



# 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.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 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 to attend Sunday**

**Mass continues to remain suspended.**

**The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions but plans to open from 10.30am for an 11am Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January.** Up to and beyond that date our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Standing Orders: £1080 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](http://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](http://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 message from Fr Adrian, deliberately repeated from last week:

"Thank you for the kind words, Christmas cards and gifts that were received over the last few days, they are much appreciated, especially given the fact that, this year, Christmas has been unlike any other. and, like many of us in our Parish Family, I've had to rely on phone and online calls so we can be together 'virtually'. **There is no such thing as a virtual family though - we are all in this together and, as we may have faced hardships in life, work or finances, in the past, we still have a new and unknown year ahead of us.**

However, it is the reality of our communion together in our own and wider families that can give us strength and draw, most especially, from the strength of our spiritual and physical reception of Holy Communion when that can be possible. **This new year heralds the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our Parish Church and we will soon again, with the work on the safety of the ceiling and the West Window, be able to open our doors again.**

I would especially like to thank our Parish Finance and Building Committee who have overseen this work, Clare and Loretta who help to coordinate our rotas and to all those, whether on a rota or not, who support the Parish throughout the year by volunteering in so many ways. Although we've had to work very differently together for most of last year, it will be a blessing to again have the support of our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, sacristy helpers, catechists, musicians and singers, our helpers with Children's Liturgy, our collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners and our altar servers as we establish how we can serve the Lord together having made the church safe again.

With my continued prayers and thanksgiving that you and your family will have had a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings, Fr. Adrian."

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS** Thank you for your continued support of the Parish whilst we are unable to take basket collections in church as we used to. Each Christmas and Easter are the only two occasions when the collection is a gift to Fr Adrian. We were unable to hold a collection at Easter but hope this Christmas you can make a gift to Fr Adrian online by [clicking on this link](#) which features in our online newsletter, up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Thank you for giving what you can, it will be a great blessing.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		3 <sup>rd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> January (the Christmas season ends on 10 <sup>th</sup> )
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today is only via</i>	<i>livestream</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	
04 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Monday	9 am	Feria of Christmas	Alexander Doci
05 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Tuesday	9 am	Feria of Christmas	Private Intention
06 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	9 am	The Epiphany of the Lord	James Prentice, his family and keyworker colleagues
07 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Thursday	9 am	Feria of Christmas	Bembrose Family Intentions (Foundation Mass)
08 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Friday	9 am	Feria of Christmas	Ann Heaton RIP
09 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Saturday	9 am	Feria of Christmas	Hugh Maguire RIP
<i>After the call to stay at home, we hope to reopen for Mass on 10<sup>th</sup> January unless it would be illegal to do so</i>			
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We hope to open today</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	

**Archbishop John Wilson has written this weekend about the recent challenges of the Pandemic ...**

“May I, first of all, wish you every blessing for the New Year and all 2021 will bring in faith, hope, and love. While we still face significant uncertainty because of the Covid 19 pandemic, we take great consolation from the truth that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In Him we place all our trust. We are now at a point where, across our Archdiocese, the levels of Covid 19 infection have risen significantly, even within the restrictions of Tier 4. A number of priests have tested positive for Covid 19 or have needed to self-isolate. Parishioners, who have served faithfully in recent months as stewards, and who have assisted with sanitising church buildings, have also become ill or needed to self-isolate. Please keep all those affected by the virus in your prayers. **In a few places, the illness or vulnerability of the priest, or of key parishioners involved in stewarding and sanitising, has meant the temporary closure of churches for the celebration of Mass and private prayer. This, of course, is never a decision to be taken lightly. In the situations where this has happened, however, there has been no alternative.** ...Yours sincerely in Christ, Most Rev John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark”  
Given this important encouragement we truly hope that we can forge together for **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** a team of cleaners and, for Mass on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**, have Stewards and a Reader to enable the church to open safely for Mass. If you are an existing helper or a new volunteer, please email our Part-time Parish Administrator, Clare, via [Mortlakeadmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlakeadmin@RCAOS.org.uk)

**National Lockdown Update on 5<sup>th</sup> January:** I’m sure many of you will have been watching the Prime Minister’s address to the nation concerning the introduction of a new lockdown. The main points of the new National Lockdown Guidance which relates specifically to places of worship are summarised below:

Communal worship and life events - **You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.** You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone’s death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.

**This means there is no statutory obligation on places of worship to close at this time, and that the public celebration of the Sacraments, where all necessary stewarding and sanitisation measures are in place, may continue.**

Needless to say, this section of the Archbishop’s email of last Saturday still applies:

*... I would, therefore, suggest that a local determination is made by each parish priest or parochial administrator about the Mass schedule for Sundays and weekdays and the opening of churches for personal prayer ... Wherever possible, please enable people to attend Mass and visit the church for prayer, with all necessary stewarding and sanitisation measures in place. If, however, it is not possible to ensure the church buildings are properly stewarded and sanitised, or the risks are deemed too great, or the priest himself becomes unwell or needs to self-isolate, and no alternative provision can be made, please take whatever temporary action is judged necessary ... This decision should be reviewed each week, ...*

*Unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise, it is crucial that our churches remain open for the celebration of Mass and personal prayer. This is vital to our spiritual health and wellbeing. With the correct measures in place, our churches are safe places. It is, however, paramount that clergy and laity alike follow the requirements for distance, stewarding, and sanitisation, as specified in the guidance sent out previously. The instructions concerning the liturgy must also be followed in full. Failure to implement these measures is an extremely serious matter, and potentially jeopardises peoples’ health. The laity have the right to the reassurance provided by the guidelines for the celebration of the Sacraments in the context of the pandemic.*

I hope this information will address any immediate questions which may arise at this time. With my continued prayers, Fr Adrian

**If you are applying for a place at a Catholic Primary School for September 2021 please read this information very carefully**

Any Parish reference request that is received less than two weekends before the school’s final date of receipt cannot be processed as there will not be enough time for the completion and quarantine process. For example, **if the Primary School SIF has to be back by Friday 15 January, the last date to drop the form into the Parish Office is Saturday 2 January** to allow for a quarantine of 72 hours before and after completion, **so that the reference(s) can be collected from Fr Adrian at Noon on Sunday 10 January.** Please note: Fr Adrian can only provide references for members of the Parish and cannot provide a reference without a completed “Parish Reference Request” with a copy of the child’s baptism certificate attached. Please follow the instructions on the Parish form regarding all the documents Fr Adrian needs, thank you.

**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** Tadeusz Kawa,

Baby Tommy Murphy, Philippa Hoyland and Michael Kelly who died recently; for William Mannion, Mary Stayness, Patrick Brown, Gordon Irvine, Flora Felton, Roland Foulon, Eileen McLean, Henri Jaume 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.