



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.

27th February to 6th March 2022

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions and 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. For information on Honouring Sunday please see cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 20 February

Our weekly income was £731 [an average of the 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Mass Book p. 144-146

This Sunday we have the annual Second Collection for the Clergy Support Fund that provides care for priests in our Archdiocese in their old age and retirement and in time of ill health. A gift to this fund helps to ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese, so do please contribute what you can and please remember to pray for all the priests who have helped you personally over the years, thank you. If you cannot give at Mass donations can be made online by clicking on this link in our digital newsletter: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf>

Ash Wednesday: Prayers for Peace and the start of Lent

This coming Wednesday we have Mass in the Parish at **9.30am and at 7pm with the distribution of Ashes**. Fr Adrian will also be visiting the Parish School in the morning to hold a Reflection Service for children from Reception to Year 3 and a Reconciliation Service for children from in Years 3-6 with the option for ashes. Please note: **children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are not expected to receive the ashes but accompanied children at Mass may receive the ashes if their parents request this at the time**. In light of the conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, **the Holy Father has called for Ash Wednesday to be a special day of prayer and fasting for World Peace**. To honour this request there will be special prayers after Mass (see over). Archbishop John will celebrate an online Mass from St George's Cathedral at 6pm. You are welcome to join in person or via livestream at <https://youtu.be/Gao6yODsvhE>

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		27 th February to 6 th March 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
27 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am		Leo Nugent RIP
	11.00 am	8th Sunday, Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		Private intention
28 th Feb. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Rev Thomas Nevill [Foundation Mass]
1 st Mar. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
2 nd Mar. Wednesday	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday and the	Rose Dewar [Foundation Mass]
	7.00 pm	Beginning of Lent	Private intention
3 rd Mar. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	The welfare of Mary Mannion
4 th Mar. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Luminous Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Private intention
5 th Mar. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Holy Souls
	9.30 am		Canon John Wenham [Foundation Mass]
	11.00 am	1st Sunday of Lent	The welfare of Jonathan Pickles
6 th Mar. Sunday	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family

Statement by Archbishop John Wilson given on Friday 25 February

"The shocking news of the invasion of Ukraine is an outrage before God and all right-thinking nations and peoples. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and unite in responding to the call of Pope Francis for a day of prayer and fasting this coming Ash Wednesday, 2 March. We will fall on our knees before Christ, the Prince of Peace, praying for an end to this act of warfare. We welcome anyone to join us in St George's Cathedral, Southwark for Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration to pray for peace. I also ask Catholics across the Archdiocese to please pray the rosary for peace on Ash Wednesday. God's plan for the world is peace, not disaster. We pray for Ukraine and her people, and for the world's leaders. No one wins in war. Everyone wins in peace." Please click [here](#) for further details in our newsletter online.

At St Mary Magdalen's Fr Adrian will lead prayers for peace after the 7pm Parish Mass on Ash Wednesday from 7.35-8pm.

This year's World Day of Prayer service (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) is to be held at **Christ Church, West Temple, Sheen, SW14 on Friday 4th March at 2.30pm.** All are welcome to attend.

Please save the date: Fr Adrian is trying to see if we can hold an 'open house' celebration in the Hall near St Patrick's as a Parish Thanksgiving Party. Please keep Friday 18th or Saturday 19th March free in your diaries and Fr Adrian will confirm what's possible in next week's newsletter. The aim is to bring food and drink to share and is possible in Lent as it would be a Feast Day for the Parish.

Confirmation Programme News: An email was sent by Fr Adrian to the Parents who registered and applied for Confirmation ... Dear Parents, I am sorry that it has taken a while to be able to give you news of our Confirmation Programme but the intervening months from the close of registrations on 5th December '21 have been taken in trying to establish what might be possible, first under Covid restrictions and now, thankfully, without them. I can confirm that **our programme will consist of an introductory meeting with parents and candidates and then six class sessions on Tuesdays from 7.30-8.30pm in April and May before the rehearsal on Friday 10 June and the Confirmation Mass itself at 11am on Sunday 12 June.** Having received the initial registration and Candidate's Application I will be emailing out on Monday the final Parental Application and Consent form with all the exact dates but wanted to let you know in advance that this email was coming so please look out for it, in case it lands in a 'spam' folder. Part of the delay in establishing how the programme could be run was also to establish how many candidates had returned to Mass, since it has been possible to be at Mass (albeit with some restrictions) for over a year now, and on 28 November last year the positive obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday returned. Unfortunately, many of the Candidates have not yet returned to Mass and it is a requirement for admission onto the programme that the Candidates are attending Mass on a Sunday. Being aware of the concerns of many families I certainly encouraged and supported the idea that certain restrictions may still have kept families away from Mass. However, now that Covid restrictions have been fully lifted in our country, to enable your child to be admitted onto the Confirmation Programme, please now choose either the 9.30 am, 11 am or 6.30 pm Mass on a Sunday to attend I will email again with full details, but look forward to seeing you all at Mass, God bless, Fr Adrian.

Fr Adrian has obtained through MasterClass a grant for free Online Learning for over18s – see below for more details

St Mary Magdalen Parish and [MasterClass](#) are offering a free adult Annual Membership to 100 individuals who have been especially impacted as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic who would not otherwise be able to afford access to the classes. Each annual membership is worth £264 per year BUT all fees are waived as part of this initiative. Individuals with an Annual Membership have access to online classes taught by world-renowned instructors. Founded in 2015, [MasterClass](#) is the streaming platform that makes it possible for anyone to learn from the best. The video lessons are available anytime, anywhere on iOS, Android, desktop computers, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Roku devices. To take up the offer of a year's free online tuition without any implication of joining up or subscribing thereafter please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk with MasterClass in the title, giving your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of how the free grant could help you. Applicants must be over-18 but the accounts can be used to help families in the Parish and local community. **Please apply before 6 March 2022** to be in with the chance of obtaining a free grant.

Our 1st Communion classes continue this week. Parish families who attend other schools are asked to meet outside the Parish Hall at 5.25pm for a prompt start at 5.30pm on Sun 27 February for Chapter 5. All our Holy Communion families are reminded that the Candidates will celebrate their First Reconciliation at **10.30am on Saturday 12 March** (parents to attend).



Please can you help our servers? The budget range of cassock albs that the servers wear cost £70-80 each. We have ordered four new ones for our taller servers but hope we can raise the funds. **If parents of our servers and other members of our Parish Family could help contribute £10 each then we just need 28 people to help.** If that's possible, then please either give your donation to Fr Adrian (special envelopes are available by the Mass and Hymn Books) or please donate online [HERE](#) in our digital newsletter, **thank you for your help.** If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please include your details on the envelope or online, thank you.

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 which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass. **"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."** **Luke 10:20** Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

John Brennan, Ethel Smith, Barbara Kawa, Anita Osgood, Vencentia Stafford, Joan Thomas and for 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