



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.

7th to 14th February 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.

The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions during the week. We are also temporarily closed at the weekend for Covid-safety reasons so our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

Standing Orders: £1116 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.

This Week We Celebrate Several Special Days of Prayer

Triggered by the military coup on 1st February, this Sunday Myanmar's Catholic Bishops are urging the faithful to mark a day of prayer, fasting and adoration on Sunday, for a peaceful resolution to the nation's crisis. Myanmar's military seized power after detaining the nation's leader Aung San Suu Kyi and President Win Myint, along with other democratically-elected leaders from the governing National League for Democracy party.

Several Christian and Church leaders, such as the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia, have also expressed support for a peaceful resolution to Myanmar's latest crisis. Representing our Bishops, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has backed the call of Cardinal Bo for "nonviolence, democracy and dialogue". **Cardinal Nichols assured the prayerful support of his faithful "for peace, for the release of all political prisoners and for genuine reconciliation, recognizing the right of Myanmar's people to determine their own future."** Please light a candle with that prayer intention at some point today.

On Monday we mark the **7th International Day of Prayer and Reflection against Trafficking in Persons** and are invited to **reflect on the theme "An Economy without Human Trafficking."** It brings into the spotlight "one of the main causes of human trafficking: the dominant economic model of our time, whose limits and contradictions are exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic." An **online Prayer Marathon** has been organized to bring people together from around the world on **Monday from 11 am to 6 pm**, with a central focus at 2pm. The online Prayer Marathon will be live-streamed on YouTube via the English-language link <http://directenglish.uisg.link>

This Thursday we join in the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, an observation introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II to coincide with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes as an important opportunity to pray for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. [Click online for a short prayer.](#)

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS:

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		7 th to 14 th February 2021 (Ordinary Time before Lent)
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
7th Feb. Sunday	11 am	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
8 th Feb. Monday	9 am	St Josephine Bakhita	Mary 'Molly' Barnett (Foundation Mass)
9 th Feb. Tuesday	9 am	Feria	The welfare of Nina Guido and Family
10 th Feb. Wednesday	9 am	St Scolastica	Jean Garner RIP (Requiem for Renato Zammit at Noon)
11 th Feb. Thursday	9 am	Our Lady of Lourdes	The welfare of Alex Scott Palmer and Family
12 th Feb. Friday	9 am	Feria	David King RIP
13 th Feb. Saturday	9 am	Votive Mass of Our Lady	The Prior Family (Foundation Mass)
14th Feb. Sunday	11 am	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

This week we start the series of scripture reflections which are designed to aid our journey towards and through Lent. The short reflections, which can be done by yourself or in a mix of family and friends, have been written by David McLoughlin, the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham. Each weekend, the online version of the newsletter will have links to PDF sheets for the series **“Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God”**. For this week’s sheet, please click on the title for 6th Feb.

[Week 1 Exodus](#)

Monday 8th February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day please pray for victims and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/> - **weekly prayers for support and care:** We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and experience the many blessings that motherhood brings.

Please ask your MP to support an amendment to help stop forced abortion in Xinjiang, China: there is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community. If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website which can be accessed by visiting the link below:

<https://genocideresponse.org/>

The President of the Bishops’ Conference, Cardinal Nichols speaks on bereavement as Covid deaths pass 100,000 in the UK
Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke to LBC radio’s Matt Frei on Saturday 30th January 2021 just days after the tragic news that the UK’s death toll from COVID-19 had passed the 100,000 mark. Each death leaves a family bereaved, each hospital admission results in a person facing a fight – loved-ones anxiously hoping for the best from a distance.

Cardinal Vincent talks about isolation, poverty, sickness, death and mourning in this time of pandemic, and how we must build back better with a sense of renewed purpose when we come out of the pandemic. He shares his own experiences of loss and bereavement, and encourages us to pray and hold on to the hope of eternal life. “We try to make the limited resources of the Church as widely and readily available as we can... the hope that faith brings is that this death is not the end of the person’s life it’s an entry into a fuller life – we will be together again. That’s the promise of the Christian faith.”

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be raising free donations for the Parish?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, Boots and M&S – and it won’t cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenchurchmortlake/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to [easyfundraising](#) first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you’ve checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Mary Magdalen Church at no extra cost to you.

There are no catches or hidden charges. It would be marvellous to have your support, so please consider signing up online through the link above, your free contributions will make a great difference, thank you.

Free Catholic Newspapers: The Universe and Catholic Times

At the moment it’s not possible to collect a paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

special offer 3 months: - £25.00	or digital and hard
special offer 12 months: -£99.00	copy for:£115.00
digital copy: - 12 months £55.00	(Easter special offer)

Click [HERE](#) online for this week’s FREE copy

Thank you for your prayers last week on the mention of the funerals of Michael Kelly and Renato Zammit.

Both had been volunteers in the Parish who helped in many ways and especially with the collection at Mass.

This week, the Requiem Mass for Renato Zammit will be held on Wednesday, 10th February at 12pm. Given the Covid restrictions, the funeral is limited to family members only, so it is not listed in our Mass schedule but please keep Renato, his widow Sylvia and all the family in your prayers.

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.”

Please consider scanning the QR code to request Mass for the Holy Souls. Please post other Mass intention requests to Fr Adrian. Thank you.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of David King, Michael Kelly and Renato Zammit who died recently; and for Elio de Jesus Tua and his parents,

Margery Oakley, Cornelius Collins, Mary Barrett, Virginia De Canda, Paddy Walsh, Jean Garner

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 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.