



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Weekday masses at 9.30am (except Mondays when the Church is closed)

Confessions (Reconciliation): Saturdays at 10-10.30am and 5 – 5.30pm  
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## Farewell from Fr Graziano

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These are the qualities that come to mind when I think of you, parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene: kindness, friendship, fraternity, family, goodwill, commitment, dedication, care, joy, collaboration, spirit of service, prayer, support, love.

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me so much joy in the few months we have spent together. I will always remember you with affection in my prayers. It's a promise!

I wish everyone to grow ever more in friendship with the Lord Jesus because He takes care of our lives with a love that goes beyond all imagination. Staying attached to Him is the secret of happiness. And please do not forget:

### **Pray for your priest**

The most important thing a parishioner can do for his priest is to pray for him. A rosary, a holy hour, a small spiritual offering or a daily suffering offered for the priest.

### **Go to Mass and/or Confession**

Nothing will make your priest happier.

### **Strive for Holiness**

There's nothing more exciting for a priest than witnessing holiness in the lives of the people to whom he ministers; not only is that an experience of grace that his labour is bearing fruit but it is also tremendously edifying in his own pursuit of holiness.

### **Offer to help**

Volunteer your time to your parish as a sign of support and service.

### **Be Supportive**

Whenever there is something that is stressful, such as a difficult time during the parish, we all know that "reinforcement" will be appreciated.

### **Have Realistic Expectations and Be Helpful**

Your priest is probably not a plumber, so don't expect him to fix the leaky pipe. But definitely do ask him if he knows it is leaking. Always assume goodwill. Offering feedback is helpful, but criticism and complaint given without humility and sincere love is draining after a while.

### **Establish a Relationship**

Don't tell him what you don't like if that is the first time you've bothered to talk to him. Say hello before telling him what's wrong.

## Write to your priest a note expressing your gratitude

Especially to a priest with whom you have lost touch. Letting him know how his priesthood has impacted on your life means a lot.

## Give him a compliment

I always cheer up when someone tells me after Mass: 'That was a beautiful Mass, Father.'

## Cook him a meal, especially on his busy days

It would be nice if someone made sure that the priest of the parish had a nice cooked meal on Sundays. Find out his favorite meal and make it for him.

I am very confident that you will welcome Fr Adrian as he becomes your new Parish Priest. He is a good man and he will do very well with your support. God bless you all!

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## Parish & Local News

### 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Collection £557.88 + Standing Orders £400  
Total Offertory: £957.88 Apostleship of the Sea: £126.91

**Children's Liturgy:** No Liturgy until September 2019.

### Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm	Team 1
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm	Team 2

### Reduced office hours during August 2019

With Fr Graziano's departure this week, we welcome Fr Raj back to say Sunday Masses and weekday morning Masses as he did for us last September. The Church Office will operate reduced hours from now until the arrival of our new Parish Priest, Fr Adrian, in the autumn. Some emails will go unanswered until this time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 28<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jul:	9.30am	Benjamin Rabuco RIP
<b>Seventeenth Sunday</b>	11.00am	Campello Family's Intention
(p.114)	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jul:	<b>Church and Office Closed</b>	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jul:	9.30am	Holland Family
(St Peter Chrysologus)		
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul:	9.30am	Fr Graziano's Intention
(St Ignatius)		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug:	9.30am	<b>Church and Office Closed</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug:	9.30am	<b>Church and Office Closed</b>
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug:	9.30am	Henry Sleeman
(Our Lady)		
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug:	9.30am	Rocio, Pierina, Amelia, Laura RIP
<b>Eighteenth Sunday</b>	11.00am	Holy Souls
(p.117)	6.30pm	People of the Parish

### Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially Baby Ria Moreno, Stuart Howes, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello and Mario D'Souza.