



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).

22nd 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

4th Sunday in Advent: Printed versions of the Mass available

Our Jesse Tree symbols for the last Sunday of Advent begin with



the **Ember and Tongs** to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others. **Habakkuk's Watchtower**, symbolised his waiting in watchfulness upon the day of the Lord's coming;

the **Tears** of Jeremiah, represented his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord; with Nehemiah's Wall around Jerusalem standing for how it should be kept a holy place (a sad reference to the division in the Holy Land today and how the current wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next, we had our first reference to the New Testament, with a **Scallop Shell** symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. The **White Lily** symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal and this Sunday's symbol, the Carpenter's Hammer represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in the story of our salvation. The symbol for Monday 22nd will represent the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth; the next symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**, to proclaim the name of John the Baptist. Then, the **White Candle**, symbolizing Christ; the light of the world and reminding us of the white candle of our Advent wreath which will be lit at the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. On Christmas Eve, **The Nativity** is represented on our Jesse Tree by the manger that cradled the infant Jesus and on Christmas Day we place the last of our symbols, the **Chi-Rho** monogram, a combination of the first two letters for the Greek word of Christos, Christ – the true Light that came into the world on the first Christmas Day. As we draw nearer to Christmas let us remember in prayer all those who find this a time of difficulty and hardship, especially in our current situation. With my prayers for you and all your loved ones, God bless, Fr Adrian.

JESSE TREE



Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		22 nd to 28 th December 2024
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
22 nd Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	4 th Sunday of Advent	Intention of the Donohoe and Gunn Families
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
23 rd Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Advent	For the Holy Souls
24 th Dec. Tuesday Christmas Eve	6.00 pm	1 st Mass of Christmas	Robert Burke [Foundation Mass]
	12.00 pm	Midnight Mass	For the Holy Souls
25 th Dec. Wednesday Christmas Day	9.30 am	Nativity of the Lord	Joy Ann Williamson RIP [Anniversary]
	11.00 am		Baby Tommy Murphy RIP [Anniversary]
26 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	St Stephan	Jan Gorges RIP
27 th Dec. Friday	9.30 am	St John the Evangelist	For the Holy Souls
28 th Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	The Holy Innocents	For the Welfare of Fr Adrian and family



**Can you donate a poinsettia to decorate our beautiful church?
If your answer is yes, please bring it with you to Mass on Sunday.**
If you can't bring it to Mass, please come with it to the Presbytery on Sunday afternoon or, at any time on Monday or Tuesday morning.
Details of our Advent and Christmastide services are available from the table at the back of the church.



On Christmas Eve at the 6 pm Mass we invite all children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Innkeepers, however many we have

Please note the Parish Office is closed from 20th December to 8th January 2025 with emergency contact only

Liturgical Year c	Mass Details and Intentions		29 th December 2024 to 5 th January 2025
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	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 and St Gregory Nazianzen	For the Holy Souls
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.

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



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. Misso (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.

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

Ian Whyte who died recently and for, Helena Towey, Tadeusz Kawa, Carol Hearn, George Allen, Bertram Arbuthnot, Vera Goldskhlager, Alice Devaney, Nicholas Hogan, Roy Knight, James Henna, Pauline Bugela, Baby Tommy Murphy, Joy Ann Williamson, Sophie Pemberton, Jan Georges

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