



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.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 16 January

Our weekly income was £784 [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.

30th January to 6th February 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/

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Mass Book p. 132
Our Parish began as what would have been known then as a Mission in 1849. It could not be called a Parish yet, as Catholic Emancipation in this country had only begun in earnest in 1829, leading to the restoration of the Bishops of England and Wales in 1850. As a number of Catholics lived and worked in this area, the life of the Parish had already begun beforehand, but work on the church building began in 1851 and was completed in 1852. Two years later, in April 1854, Canon Wenham, our first Parish Priest, began a school which was built at the north end of the ground next to Church Path, and a strip of ground was subsequently added to the burial-ground on the east side, with a brick wall built around the whole. Canon Wenham planned at first a plain brick house, but the present stone Presbytery was built to connect an entrance to the church. Later developments were made to create a Parish Hall in 1912, with an Air Raid Shelter for the local residents being added in preparation for WWII. Our cemetery has been in use since 1852 and, although access was difficult for many years because of a lack of gardening volunteers, **we are indebted to the small group of volunteers who look after the cemetery grounds at the rear and to those who help to create a welcome to the Parish through the new planting in the front to begin the celebration of our Anniversary Plans.** In September 2019, 170 years after the Mission began, a small part of the Nave ceiling collapsed, heralding an important survey of the safety and 'health' of the church properties. Since then Fr. Adrian and the Parish Finance Committee have overseen repairs to the Nave and Hall, continued in 2021 with urgent safety repairs to one of the buttresses and the West Window. A professional survey of all the church buildings has helped us plan to protect and care for our property for the years ahead, resulting in the most recent repairs in the Hall and to our Cemetery walkway. We pray that we can **"build together for the future"** and will prepare a Parish report of all our needs for a review this coming March.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		30 th January to 6 th February 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
30 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	4th Sunday, Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
	6.30 pm		Leo Nugent RIP
31 st Jan. Monday	9.30 am	St John Bosco	Private Intention
1 st Feb. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
2 nd Feb. Wednesday	9.30 am	Presentation of the Lord	The Welfare of Steven Rivers
3 rd Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	St Laurence of Canterbury	Holy Souls
4 th Feb. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Private Family Intention
5 th Feb. Saturday	9.30 am	St Agatha	Prior Family [Foundation Mass]
6 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am		Dominic Hopkins RIP
	11.00 am	5th Sunday, Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		Olive Stephenson RIP

Guidance for Communal Worship during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The 'Plan B' measures put in place by the government to mitigate against Covid virus transmission were lifted in full on 27 January 2022. Guidance is provided by the dioceses of England and Wales and material has been agreed with Public Health officials to follow the regulations for England and Wales which took effect on 28 January 2022.

Following the new regulations there are not many changes to our practice, but from this Sunday onwards, although we are requested to keep the use of masks and hand sanitiser, we are now able to make a few changes such as the return of Holy Water (under hygienic conditions) and the reintroduction of the Bidding Prayers (Prayers of Intercession).

For more information in our digital newsletter online please click [HERE](#)

On 27 January our Parish and Local Community took part in Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is a day we set aside each year that we put aside to come together to remember and to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, in the hope that there may be One Day in the future with no genocide. We learn more about the past, we empathise with others today, and we take action for a better future. For more information please click this link in our digital newsletter online: [Holocaust Memorial Day](#) and [Pope Francis: 'Never repeat unspeakable cruelty of Holocaust'](#)

Are you planning a holiday? Is it time to renew your car or home insurance? Are you looking for a new Broadband deal?

Help get the New Year off to a great start with a bargain and by signing up to support us for **FREE** on #easyfundraising.

You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 6,000 retailers

including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, we'll get a bonus £5 donation when you do!

If you haven't already done so please sign up today by clicking on this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=DAPV6N&char=254702&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

This will make a BIG difference to us this year as in the last few months of 2021, **30 supporters raised a total £207.43.**

This amount was raised simply by members of our Parish Family signing up and clicking on their ordinary online shopping.

If Fr Adrian and 29 other Parish members can do this, think how much more we can raise by a simple click?

Following Fr Adrian's note of thanks after Christmas, over the last couple of weeks our 'thank you lists' have been drawn up from the rotas of those who helped in the Parish during the Pandemic.

It has not been possible to include everyone as, naturally, not everyone is in a position to be able to help us and over half the congregation have not yet returned to Mass. Nevertheless, our thank you lists have symbolised ALL those who help serve the Lord in our Parish in any way, even solely by your prayers.

Whether your name was listed or not, a BIG THANK YOU to all the members of our Parish for your help and support.

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Fr Adrian has obtained through MasterClass a grant for free Online Learning for over 18s – 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. With [MasterClass](#) hundreds of video lessons are available from over 100 of today's most brilliant minds. They 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 28 February 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 30 January for Chapter 3 'Celebrating Our Rescue'

First Clare, then Anna came as temporary helpers to help in the Parish Office over the course of Lockdown and beyond. Fr Adrian is indebted to their help, but changes to the way the Diocese manage our accounts mean that we need to employ a part-time Parish Financial Administrator. If you would be interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information in our digital newsletter.

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 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 Leo Nugent

Dominic Hopkins and Olive Stephenson who died recently and for Malu Gonzy, Canon Francis Moran, Isabella Coombe, William O'Connor, Michael O'Keefe

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