



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.

2nd to 9th May 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 25th April

Standing Orders: £944 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.

This Sunday we would have ordinarily welcomed a delegation from the Marshallian Knights and Ladies at our 11am Mass. As last year, sadly Covid restrictions have caused them to cancel their celebration, but please pray for Sir James and Lady Marshall and the entire Marshallian family and their charitable endeavours.

Sir James Marshall (1829–1889) was born in Edinburgh. He had wanted to join the Army but had lost his right arm in a shooting accident. Instead, he went to Exeter College in Oxford and, upon graduating, was ordained as a Scottish Anglican clergyman. Marshall was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1857 but never became a Catholic priest. In 1863 he was appointed classical master at Birmingham Oratory School, where he became a friend of Cardinal Newman. Marshall studied law and was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1868. He practised law in Manchester where he helped to found The Catholic Times. In 1873 he accepted an appointment in the British Colonial Service as Chief Magistrate and Judicial Assessor to the native chiefs in the Gold Coast, arriving there in July. On the breaking out of the Ashanti War in 1874, he secured the chiefs' assent to the conscription of their tribesmen, and was of great use throughout the campaign in raising levies. He made a good impression on the Ashanti people, who regarded him as a veteran general who had lost his arm in battle. In October 1877, he married Alice Young of Corby, Lincolnshire. Five years after that, he retired and was knighted. Sir James was primarily responsible for helping to spread the Gospel and the growth of Catholicism in modern day Ghana. Every year on the first Sunday in May, the Noble Order of the Knights and Ladies of Sir James Marshall plan to lay a wreath on his tomb and pray for his canonization. With the pilgrimage cancelled again this year please pray for the Marshall family.

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.

Please note: there is a 2nd collection this Sunday for the annual appeal for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		2 nd to 9 th May – Eastertide
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
2nd May Sunday	11 am	5th Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family
3 rd May Monday	9 am	St Philip & St James	Month's Mind: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh RIP
4 th May Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	NB the church is closed
5 th May Wednesday	9 am	Feria	The intentions of Fr Raj
6 th May Thursday	9 am	Feria	Janine Leyder RIP
7 th May Friday	9 am	Feria	The needs of the people of India
8 th May. Saturday	9 am	Feria	The Good estate of Mattias Hink
9th May Sunday	11 am	6th Sunday of Easter	The needs of our Parish Family

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. As services can be attended now they are no longer livestreamed but Mass can be seen online from St George's Cathedral and other sites. Please see the Cathedral livestream webpage for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>First Holy Communion News: as per the message Fr Adrian asked to send out via the Year Reps., changes in the Lockdown restrictions mean that, in addition to the 'bubble of 6', each family is able to invite up to 6 more people to sit in the side aisles at Mass. Don't forget the next Zoom meeting on the Mass & Celebration is on Wednesday 5 May from 8–9pm: the link will be sent by email at the end of April.</p>	<p>Confirmation News: Fr Adrian is asking families who hope to seek the Sacrament of Confirmation to contact him. If any of the young people of our Parish currently in Year 9 (aged 13/14) or above would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk Thank you to those who have responded so far as Fr Adrian will be in touch by email over the next few weeks after further consultation with the catechists.</p>
<p>Beyond the Cross' is a five-part art and culture series that follows the Risen Christ through the artist's eye taking in some of the main encounters of the season of Easter. This week we look at a sculpture of Christ's encounter with Saint Thomas – 'Doubting Thomas' – by Andrea del Verrocchio. Simply called 'Christ and Saint Thomas' it was commissioned to stand in a niche outside the Orsanmichele of Florence, the "Kitchen Garden of St. Michael". It was crafted between 1467 and 1483. To view this week's video please enter this text online or click on the link in our newsletter: https://youtu.be/06eqOc-JHfc</p>	
<p>The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. The Bishops met for their Spring plenary meeting from 19 – 22 April 2021. In a reflection titled <i>The Day of the Lord</i>, the Bishops also praise families, parish communities and those who have worked tirelessly in hospitals, care homes, schools and prisons during these challenging times of ill-health, grief and isolation. The Bishops salute the leadership of our priests and also express gratitude for the 'immense efforts' of those who have provided food for those most in need: "The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of God. Many have been touched by the joy of meeting Christ in the poor; and many of the poor by the joy of meeting Christ in selfless parishioners. "Whilst acknowledging the creative and diverse methods of outreach during the pandemic – not least the live streaming of Mass – attention then turns to the post-pandemic world. The Bishops recognise that it is impossible to predict the pace at which we will emerge from the pandemic but state "what is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength." They identify the groups of people they are seeking to reach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who have lost the habit of coming to church and who may be anxious about doing so • Those who may not want to re-establish a pattern of Catholic worship – who may have seen a gap widen between the spiritual dimension of their lives and any communal expression of that spiritual quest. • The 'Covid curious' who may have encountered the Catholic Church for the first time during the pandemic <p>The Bishops highlight the strengths, the "veritable treasures" of the Catholic Church as being the tools at their disposal to rise to these challenges. The greatest treasure is, of course, the sacramental life of the Church and at its heart, the Eucharist. "It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. "At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters. "We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as 'a weekly gift from God to his people', and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed." The text of <i>The Day of the Lord</i>, a two page document, can be downloaded via our online newsletter here.</p>	
<p>The Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis has partnered with other dioceses to produce a survey which aims to find out about the experiences of Catholics during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The survey will help the Diocese to understand what has been happening whilst churches have been closed, or opened only for limited periods of time, and Catholics have had to practice their faith 'at a distance'. Please consider contributing to the survey, selecting the 'Archdiocese of Southwark' from the drop-down menu, so that we can hear about what God has been doing and what he wants to say to us about the future of the Church in this part of England and Wales.</p> <p>The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and the deadline for submission is 4th July 2021. To complete the form please click on this link in the online digital version of our newsletter: Covid- 19 Survey Form – Archdiocese of Southwark</p>	
<p>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."</p>	<p>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anne MacTavish and Danny Whitby who died recently, and for Giovanni Rossi, Christopher Gilligan, Mary Lugg, Edward Wilding, Victor Scotting, Jeannie Batty, Michael Broadley 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.</p>