



# 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).

## 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

**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 £606 [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](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through [www.stmarymags.org.uk](http://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**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: Mass Book p 170-175**

**Prayers for Peace and News for Palm Sunday**

I don't know where Lent has gone, but I'm probably not the only one who thinks like that! The end of Lent with the start of Holy Week and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, but please note, **this week's newsletter gives us the advanced notice that our first Mass will be said at 10 am for Palm Sunday.**

**Please note the change of time, as the usual Children's Mass cannot start at 9.30 since we have the Walk of Witness that day.** If you can join us for the first Mass with the donkey procession, please meet in front of the church from 9 to 9.15 am. We will leave from the church to walk to the War Memorial in East Sheen where local churches will gather for the start of the combined Palm Sunday Walk of Witness at 9.30 am. From there we will walk back in procession with the donkey to reach the church in time for our first Mass at 10 am. If you can't join the walk, please just wait outside the church for the rest of us to return. Please see the Holy Week and Easter Services sheet which is available from the back of the church. This lists all the details of our Mass times over Holy Week and the Easter period. The donkey is well looked after and its welfare is paramount but it is used to giving rides. Please see the Palm Sunday posters which give details of the route and the special timings on the day.



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**Apologies for the errors last week as:**

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME actually begins on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

**Just a reminder to change your clocks as, the time will "Leap Forward" by one hour.**



Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		15 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	John Gordon Chambers RIP
	11.00 am	<b>10.30 am Station of the Cross</b>	The Needs of our Parish Family
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Wednesday	9.30 am	The Annunciation of the Lord	Alexandra Parry-Jones RIP
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Anne and Nicholas Murphy [Foundation Mass]
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Peace: The Joyful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Sarah and James Doyle [Foundation Mass]
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	10.00 am	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Tess McCarthy RIP [Anniversary]



**Please join us today, after both of our Masses, for "BACON ROLLS and CAKES".**

*This event is to raise funds to help towards the annual costs of the Health and Safety work which the Parish has to meet.*

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our special collection to raise funds to help with decorating the church at Easter. However, it has been mentioned to Fr Adrian that some people weren't able to be at St Mary Magdalen's last weekend and have requested that he hold the collection again this weekend so that more people can have the opportunity of making their contribution to help with our Easter Preparations.

**On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we have the annual opportunity of contributing towards a collection for Poor Parishes. This collection allows our Archdiocese to support the poorer parishes in our diocese through the distribution of grants.**

To see a larger version of these services on our Parish website please do so via:

<https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/news-and-events>

**If you have offered to help during Holy Week, thank you! However, we still need more servers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers, welcomers, singers and musicians who can help with the liturgy and music at our Holy Week and Easter services. If you will be able to give your help please speak to Fr Adrian or email the Parish Office on [mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) to say how you can help us during this very important time thank you for your help ☺**



**St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Mortlake  
Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services 2026**

Please note the changes to our usual service times.

**Palm Sunday** - if you cannot join us for the Walk of Witness please wait at the church  
**09.10 Gather at St Mary Mags to walk to East Sheen War Memorial**  
**09.30 Walk of Witness with Donkey Procession back to Mortlake**  
**10.00 The 9.30 Mass has shifted to 10am for the Donkey procession**  
**11.00 Our usual 11am Mass with blessed Palms for distribution**

**Monday 09.30 Mass followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation until 10.30am**

**Tuesday** The church and office are closed as usual today

**Wednesday** The church is closed for the Diocesan Chrism Mass at St George's

**Holy Thursday 19.30** The Mass of the Lord's Supper, then 'Watch' service until 22.00

**Good Friday 15.00** The Solemn Liturgy: with Veneration

**Holy Saturday 19.30** Parish Easter Vigil NB starts outside the church

**Easter Sunday 09.30** Family Mass

**Easter Sunday 11.00** Parish Mass NB the church is closed after Mass



**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.



**Habitats and Heritage** our partner charity, who have been helping with the preservation of the Burton Mausoleum in our cemetery, have finished their work both outside and inside the building and are holding a special day for members of our Parish to see inside before their Grand Opening. **If you would like to have the opportunity of entering this Bedouin tent-style Mausoleum before the it is open to everyone else, you can do so on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April. As only six people can be accommodated at each tour (from 10.15 am with the last opportunity at 12.30 pm) please see Fr Adrian, after Mass today, who will let you know how you can book your place on a tour.**



"Ambassadors for Christ" is a video series aimed at helping us live our Christian faith or indeed become Christians. Each Monday a new video is posted on YouTube, and **on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month we will meet after the 11am Mass from 12 to 12.30 for a chat about the videos over a light lunch of bread, cheese and wine, so please join us on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April when we meet next.**



**To view the videos and take part in this new project, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAV2vfSPuxc> and for the worksheets visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets> 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.

**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**

Irena Milkowska and Michael O'Keeffe who died recently, for Margaret O'Sullivan, Peter Sherston-Baker, Eileen Jarzabkowska, Rita Henna, Janet Marney, Michael O'Brien, Winifred Brady, John Cavanagh, Elizabeth Rosier, Mignonette Hayes, Katherine Barbona, Monique Bennett

**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