



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).

27th August to 3rd September 2023

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.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 13th August.
 Our weekly income was £698 [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 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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th August 2023

A message from Fr Adrian

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers last week when we had to make emergency arrangements. Having dodged Covid so far it certainly took its toll, but I am assured by doctors that I am not in a position of passing the virus on. Nevertheless, are strict hygiene protocols on the sanctuary will remain and don't forget, whilst a personal choice, the wearing of a mask in public circumstances is still an option.

A Prayer from today's Gospel by Nick Fawcett

Loving Lord,
 once more we would confess our faith in you,
 acknowledging you as the Messiah,
 the Son of the living God,
 the one who sets us free and brings us life.
 Help us to honour you not only in words
 but also through living faithfully as your people,
 your Body, your Church, working for and witnessing
 to your kingdom in word and deed.
 Receive our worship, receive our faith,
 for your name's sake. Amen.

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.

Thank you for helping the charity Mary's Meals feed children in need through donating any unused holiday currency or old UK and foreign coins. Please take one of the envelopes from the table, at the back of the church, fill it with your unused and unwanted foreign currency, and bring it back again to church so that we can arrange for it to be collected. All donations given to Mary's Meals will help towards providing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries, thank you.

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		27 th August to 2 nd September 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
27th August Sunday	9.30 am	21st Week in Ordinary Time	Mass Intention Available
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
28 th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Augustine	Teresa B. Corr [Foundation Mass]
29 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
30 th Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	Sts M Clitherow, A Line, M Ward	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
31 st Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
1 st Sep. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	In thanksgiving to the Holy Family
2 nd Sep. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
3rd Sept. Sunday	9.30 am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Alexandra Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]

Catholic Nursery/Reception, Secondary School Transfers and 6th Form Applications for 2024

If you're applying to a Catholic School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the **Parish Reference Request**". This form, with a family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (the school SIF if you already have them) are to be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the information. Please make sure you are aware of each School's cut-off date, e.g., Secondary Schools will need their completed forms over the next few weeks. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms so that forms handed in one Sunday are usually returned the next week.

Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions.

Would you like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024?

All Parish Youth in Year 9 and above are invited to learn more about faith in a new Parish Youth Group from Autumn 2023. Those who attend Mass from the Youth Group will then have the opportunity to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the Youth Group QR code in the church or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9Eacad6yzzp>



to sign up to join the Parish Youth Group to express interest in the Confirmation Programme.

Parents, please note, for the Youth Group and Confirmation Programme to go ahead we need your help this year. Each family wanting to join the Youth Group is asked for at least one parent to volunteer to be on a rota of three to four parents each week who will act as helpers as per Safeguarding regulations. You won't be expected to teach Catechism but will be needed to help with refreshments and basic team activities/games. Full information will be given at a parents meeting once the closing date for applications to the Youth Group ends on 15 October 2023, thank you.

Fix the Food System: Please sign the petition by the West Door in church to support CAFOD's food campaign in urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds.

Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds. More information can be found online via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Weg7ZLpZpM> and the petition can be signed by the West Door in church in support of CAFOD's campaign for Fair Trade.

Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year?

If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2023, whether they are in our Parish School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School please the details below ...

Each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions, so if that applies to you, an extra application is needed for your child to become Catholic.

To express interest in the Programme please click this link in the online version of the newsletter <https://forms.office.com/e/Yx88JTKgPa> (Posters are available with QR codes for this link.)

Please note: this is only the first part of the application but to enrol your child into our First Communion Programme this initial online form must be completed between now and 24 September 2023 for the 2023/2024 Programme.



Whilst many servers are away over the summer holidays we don't run a formal rota, but if you are on a 'staycation' or are back from your holidays then please consider serving at our Sunday Masses.

In preparation for the return of the rota in the autumn, would parents of any of our children who made their 1st Communion in 2023 who would like to become an Altar Server, please let Fr Adrian know if they would like to join the ministry by downloading an application from via this [LINK](#) in our digital newsletter. Please then return the completed form to Fr Adrian after Mass, 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 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.

During August please pray for the repose of the souls of

Michael Laldee who died recently and for;
Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown,
Mireille Buckner, Elizabeth Williams,
John Brooks, Austin White

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