



# 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.

## 12 December to 19 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 returned on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions 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.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 12 December

Our total income was £836 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](http://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](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.

### Third Sunday of Advent: Parish Mass Book p. 88

On the third Sunday of Advent we particularly remember that **Advent prepares us for a time of joy; with the colour rose acting as a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation joined with the white of the expectation and joy of Christmas.** Our Jesse Tree symbols have continued to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's people: the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us; the **Ten Commandments**, reminding us of ways that bring out the best in us and how we should try to live our lives, in relation to God and those around us. Ultimately, God's greatest Commandment of Love should be written on our hearts, so that we witness, in action, to God's love.



Further symbols of action we had this week were the **Ram's Horn** trumpet that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho in response to God's call; a **Crown** to represent how Samuel anointed David as King – a forerunner of Christ, the King of Kings – a **Shepherd's Crook** to remind us how David was to look after his people, but which represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always. The **Altar** this Sunday represents the altar built by Elijah and reminds us of the altar of Christ's sacrifice for us.

**This Sunday we hold a Second Collection to help with the cost of our Christmas decoartions. Please donate online if you can by clicking [HERE](#).** We are also in need of donations of potted poinsettias so that we can be ready to decorate for this Thursday's carol service and our Masses over Christmas. If you can donate a poinsettia please bring it along to Mass.

### 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		12 December to 19 December 2021
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	Gaudete Sunday	Angelo Secchi RIP
	11.00 am	Third Sunday Of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm	'Rejoice in the Lord always!'	Janine Leyder RIP
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	9.30 am	St Lucy	Laurence Deacon RIP
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Anna Bolton RIP
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	The Welfare of Juliet O'Hea
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Luminous Mystery
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	The Welfare of Richard Edwin Jones
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		Ida & Marisa Maccaferri RIP
	11.00 am	Fourth Sunday Of Advent	Augusta & Luisa Secchi RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family

**A message from the family of the late Edward Barnes RIP**

We are very grateful to Fr Adrian and all at St Mary Magdalen's for Edward's family to donate an icon of the Angel Gabriel as a memorial to Edward Barnes. This lovely church was such an important part of Edward's life, particularly since his early retirement. For the quarter-century which followed he devoted himself to the parish. He studied pastoral theology at Heythrop College, went to Mass daily whenever possible, became a Eucharistic minister, took Holy Communion to the sick and conducted Eucharistic services when the priest was absent. He died at the age of 92 in September 2021. In his memory St Mary Magdalen has been given an artwork by his family. It shows the archangel Gabriel; the model for the figure is Edward's grandson Joseph.

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

Please email [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk) mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following ...

- To help our decorations in the Church we need donations of potted poinsettias. We would be grateful if you could bring a gift of your Christmas plant to Mass this weekend and place it in the box by the statue of Our Lady, thank you.
  - 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 😊**



**A BIG THANK YOU to all those who were able to buy their Christmas Trees from the church on Saturday. The rail works and the closure of the level crossings didn't help last Saturday, but we were able to raise the wonderful amount of £1008 for the charitable work of our Parish.** Every penny counts, as we have just learnt that in 2022 changes to the Diocesan banking arrangements will mean that we incur bank charges on every transaction. This means the more electronic payments we have the less our charges will be. The help of all our volunteers and the resources each one of us can provide are a vital help to the work of our church. The funds raised by our Advent candle and Christmas Tree sales will go towards the £15, 000 needed for the urgent safety repairs to the roofing areas in the Hall, Parish/PTA store and the Cemetery walkway.

 **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 note: parents have to provide Fr Adrian with the Catholic School SIF for him to complete and some parents have not yet done this. If you are applying to the Parish School Fr Adrian will hand the SIF to the school himself, if you are applying to other Catholic or even non-Catholic schools then you need to provide Fr Adrian with the SIF and follow the school instructions. If Fr Adrian has to send the form to the school on your behalf you must include a stamped, addressed envelope with enough postage to cover the cost of postage according to the size of the envelope.** Please be aware of application closure dates and that references can only be handed in or collected after Mass on Sunday.

**Please see the note above about how you can help at Christmas. We are in need of donations of potted poinsettias this Sunday so that we can be ready for Thursday's carol service and Christmas.**

Thank you to the families who have returned their **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** Forms for 2022. If you have not done this please see Fr Adrian as a matter of urgency

**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 and Elizabeth Barry who died recently and for Samuel Keefe, Abilio Ferriera, Bridget Kelleher, Thomas Heggie 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