



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).

1st to 8th December 2024

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £742 [an average of the last 4 weeks] Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website: www.stmarymags.org.uk/community**

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or by using the QR codes in the church. Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on

Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and **St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on**

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

1st Sunday in Advent

This week we begin using the new Lectionary which uses the English Standard Version translation of the Bible. We cannot use the old Mass Books as the words won't match. As the cost of obtaining new Mass Books will cost over £5,000, we are using a printed version of the Mass.

Prepare the Way... As we begin the season of Advent, you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word



"Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth. Until Christmas, the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of 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 month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. You may like to tie prayer 'gift tags' onto our Jesse Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer.

JESSE TREE



Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		1 st to 8 th December 2024
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
1st Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	1st Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the welfare of Fr Adrian
2 nd Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
3 rd Dec. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
4 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
5 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	The Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
6 th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Glorious Mysteries
NB: after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Thanksgiving for St Mary Magdalen church
7 th Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
8th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	2nd Sunday of Advent	Fr Adrian's Family RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family

Today is the 1st Sunday in Advent, the beginning of our Liturgical Year C, which also marks the date all Parishes in England and Wales begin using the New Lectionaries at Mass. **With our prayers and thanks to those who have donated towards the cost of these four volumes: Gilly Best, Tish Deacon, The Hoyle Family - In memory of Mary Mannion, Andrew Law, The Munski Family, Maureen Tittle.** If you would like to make a contribution toward the cost of the Lectionaries (£395 per volume), please use one of the white envelopes and mark it "LECTIONARY" from the table at the back of the church. Please Gift Aid your donation where possible and in the space on the front of the envelope please write the name(s) to be included on the dedication page so that Fr Adrian can add your name, thank you.

Parish Building Together Collection

Today we have the opportunity of contributing towards our monthly 'Building Together' collection, for the care and maintenance of our Parish, at all Masses. Please remember, you can also donate by clicking [HERE](#) in the online newsletter via your electronic device.

The sponsor(s) of this week's Sanctuary Candle is the **Tish Deacon Family**. If you or your family would like to sponsor this 7-day candle, which is kept burning both day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle (costing £5), please email Fr Adrian with your family name



St Mary Magdalen's Primary School School Christmas Fair today (1st Dec.) from 11am to 3 pm. With mulled wine, hot food, Christmas Inflatable, Crafts and Games, Fabulous Raffle and Wheel of Fortune prizes, gifts, crafts and lots of festive fun.

Only one more week 'til **Sunday 8th December** and **The St Mary Magdalen Christmas Market** incorporating our **Christmas Tree sale, raising funds for our Parish Charity "Building Together"**, between **10 am to 2 pm**. All are welcome to come to our **FREE** event to purchase some **Christmas Bargains, Children's 'Mystery Bags', Mulled Wine** and **Hot Food!** **We need your help especially this week to deliver leaflets to our local streets. Please consider if you can take a bundle to post, possibly on your way home after Mass today, through each letterbox of the houses in the street indicated.**



Please remember that we still need for volunteers to help at the Christmas Market, and if you can, **please donate bottles for our Bottle Stall, any extra unopened gifts you have bought for Christmas you can give, or, any Christmas decorations, either new or unused.** Please also let Fr Adrian know if you will be baking for Christmas! If so, please consider baking some extra (cup) cakes, biscuits, cookies etc., to donate to the Market. Please bring any donations to one of our Sunday Masses or, drop them off at the Presbytery on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. As is our Parish tradition we will also be selling Christmas Trees **4-5ft £45 - 5-6ft £60 - 6-7ft £65 - 7-8ft £75, 8ft and over £90.** Please do let Fr Adrian know if you can help on 8th December, from 8.30 am, with the sale of the trees or at the Christmas Market. Can you help to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas on either, Saturday 14th from 11 am, Sunday 15th and/or Monday 16th from 10 am in the Parish Hall? If you can help between any of these times, please email Fr Adrian to let him know ☺

Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass: Fr Adrian would like to invite all families, especially all the children wanting to receive their First Holy communion in 2025 to attend the Children's Liturgy. We encourage more parent volunteers, so if you can, please see Fr Adrian to offer your help, and if you haven't yet signed-up your child to join, please see Fr Adrian for an application

Would you like to join a Fun Run on Saturday 7th December? CAFOD has arranged a 5K Nativity Fun Run on Clapham Common to raise funds for families in Ukraine. For more information or to sign-up, please take one of the cards from the back of the church or scan this QR code.



A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank.

With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables. Also needed is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.

Jubilee 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope!" The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. With more to follow ...



We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, 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. Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, 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

Leslie Purdey, Bob Jordan, Patrick Reagan, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira, Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi, Paul Sheridan

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