



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.

9th to 16th May 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions. As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 2nd May

Standing Orders: £981 weekly 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
- 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
- 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.

We have been blessed to have been joined by members of the School Choir recently over our Easter Masses and will have their joyful ministry of music and song again this Sunday and on 27 June. Whilst it is still not possible to sing together as a congregation such music ministry is a joy indeed and we are grateful to Mrs Carlton, Mrs O'Gorman and the choir for their being able to join us.

Thank you to those who were able to join us in the three-week trial of seeing if a weekday Mass at 9am was preferable to the congregation. As preference remained for 'as before', from Monday 10 May we will return to the 9.30 Mass schedule as listed below.

During May, traditionally the 'Month of Mary', we have begun a new tradition for the timing of our Friday Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction.

From now on each Friday there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am with a rotation of the prayers of the Mysteries of the Rosary each week, closing with Latin Benediction before the 9.30am Mass. This change is to allow the continuation of **Mothers' Prayers** each Friday as, during Lockdown, the timing has moved to 10.30am. Please see Tish Deacon or email Mortlakeadmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you would like details of how you can join together in this Friday Prayer group.

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.

Fr Adrian has been approached by the BBC to be involved in a radio documentary about famous Victorians buried in our Cemetery. Although he is interested in past history he is very interested in recent history too and would especially like to hear from Parish members if they know that in the last 20 years Fr Christopher or Fr Richard led a service of laying to rest the ashes of loved ones in your family or friends. We are keen to establish the position of every grave and a team of volunteers is working with Fr Adrian to ensure this.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		9 th to 16 th May – Eastertide
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
9th May Sunday	11 am	6th Sunday of Easter	O'Brien & Mannion Family Members Living and Deceased
10 th May Monday	9.30 am	St Philip & St James	Carolotta Diez RIP
11 th May Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	NB the church is closed
12 th May Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	The Welfare of Meredith Baigrie
13 th May Thursday	9.30 am	Feast of the Ascension	The needs of our Parish Family
14 th May Friday	9.30 am	St Matthias	Tish Deacon's Intentions
15 th May. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	The needs of our Parish Family
16th May Sunday	11 am	7th Sunday of Easter	Angelo Secchi RIP

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. As services can be attended now they are no longer livestreamed but Mass can be seen online from St George's Cathedral and other sites. Please see the Cathedral livestream webpage for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

<p>Gift Aid News: if you use the Gift Aid envelopes these will probably be running out soon. The new ones have arrived, so please see our volunteer Gift Aid Coordinator, Steve Smith, after Mass to collect your new set of boxes. Thank you.</p>	<p>A call for help for 9.30am & 6.30pm: we are trying to resume our usual Mass schedule and hope to resume this when we can build up volunteer teams for each Mass. Please email Clare via MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help.</p>
<p>A message to the Catholic Universe and Catholic Times readers in the parish.</p> <p>We had to stop taking papers during Lockdown but you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week POST FREE. It's very quick and simple to subscribe, just go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange delivery for you.</p>	<p>Catholic Universe and Catholic Times</p> <p>SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS: - £25.00</p> <p>SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months: - £99.00</p> <p>DIGITAL COPY: - 12 Months: £55.00</p> <p>OR DIGITAL COPY/AND HARD COPY FOR: - £115.00</p> <p>All papers are Covid safe and packed in a sterile component.</p>
<p>At the weekly General Audience this week, Pope Francis reflected on contemplative prayer.</p> <p>He said every human person has a "contemplative dimension" which is like salt that gives flavour to our day. We can contemplate birds chirping, the sun rising, or art and music. "To contemplate is not primarily a way of doing, but a way of being," said the Pope. Yet, added Pope Francis, the contemplative aspect of our nature requires us to enter into faith and love before it can become prayer. "Being contemplatives does not depend on the eyes, but on the heart," he noted. "And here prayer enters into play as an act of faith and love, as the 'breath' of our relationship with God." The Pope said prayer purifies our heart and sharpens our gaze, "allowing it to grasp reality from another point of view."</p> <p>Citing the Holy Curé of Ars, he said "contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus." "Everything comes from this: from a heart that feels that it is looked on with love. Then reality is contemplated with different eyes." Referring again to St. John Vianney, Pope Francis said loving contemplation of Christ requires few words and can be put simply: "I look at Him and He looks at me!" "A gaze is enough," said the Pope. "It is enough to be convinced that our life is surrounded by an immense and faithful love that nothing can ever separate us from." Jesus, he added, was the master of this gaze, always finding time and space to be in loving communion with God the Father.</p> <p>Pope Francis then warned against falling into the ancient temptation of thinking contemplation is opposed to action. He said some spiritual masters of the past advocated this dualistic understanding of prayer. "In reality, in Jesus Christ and the Gospel, there is no opposition between contemplation and action," said the Pope. He said the only great call in the Gospel is to follow Jesus along the path of love. "This is the pinnacle and centre of everything. In this sense, charity and contemplation are synonymous; they say the same thing."</p>	
<p>'Beyond the Cross' is a five-part art and culture series that follows the Risen Christ through the artist's eye taking in some of the main encounters of the season of Easter. In this week's video we look to the empty tomb and take inspiration from the Swiss painter Eugene Burnand's 1898 work 'The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection' which hangs in the Musée d'Orsay in Paris. The video can be found online by clicking this LINK and its first contributor is London-based National Gallery guide Lynne Hanley who gives a critical and contextual assessment of the painting. Lynne takes groups around the National Gallery for intimate art tours https://beyondthepalette.co.uk/</p> <p>After a look at the painting we get a "Priest's Perspective" from the knowledgeable and engaging Fr Christopher Whitehead, priest of St John the Evangelist Church in Bath. For those who don't access the newsletter online, please enter this text into your web-browser: https://youtu.be/hP8NjGApz3Y</p>	
<p>The IT Department from the Diocese has sent this message as a reminder: a barrage of delivery scam texts has recently been circulating pretending to be from DPD and Royal Mail. These texts claim that you have missed a delivery and ask you to reschedule for a small fee, thereby obtaining your bank details. To avoid falling victim to these scam messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about whether you've ordered anything recently. Keep track of receipts or confirmation emails for online retailers and recently bought items. • Don't click on anything. Go to the shipper's website to see if the tracking number is real. • If a message is asking for money or personal or financial information in exchange for a package, it's likely a scam. • Check the 'from' address - is it from the appropriate company or organisation? It is worth noting that scammers often change their names to make the correspondence look like they're from a legitimate company. • Is the greeting impersonal as fraudsters often use subjects or greetings that are impersonal and general? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there poor spelling, grammar or presentation? While scammers are getting better at making their messages look more professional, a more common thing to look out for lack of consistency in the email, like different font styles or sizes, and mismatching logos. 	
<p>Parishioners and Friends who are sick:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.</p> <p>Luke 10:20</p> <p>"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."</p>	<p>Please pray for the repose of the souls of</p> <p>Sue Cuss and Carlotta Diez who died recently and for Leonard Avis, John Cunningham, Maureen Saunders, Gerard Graham, Ronald Bennett and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.</p> <p>May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen</p> <p>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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.</p>