



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings are currently postponed
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an
appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

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Parish & School News

At 11 am this Sunday Fr Adrian will celebrate a live-streamed Mass from St Mary Magdalen's. A link to join the Mass, with password, is sent by email the day before.

To subscribe to receive our digital newsletter with the Mass link details, please sign up with your email via
<https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags>

Please note: further information specific to St Mary Magdalen's Parish is listed overleaf. Although we hope to be able to open our doors for Sunday Mass again soon, please read this general information:

• It is important to reaffirm that, **at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.** A significant number of churches may remain closed if they are unable to meet the requirements for opening. Fulfilling these requirements is a precondition for any church opening after the 4th July for the celebration of Mass with a congregation. **Please note: St Mary Magdalen's will be able to open when we have enough volunteers to produce a Stewards' rota, with four people needed over a two-hour period.**

• Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. **This will be determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements.** We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. **This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.'**

• We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. **At present there will be one Mass on a Sunday.** Our priests will consider in time whether it is possible to celebrate additional Masses at the weekends. Given there is no Sunday obligation, if the church can open during the week we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details

It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. St Mary Magdalen's church will be able to open when there are enough volunteers to produce a Stewards' rota, however, **at present the church remains closed to the public.**

When announced the church will open from 10am to 12pm on Sundays, including livestreamed Mass from 11-11.30am for up to 80 people.

The cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm.

28th June – 5th July 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 21st June

Standing Order **£642.75**: 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. No one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income. This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our Parish website <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community> or by using your bank's phone App or website, quoting your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) as a reference.

Our Parish bank details are: **NatWest Richmond (A)**

Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**

Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

• Moving forward, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. We therefore ask parishes, wherever possible, to continue live-streaming Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.

• When we return to Mass there will be some differences in how the celebration takes place. **For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual.** None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

Archbishop John Wilson adds his prayers and concern to this information with the specific information "While the next steps are very important for us, we cannot simply return back immediately to where we were before lockdown." Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we move forward together. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk.

A message from Fr Adrian: In last week's newsletter I gave an update on what has been happening to the assessment of the ceiling damage and mentioned that a Diocesan Buildings' Surveyor would be coming to confirm whether, as hoped, the side aisles may be able to open to allow access for private prayer. I have received a verbal report that is very positive but need to wait for the confirmation from our insurers. However, it seems good news in that, whilst we have a proposed a programme of up to three stages of assessment and repairs, the Buildings' Surveyor has given a verbal report stating that, through our safety management so far, together with the proposed plan of works, the church is safe for people to enter both the side and central aisles.

underconstruction



As reported last week, our aim is to be able to open the church for a couple of hours on a Sunday. In order to do this, to keep to our safeguarding and cleaning regulations, it would be best to have **four teams** of at least **four people** so that each team would be volunteering in the same team once in a four-week month. We have been blessed so far with a couple of people who have volunteered to act as **Stewards**, but don't yet have enough volunteers to be able to open. Being a Steward requires someone who is not classed as 'shielded' or 'vulnerable' by the NHS, someone who is capable of cleaning the church surfaces with antibacterial spray (please note that PPE and cleaning materials will be provided) and requires someone who could swap roles after an hour with the Stewards who would be looking after the separate entrance and exit for the first hour.

If you think you could volunteer as a Steward, *perhaps even suggesting your own team of four people to work together*, please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help. **The initial aim is to be able to open the church from 10 am to 12pm on Sundays, including the opportunity for a small congregation from 60 to 80 people** (depending on a mix of individuals and households) for Mass from 11 to 11.30am.

Please note: until the Diocese has given permission, St Mary Magdalen's church is still closed, with Sunday Mass livestreamed via Zoom at 11am planned to continue for the foreseeable future, even when we can open.

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

28th June – 5th July 2020

Sunday 28 th June St Peter & St Paul	11am The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email
Monday 29 th June (Feria)	9am Lucy Mason [Foundation Mass]
Tuesday 30 th (Feria)	9am No Mass Intention
Wednesday 1 st July (Feria)	9am Holy Souls
Thursday 2 nd (Feria)	9am Intention of Gilly Best
Friday 3 rd (St Thomas)	9am Richard's Welfare (Barclays Bank)
Saturday 4 th (Our Lady)	9am Anne & Nicholas Murphy [Foundation Mass]
Sunday 5 th July 14 th Sunday Ordinary Time	11am The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email

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 the daily Mass.

Luke 10:20

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Keith Norton who died recently and for Ernest Brown, Phillip Brennan, Jean Overton Wood, John Ryan, Hetty Downs 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.

Please note: when it is possible for us to open, we will make plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Until that point Fr Adrian will continue to celebrate funerals at the crematorium or at the graveside with the small number of close family and friends allowed by UK Government regulations. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.