



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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**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.

## 28 November to 5 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 returns at Advent on 28<sup>th</sup> November. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions has three 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 21 November

Our total income was £826 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.

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Prepare the Way... As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the trees on our sanctuary; however, at this stage they are not for Christmas, but are our **Jesse and Prayer trees for Advent**. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth. **Until Christmas the trees stand as symbols of this time of preparation** and, using picture decorations on our 'gift of prayer' labels and our Jesse Tree symbols helps us to know the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, **"A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit."** **Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus:** in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. Prayer gift tags can be decorated and placed on our Prayer Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer (please see the tree symbol overleaf for more details). We hope that these labels of love will stand out as a gift of prayer that witnesses to God's love and care for us and to all those we hold in our hearts during this season of Advent.



### 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		28 November to 5 December 2021
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Sunday	9.30 am		Private Intention
	11.00 am	First Sunday Of Advent	Isabella & Brendan Dawson RIP (50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	George & Mary Kate Hill RIP
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Anna Bolton RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Michael Lomax RIP
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Glorious Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St Francis Xavier	For the Welfare of Dominic Bemrose
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	Second Sunday Of Advent	Gertrude Martin RIP
	6.30 pm		Ella Bridget Mole RIP

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

We very much hope that the School Christmas Fair will go ahead this year but will await announcements.

Whether it goes ahead or not **the Parish will still be selling Christmas trees on Saturday 4 December** and we need Parish members to volunteer to help with our stand where we will be selling a beautiful selection of Christmas trees, Advent Candles with Mulled Wine and Christmas Cd's. Lucy, Jennie and Anna are helping to coordinate this and would value your help.

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

- On **Sat. 4 Dec. we have our Christmas tree event** – you could help for 30 or 60 minutes or more
  - On Sun. 5 Dec. we need help selling Advent Candles and refreshments after the 9.30 Mass
- 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.

Please note that all completed application forms for our First Holy Communion in 2022 should have been returned on 22 November. If you have missed this please see Fr Adrian

To help raise funds for our Parish Primary School raffle tickets will be on sale outside our Masses on Sunday 28th November. The School Fair is due on 4 Dec.



**Foundation Governor vacancy at St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary school**



If you have an interest in serving our Catholic community as a school governor and have the time and commitment to dedicate a few hours each week to train and work in this rewarding volunteer role please contact Fr Adrian or Anna Brown, Chair of Governors, for more information. The Governing board has a single vacancy for a Foundation governor. Parents of children attending the school are welcome to apply as are all our parishioners. As we are committed to safeguarding all governors consent to a DBS check. Thank you. [annabrown@hotmail.com](mailto:annabrown@hotmail.com)  
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We're hoping the School Fair will go ahead but whether it does or not, as last year, **we will be selling Christmas Trees to raise funds for our Parish Charity on Saturday 4 December from 10.30am to 12.30pm** in the car park outside the church. You can pre-order with a £5 cash deposit to ensure you get the tree you select on the day so you can get the exact shape and size **you want**. The size and price details are below:

Size	4 - 5ft	5 - 6ft	6 - 7ft	7 - 8ft	8ft +
Price	£45.00	£52.50	£60.00	£67.50	£75.00

**Parish Advent Books and Candles will be on sale after our Masses this Sunday to help our countdown to Christmas.**



**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.**

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who were able to join us to pray and talk through some of the implications that the Synod process can bring to our Parish. If you would like to reflect on either the [SHORT VERSION](#) or the [LONG VERSION](#) of the Synod questions please click in the capitalised words in our newsletter online. All responses will added to our reflections.

**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 help our Parish to return to our pre-Pandemic level of all three of our Sunday Masses** Although we had hoped to return to the full complement of Masses by now, it has not been possible through volunteer levels. However, from this Sunday we will be restoring the 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses, in addition to the existing 11am Mass. In order to do this, we need your help please. **If you would like to volunteer as a Welcomer, Cleaner, Reader or Extraordinary Minister** we would hope to welcome you to our existing Teams. For information please email [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk)

**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**

Gertrude Martin who died recently and for Brendan Dawson, Isabella Dawson, Walter Foster, Leslie Purdey, Bob Jordan, Patrick Reagan and 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