



# 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).

## 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 £524 [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**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Ash Wednesday is the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal – a day rich in associations and symbolism. It marked the beginning of Lent – a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). It was the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal.

If you can please join us for 'Stations of the Cross', on Sundays at 10.30 am, between the 9.30 and 11 am Masses during Lent, thank you. Although having fish on a Friday is still held as a practice by many people, the origins of this custom come from Catholic practice of Fridays being special days of fasting. Since 2011, Catholics in this country have been called to live-out Fridays as days of fasting as a practice of penance, whereby penance is what we do, not as a punishment, but as a positive witness of recognising our shortcomings.

For more information please see the website

[www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-witness-friday-penance/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-witness-friday-penance/)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cheese and Wine evening last Saturday. On the night we raised nearly £400! If you weren't able to join us on Saturday and would still like to make a contribution towards the recent Health and Safety work to the church ceiling, in both side aisles, please use this QR code, or follow this link -

<https://givealittle.co/c/2X6ZHv9k54T8QprjBcJ2ls>

If 60 people donated £10 each, we could more than double the amount we raised on Saturday, to £1000, please help if you can.



**The intentions of our Sanctuary Candle sponsor this week is for a Private Intention.** Each candle costs the Parish £5 but can be sponsored for this, for any amount, or none if a donation isn't possible. If you would like to sponsor our 7-day candle, please email Fr Adrian, thank you.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		9 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday	9.30 am	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>10.30 am Station of the Cross</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		John Gordon Chambers RIP
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Ed and Clare Bellasis [Foundation Mass]
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Christine Head [Foundation Mass]
13 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	For the Holy Souls
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Peace: The Sorrowful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Thomas Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12pm today</b>
	9.30 am		For the Holy Souls
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday	9.30 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>10.30 am Station of the Cross</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		

Our second collection next Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> March), is for the CAFOD Lenten Family Fast. If you would like to make a donation using Gift Aid, envelopes are available from the table near the entrance to the church.

**Sunday morning Tea & Coffee after Mass ...** We would like to offer tea & coffee after both of our Masses on Sunday morning but are starting by using the old shop. This space has been refurbished and prepared for this use following the receipt of a donation from Parish members, the Allen Family, in memory of the late David Allen. We hope to set-up a rota of volunteers at both the 9.30 and the 11 am Masses on Sunday if we can get the volunteers. As this allows Parishioners to gather over a drink and meet new Parishioners DO PLEASE HELP. If you can volunteer to sign up we hope that, with enough volunteers, it may just be a monthly or even 6-week rota but THIS DEPENDS ON YOU 😊 Please email [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) to offer your help with "Sunday Tea & Coffee" in the title, thank you in advance for your help.

**CONFIRMATION NEWS ...** Thank you to the families who have registered to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2025. You should have received an email from Fr Adrian with an application and an invitation for you, with your child, to an overview meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. **Fr Adrian has extended the closing date for completion of the Initial Online Application to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, so if you have a child currently in Year 9 or above, who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June, please follow this online link <https://forms.office.com/e/15MJ56m8nq> to register your interest or use the QR code from the posters in church. Please note this link has been extended to close on Sunday. If your child has commitments on a Thursday evening, such as sport, they can still have the opportunity of joining this group by studying at home. So, please don't let this deter you from applying!** Please note; the application form cannot be emailed until you have completed the Initial Online Registration! The Confirmation programme will then continue, at 7-8 pm each Thursday, with breaks for School holidays on 20, 27 March, 3, 24 April, 2, 8, 22 May and 5, 12 June, thank you.

The new **Gift Aid envelopes**, Apr. '25 to Mar. '26, are available for to collect from the table at the back of church for all parishioners who are currently using envelopes to make their weekly donations. Please take the current envelope number that you have been using since 202222. For any other parishioners who would like a box of envelopes, please contact Steve Smith on [mortlakema1@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mortlakema1@rcaos.org.uk) who will arrange to have some printed for you to use, thank you

**The Mortlake Mash-up: Brewing up new ideas on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, between 10.30 am to 3.30 pm**, at the Former Brewery Sports and Social Club Building, Lower Richmond Road, to share your ideas for improving Mortlake for everyone, thank you.

**Join us to plant a tree in honour of your special loved one on Mother's Day, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.** Habitats and Heritage our partner charity in helping with the care of the Burton Mausoleum are sponsoring a special "Tree Planting Day" giving the opportunity of planting a sapling in memory of loved one. We will have set number of saplings to plant and whilst this is a free event, please see the posters as people need to sign-up to this event. The planting doesn't take long so whilst you may have plans for the rest of the day, please join us to help remember this Mother's Day in a special way.



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**Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ, is a weekend for those who have been bereaved.** The weekend, of March 21-23, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited. If you would like to explore if this is for you call 01622 717 272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk) to learn more.

**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, thank you ... 😊



**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. 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.

**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**

We pray for Carmel White and Yonas Matthias who died recently and for Vera Ducker, John Moore, Michael McDonagh, Teresa Kirby, Josephine Veglio, Reginald Ralph, Dorothy Cumber

**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