



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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**Baptisms and Weddings** by arrangement  
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

**Parish Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 2.30 pm**

**Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm**  
365 days a year (except for emergency call-outs).

## 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Sunday Masses:** 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 9am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

**Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from 9am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Our weekly income was £781 [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](http://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](http://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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent : Parish Mass Book p. 85-88

**Prepare the Way...** As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen (representing the colour of preparation and penance); the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the **Magi** on their journey to Christ, our '**gift of prayer**' labels and **Jesse Tree** on our sanctuary. Over the course of last week we placed the first symbols on our Jesse Tree: a **dove** reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; **Noah's ark**, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people; a **field of stars**, showing that we are God's children in fulfillment of his promise to Abraham; a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son. After this we have **Jacob's ladder** as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; Joseph's **sacks of grain** to represent God's provision, even in difficult times and this Sunday we place the symbol of the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls us, even today. The use of the crib figures and a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming weeks we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. Prayer gift-tags can be decorated and placed on our Prayer Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer. The Prayer Tree is lit-up in front of the Sacred Heart Statue. We hope that these labels of love will stand out as a gift of prayer that witnesses to God's love and care for us and to all those we hold in our hearts during this season of Advent.

Can you spare some time to help decorate our Church at Christmas? If so, please come along and join the team from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., and again on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to help decorate our church & tree (from 10am each day). If you can donate a Poinsettia(s), for the church then please bring it/them along until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 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.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		4 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		Maria Hluchan Nemeth and Joseph Nemeth
	11.00 am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		For the wellbeing of Kevin Connolly
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	The Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Ambrose	For the Holy Souls
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	The Immaculate Conception	Tess McKenna-Whyte RIP [Anniversary]
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	Maria Hluchan Nemeth and Joseph Nemeth
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	Mirosława Bebenek RIP [Anniversary]
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		For the Holy Souls
	11.00 am	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	For the Wellbeing of the Keeling Family
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family

If you're applying to a Catholic Primary School for September 2023, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain the "Parish Reference Request". This form, with family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (if you already have them) must be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend but before 11<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.

Charity Christmas Collection for Homeless Teens & Young People



30,000 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FACING HOMELESSNESS THIS WINTER.

**This Christmas Centrepiece are asking for our help as a Parish to especially support homeless teenagers.** Over the next three weeks shoeboxes (or the like) can be left by the Prayer Tree. The boxes could contain items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash and hair care, skincare, toilet roll, feminine care products and anything else listed on the poster via this [LINK](#) in the digital newsletter or posted around the church. Please bring your donations along to Mass each Sunday or until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

For details of our Advent and Christmastide services please click on this [LINK](#)



Many thanks to everyone who was able to donate to our 'Building Together' collection last Sunday.

**First Holy Communion News.** Please note that the registration process ended over a month ago, with those who signed-up for the programme now entering the next stage of the process, with parents collecting the actual **First Communion Application from Fr Adrian after Mass.** We have printed an application form for every family who registered. We have 36 children this year, 13 of whom are at other Schools and 7 of whom attend different Parishes. For children to make their First Holy Communion they should attend Mass each Sunday, and we encourage children to attend our Children's Liturgy at the 9.30 am Mass, though you are welcome to attend any of our Masses.

**For the 29 families who attend this Parish either at our School, or another one, please collect the Communion Application from Fr Adrian after Mass over the next few Sundays.** The 7 families at our School seeking Communion here can collect the application from the School, but they must have the permission of both Fr Adrian and their own Parish Priest to celebrate Communion here. **Please note, the forms have to be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.** Those at the Parish School can drop their forms there and the School will forward them, if you are one of the 13 families at other Schools, please return your form to Fr Adrian in person after Mass. **Don't forget, the forms have to be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, thank you.**



**Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this season by signing up for our free Diocesan daily reflections to aid your prayer.** Those who sign up will receive an email with a brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. Please sign up via [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/) and then clicking on the **Advent Reflection box**. Alternatively, you can sign up for these reflections by clicking [HERE](#) in the online version of the newsletter.

**Following last week's personal message from Fr Adrian,** where he mentioned that he was having treatment under the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fr Adrian will be meeting this week with Fr Peter Andrews, a retired Priest from Ham who will be able to offer help to the Parish. Fr Adrian has requested that the Diocese will, through Fr Peter's help, will ensure that all that goes on in the Parish, whether Mass, baptism or First Communion will be "business as usual". Many in the Parish go away at Christmas, and though Fr Adrian won't be having surgery until after the new school terms starts next year, do please see him after Mass to send him your thoughts and prayers and, especially if you are going to be away for Christmas, do please send him a card. Don't forget, that if you require a school reference, you will need to see Fr Adrian before 11<sup>th</sup> December to request the Parish Reference Form so that he can complete the school SIF.

#### **A New Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark.**

On Monday 28 November 2022 it was announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Mgr Philip Moger as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop-Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

**Please see the Caritas Social Action poster 'SJOG Homes for Ukraine' in the Church porch.** We have had a number of families volunteer to help open their homes to Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to help please see the poster.

#### **We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine:**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, 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**

Patrick Reagan, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira, Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi, Paul Sheridan, Jessica Ward, Frances McFadden, Fino Arcari, Joan Wand-Tetley, Anthony Renouf, Thomas McKenna, Roveanna Lawless, Tess McKenna-Whyte 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