



# 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).

## 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**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.

**THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August.**  
Our weekly income was £705 [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](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:  
**NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch**  
**NAME: RCAS 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](http://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.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

**Mass Book p 122-125**

Please see overleaf regarding School Reference Forms etc.  
If your child is due to be needing a reference from Fr Adrian please be sure to have completed the "Parish Reference Request", available from Fr Adrian, and hand-in the schools reference form in good time to ensure it can be completed and collected in time for your own schools submission deadline.

If you are wanting your child to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion please remember the closing date for initial applications is 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or, if you have a child for whom you would like to apply for the to receive Confirmation, the closing date to apply to join the 'Youth Group' is on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**Please note: during the coming week there will be only one weekday Mass on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**  
**Daily Mass will still be available at one of our local Parishes!**

Our Church will be open as usual on Wednesday to Friday, from 11am to 3pm, for private prayer. As Fr Adrian has many engagements this week he can only be available to visit St Mary Magdalen, our Parish School, on Tuesday morning to greet the parents and children on their first day as they join the school this year. Please pray for them and for all our students and teachers as they begin this new School year.



### 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 A	Mass Details and Intentions		3 <sup>rd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. Sunday	9.30 am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Alexandra Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]
4 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
5 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Wednesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
7 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Thursday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
8 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Friday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
9 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Saturday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept. Sunday	9.30 am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Bryan Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]
	11.00 am		Holy Souls

**Thank you for helping the charity Mary's Meals feed children in need through donating any unused holiday currency or old UK and foreign coins.** Please take one of the envelopes from the table, at the back of the church, fill it with your unused and unwanted foreign currency, and bring it back again to church so that we can arrange for it to be collected. All donations given to Mary's Meals will help towards providing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries, thank you.

**Some advance warning: on 10<sup>th</sup> September we have our annual collection for Education Sunday.** This collection is in support of Catholic Education in England and Wales. **17<sup>th</sup> September is Home Mission Sunday,** this is our annual opportunity of contributing to the work of the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization. This means that, our **'Building Together' collection will be taken on 24<sup>th</sup> September with the next on 15<sup>th</sup> October.**



**Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year?**

**Please note: you need to enrol your child, using the online form, onto the initial part of the application for our First Communion Programme between now and 24 September 2023 for the 2023/2024 Programme.** To express interest in the Programme please click this link in the online version of the newsletter <https://forms.office.com/e/Yx88JTKgPa> (Posters are available with QR codes for this link). If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2023, whether they are in our Parish School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School please the details above ... Each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions, so if that applies to you, an extra application is needed for your child to become Catholic.

**Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass.**

We hope to resume the Liturgy for Children on Sunday but the date does depend on volunteers to help to us. If your child already attends the Liturgy, or you would like them to join, please do consider whether you can help. Please note: training can be given. More details will be given at a meeting after the 9.30 am Mass at a date to be given at a later date, thank you.

**Would you like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024?**

All Parish Youth in Year 9 and above are invited to learn more about faith in a new Parish Youth Group from Autumn 2023. Those who attend Mass from the Youth Group will then have the opportunity to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the Youth Group QR code in the church or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9Eacad6yzp> to sign up to join the Parish Youth Group to express interest in the Confirmation Programme.

**Parents, please note, for the Youth Group and Confirmation Programme to go ahead we need your help this year. Each family wanting to join the Youth Group is asked for at least one parent to volunteer to be on a rota of three to four parents each week who will act as helpers as per Safeguarding regulations. You won't be expected to teach Catechism but will be needed to help with the planned refreshments and basic team activities/games on a Friday at an agreed time and with dates to follow. Full information will be given at a parents meeting once the closing date for applications to the Youth Group ends on 15 October 2023, thank you.**



**Catholic Nursery/Reception, Secondary School Transfers and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Applications for 2024**

If you're applying to a Catholic School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the **"Parish Reference Request"**. This form, with a family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (the school SIF if you already have them) are to be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the information. Please make sure you are aware of each School's cut-off date, e.g., Secondary Schools will need their completed forms over the next few weeks. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms so that forms handed in one Sunday are usually returned the next week.

Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions.

**Fix the Food System: Please sign the petition by the West Door in church to support CAFOD's food campaign in urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds.** Seeds are life!

They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds. Please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Weg7ZLpZpM>

**the petition can be signed by the West Door in church in support of CAFOD's campaign for Fair Trade.**



In preparation for the return of the rota in the autumn, would parents of any of our children who made their 1st Communion in 2023 who would like to become an Altar Server, please let Fr Adrian know if they would like to join the ministry by downloading an application from via this [LINK](#) in our digital newsletter. Please then return the completed form to Fr Adrian after Mass, thank you.

**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**

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**

Dorothy Sarson, John O'Sullivan, Ann Waters, Roberto Gorini, John Turner, Demetrius Mannouris, Alexander Dobbie, Lawrence Jago, Edward Barnes and for 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