. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions has three 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.

Second Sunday of Advent: Parish Mass Book p. 84

Prepare the Way... As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen (representing the colour of preparation and penance); the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the **Magi** on their journey to Christ, our 'gift of prayer' labels and **Jesse Tree** on our sanctuary.



Over the course of last week we placed the first symbols on our Jesse Tree: a **dove** reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; **Noah's ark**, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people; a **field of stars**, showing that we are God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham; a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son. After this we have **Jacob's ladder** as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; Joseph's **sacks of grain** to represent God's provision, even in difficult times and this Sunday we place the symbol of the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls us, even today.

The use of the crib figures and a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming weeks we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. Prayer gift-tags can be decorated and placed on our Prayer Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer (please see the tree symbol overleaf for more details). We hope that these labels of love will stand out as a gift of prayer that witnesses to God's love and care for us and to all those we hold in our hearts during this season of Advent.



THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 28 November

Our total income was £765 per week [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 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 B	Mass Details and Intentions		5 December to 12 December 2021
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
5 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	Second Sunday Of Advent	Gertrude Martin RIP
	6.30 pm		Ella Bridget Mole RIP
6 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
7 th Dec. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
8 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Immaculate Conception	The Welfare of Ronald Parry-Jones
9 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Bryan Parry-Jones RIP
10 th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Mirosława Bebenek Anniversary Mass
11 th Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	Alexandra Parry-Jones RIP
12 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	Gaudete Sunday	Holy Souls
	11.00 am	Third Sunday Of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm	'Rejoice in the Lord always!'	Janine Leyder RIP

Can you help the Parish to Celebrate Christmas this year? We need some volunteers to help please ...

We very much hope that the School Christmas Fair will go ahead this year but will await announcements.

Whether it goes ahead or not **the Parish will still be selling Christmas trees on Saturday 4 December** and we need Parish members to volunteer to help with our stand where we will be selling a beautiful selection of Christmas trees, Advent Candles with Mulled Wine and Christmas Cd's. Lucy, Jennie and Anna are helping to coordinate this and would value your help.

Please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following

- On Sat. 18 Dec. we need volunteers to help with our nativity crib figures and prepare the tableau
- On Thr. 23 Dec. we need volunteers to help clean and decorate the church and our Christmas trees
- On Christmas Eve we will have two early children's Masses. If you can volunteer to help with singing Carols or play an instrument please email us above to let us know. Please see the Christmas sheet for our Mass times.
- We invite any children attending with us over our Christmas Masses to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Inn-Keepers, however many we have 😊

Please note that all completed application forms for our **First Holy Communions** in 2022 should have been returned on 22 November. If you have missed this please see Fr Adrian

Please note that all initial application forms for our **Confirmation Programme** in 2022 should be returned by this Sunday 5th December. If you have lost this please see Fr Adrian



As our Parish Newsletter goes out on a Friday we would like, in anticipation, to thank all those who were able to buy their Christmas Trees from the church on Saturday 4th December to raise funds for the charitable work of our Parish. We will have been praying for a successful day for our Primary School Fair that day but, as we have no Fair ourselves so as not to clash over the need of volunteers and resources, the funds raised by our Tree sales are a vital help. **We will also have a range of wreathes and Advent Candles and refreshments after our morning Masses this Sunday.**



Foundation Governor vacancy at St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary school



If you have an interest in serving our Catholic community as a school governor and have the time and commitment to dedicate a few hours each week to train and work in this rewarding volunteer role please contact Fr Adrian or Anna Brown, Chair of Governors, for more information. The Governing board has a single vacancy for a Foundation governor. Parents of children attending the school are welcome to apply as are all our parishioners. As we are committed to safeguarding all governors consent to a DBS check. Thank you. annabrown@hotmail.com M. 07950021042 Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk T. 02088731326



We would like to encourage children to decorate our Prayer tree for Advent. Plain labels are available by the tree for you to use. We would like children and adults to decorate their labels with a prayer in pictures and words. You can bring crayons with you to draw during Mass or take the label home to decorate and bring back to hang on the tree.

Check out the latest news from our Bishops: Follow the links for Advent materials to aid our prayer and reflection ... <https://www.ukvocation.org/advent> for an online Advent Calendar and <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-day-of-the-lord/> for a series of conversations to promote the vital, indispensable and irreplaceable place of the Eucharist in our lives.

Primary School Applications for 2022

Please note that all parents applying for a school reference are requested to see Fr Adrian to obtain and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a place. This is a Parish form, not the school one and is called the **"Parish Request Form."** This form can be collected from Fr Adrian after every Sunday Mass. Requests for references are dealt with in the order that they have been received from the parents and/or schools concerned so **please be aware of application closure dates** and that references can only be handed in or collected after Mass on Sunday. **If you have any questions about the applications, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment to discuss the process.**

Please help our Parish to return to our pre-Pandemic level of all three of our Sunday Masses Although we had hoped to return to the full complement of Masses by now, it has not been possible through volunteer levels. However, from this Sunday we will be restoring the 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses, in addition to the existing 11am Mass. In order to do this, we need your help please. **If you would like to volunteer as a Welcomer, Cleaner, Reader or Extraordinary Minister** we would hope to welcome you to our existing Teams. For information please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk

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."

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, or for a particular need

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Laurie Lewis, Geraldine Graham & Elizabeth Barry who died recently & for Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira, Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi, Paul Sheridan, Jessica Ward, Frances McFadden, Joan Wand-Tetley, Anthony Renouf, Thomas McKenna, Roveanna Lawless, Tess McKenna-Whyte 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