



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).

29th December 2024 to 5th January 2025

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 £576 [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

Feast of the Holy Family:

A message from Fr Adrian: Thank you for your kind gifts and cards, especially all the children's drawings, homemade treats, whisky and wine, so a big THANK YOU. As a Parish we have been through a lot during 2024, and we will continued to have a number of safety repairs to come in 2025 as part of our essential maintenance.

THANK YOU for all the ways you served the Lord in 2024 and how we continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and gifts we are as a Parish. I would like to thank Fr Peter Andrews for his continued support to both me and to the Parish, to Nicola, the Parish Secretary, our Parish Finance and Building Committee members, and each and every Parish Member for your support and service throughout the year by donating to the Sunday collections and volunteering in so many ways.

It is a blessing to have the continued support of Maya our First Communion Catechist, Anna who helps to co-ordinate the Extraordinary Ministers and to all in our Sunday teams, to all our Readers, Welcomers, those who've helped with the Collection, Jennie and the Flower Arrangement helpers, Clare and our Church Cleaning teams, our three Linen Laundry volunteers, Chris our Parent helper with the Servers and the small but enthusiastic Altar Server Team.

To our Sunday Music Co-ordinator Kate and to all our Musicians and Singers who have helped to bless our Sunday Liturgy with song and to all past and present Children's Liturgy volunteers, in the hope we can continue next year.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

May we know the Lord's blessing, comfort and care for ourselves and for our loved ones throughout the New Year and the months ahead.
With my prayers, God bless, Fr Adrian.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		29 th December 2024 to 5 th January 2025
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
29 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	Feast of the Holy Family	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Joseph Hellel RIP
30 th Dec. Monday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
31 st Dec. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
1 st Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	Mary, The Mother of God	For the Voller Family [Foundation Mass]
2 nd Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen	Sophie Pemberton RIP
3 rd Jan. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Christmas Time	For the Holy Souls
4 th Jan. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
5 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	Solemnity of The Epiphany	For the Holy Souls
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family



The sponsor(s) of this week's Sanctuary Candle is the **Marabur Family**. If you or your family would like to sponsor this 7-day candle, which is kept burning both day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle (costing £5), please email Fr Adrian with your family name, thank you.

Can you help the Parish to take down our decorations this year? We do need volunteers please ...

If you can volunteer at all, please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to help us with the following

- After the 11 am Mass this Sunday we need volunteers to move the shepherds and the Magi
- Next Saturday 11th January from 10 to 11 am we need volunteers please to help clean the church and to take down the decorations from our Christmas trees.
- After the 11 am Mass next Sunday, 12th Jan., volunteers will be needed to help move the Magi on their return journey and to take down our trees. Thank you to all those who donated poinsettias, if there's any you would like as houseplants, you are welcome to take one after any of our Masses on Sunday, 12th January (don't forget to it only water when the soil is dry).



Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass: Fr Adrian would like to invite all families, especially all the children wanting to receive their First Holy communion in 2025 to attend the Children's Liturgy. We encourage all parent volunteers, so if you can, please see Fr Adrian to offer your help, and if you haven't yet signed-up your child to join, please see Fr Adrian for an application

As we are now in the Church's Liturgical Year C, all Parishes in England and Wales are using the New English Standard Version Lectionaries at Mass. With our prayers and thanks to those who have donated already toward the cost of these four volumes. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of these Lectionaries (£395 per volume), please use one of the white envelopes from the table at the back of the church and mark it "LECTIONARY". Please Gift Aid your donation where possible and in the space on the front of the envelope please write the name(s) to be included on the dedication page so that Fr Adrian can add your name, 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 is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope! Every 25 years the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee. All members of the global Church family are called to participate with the motto 'pilgrims of hope' and the logo shows people coming from the four corners of the earth in solidarity. It is a time to grow in our faith and a time too to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all creation. The 2025 Jubilee has especial significance in England & Wales as it commemorates 175 years since the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy after the penal centuries that followed the Reformation. Pilgrimage is a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Pope Francis will open the year of Jubilee on Christmas Eve. Missio (the official charity Pope Francis has to promote and support the caring mission of the Church), has created a bank of resources as we journey through this Holy Year by following this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter.



2025 is the 50th Anniversary for the HCPT as they celebrate 50 years of pilgrimages. In 2025 they are arranging a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 9th to 15th August to stay in Hosanna House which is located in the foothills of the Pyrenees in the South of France. If anyone is interested in joining the group as either a pilgrim or as a helper, please email either seamusmaccormaic@hotmail.com or annabrown@hotmail.com for more information, thank you.

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

Joseph Coleman who died recently and for Alice Tame, Elizabeth Bligh, Albert Rosier, Sheila Niedenthal, Philippa Hoyland, Michael Kelly, Eileen Burnside, Margaret Jordan, Ann Bilson, Kathleen Drumm

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