



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.

30th May to 6th June 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 but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions.

As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 23rd May

Standing Orders: £770 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who were able to help donate to last week's appeal for our Front Garden Project which is part of the plans to celebrate our 170th Anniversary over the coming year into 2022. If you would like further details, please refer to our online newsletter for 16th May for more information. If you haven't been able to donate to the project yet, please consider donating online via this digital newsletter (as below) or by "contactless" in church:

- Use this [LINK](#) in the digital email of the newsletter or
- Choose 'Garden Project' from the contactless menu, or NB Gift Aid envelopes can be used to add to your donation

Thank you to all those who donate under the Gift Aid system, either direct to the Parish by standing order or through the Gift Aid envelopes. If you used the Gift Aid envelopes last year but changed to standing order during Lockdown, please email to let Fr Adrian know if you'd like a supply of envelopes as well. If you're a Gift Aid donor who only used the envelope system, then new boxes can be collected after the Sunday Mass from 11.30am to 12pm outside the church.

The Cemetery Project: our cemetery is a World Heritage site, but has no funding other than we can raise ourselves. To help care for our cemetery a member of the Parish is completing a cycle ride from London to Brighton next month on 13th June. **Giovanni would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU'** for your support and encouragement. Please note that all the monies raised will help fund the professional mapping and care of our cemetery for the future. **The first stage of the project is likely to cost £3,000** so, although he has set a much lower target, do please continue to sponsor him by donating what you can via this JustGiving [LINK](#) as any amount will be a great help and can be boosted by up to 25% by Gift Aid set against UK tax.

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 B	Mass Details and Intentions		30 th May to 6 th June 2021: Trinity Sunday to Corpus Christi
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
30th May Sunday	11 am	The Most Holy Trinity	Michael RC Lomax [Foundation Mass] NB Mark Pullicino RIP
31 st May Monday	9.30 am	Feast of The Visitation	The needs of our Parish Family
1 st June Tuesday	Closed	St Justin Martyr	NB the church is closed
2 nd June Wednesday	9.30 am	Sts Marcellinus & Peter	Best family intentions
3 rd June Thursday	9.30 am	Sts Charles Lwanga & Co.	Tan Kah Peng RIP
4 th June Friday	9.00 am	Rosary & Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Mark Pullicino RIP
5 th June Saturday	9.30 am	St Boniface	Bridie Barry RIP
6th June Sunday	11 am	The Most Holy Trinity	The needs of our Parish Family

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. Mass can be seen online from our Cathedral – please see this link for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

Advance Notice: please note, there will be no 9.30 Mass on Saturday 12 June as that day we celebrate our First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30am and 12pm. With Covid restrictions the Masses are only open to the candidates and their families, but please keep them in your prayers:

Angelica, Bertie, Caio, Charlotte, Elias, Elodie, Eva, Georgie, Grayson, Harriet, Jack, Luke, Mariana, Mateos Mia, Morgan, Mya, Nicholas, Riley F, Riley K, Sadie, Sam, Tomas, Xaviera and Zoe

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridie Barry.

David Barry, on behalf of Bridie's family has given notice of Bridie's funeral as follows: **Tuesday 8th June 2021** at Mortlake Crematorium, **beginning at 3:20pm**. Bridie helped to care for the church and the car park area for many years and is fondly remembered by many. Covid restrictions limit attendance at the crematorium to family, but the family invite parish members to see a broadcast of the funeral via this link <https://www.obitus.com>. Please use the details yeyi7111 and 455277 to log in prior to the 3.20pm start.

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has issued a statement outlining the Catholic Church's opposition to a Bill that could make assisted dying legal in England and Wales.

The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid 19 pandemic. In the face of much suffering and death, we have witnessed the extraordinary commitment of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. We too have made a collective sacrifice this last year to protect the most vulnerable from the devastating impact of the Coronavirus. These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the importance of proper love and care in the face of grave illness and in the last moments of life. Against this backdrop of loving care and commitment, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. [Last Thursday saw] an 'Assisted Dying' Bill introduced into the House of Lords, by Baroness Meacher who seeks to alleviate the 'intolerable suffering' of terminally ill patients in England and Wales. Similar attempts to legalise assisted suicide in the UK, have overwhelmingly failed with the most recent Marris Bill defeated by a 330 to 118 majority at its second reading in the House of Commons in 2015.

The immense value of the sick person Although this new Bill is framed as a compassionate response to those in the last stages of their life, such compassion must be denounced as 'false compassion' as Pope Francis reminds us.

A "true compassion" he says, is "the just response to the immense value of the sick person." It finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care.

This proposal would also fundamentally change the relationship between the doctor and the patient, as it would change to it from treatment and care to assisting another's death. Life is a gift to be valued and cherished until its last breath, through natural death, which opens into the promise of eternal life.

Opposing assisted suicide The Catholic Church remains opposed to any form of assisted suicide and will examine this proposed legislation when it is published tomorrow. We reaffirm our support for high quality end-of-life care, which includes spiritual and pastoral support for the one who is dying and their family.

The 'Day for Life', to be celebrated on Sunday, 20 June 2021 in England and Wales, will call Catholics to pray for good care of those who are elderly, sick and dying and to oppose such legislation.

As of 17 May 2021 we are at Step 3 of the Government's COVID-19 Response Roadmap. The government has updated its response roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 restrictions to combat the virus. It states that each step in the roadmap will be guided by data not dates and the four tests set out in the roadmap. A week's notice will be provided before any step is taken.

The main changes that to note are that *not much has changed*: masks and social distancing remain, the Holy Water stoups must remain unfilled, the Sign of the Peace remains suspended and Holy Communion remains under one kind. **What is possible now is that the Priest is able to say 'The Body of Christ' to each Communicant and they are able to respond 'Amen.'** We also hope to be able to return soon to having Altar Servers at St Mary Magdalen's so look out for news here.

A message from our Parish School: It is so important that our children feel their voices are heard at home, at school, in the Parish and in the wider world. If possible, families are asked to participate in the "Big Ask" a survey by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza. This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. It will be used to show the government what children think, and what they need to live happier lives.

This survey only takes 5-10 minutes: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Gift Aid News: if you use the Gift Aid envelopes these will probably be running out soon. The new ones have arrived, so please see our volunteer Gift Aid Coordinator, Steve Smith, after Mass to collect your new set of boxes. Thank you.

A call for help for 9.30am & 6.30pm: we are trying to resume our usual Mass schedule and hope to resume this when we can build up volunteer teams for each Mass. Please email Clare via MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help.

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 pray for the repose of the souls of

Bridie Barry who died recently

and for Patricia Barrington, James Carruthers,

Ann Willoughby, Harry Noonan, Harry McKenna-Whyte,

Helena Poulton, Patrick Cahalane, Mark Pullicino

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.