



# 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: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 2.30 pm**

**Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm**  
365 days a year (except for emergency call-outs).

## 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022 to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2023

**Sunday Masses:** 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 9am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

**Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from 9am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Our weekly income was £703 [an average of the 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 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy

### Christmas: Parish Mass Book p.90-93

Our Jesse Tree symbols in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent began with Hezekiah's **Tent** to remind us of God's presence in difficult times, and the **Ember and Tongs** to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others.



Habakkuk's **Watchtower**, symbolised his waiting in watchfulness upon the day of the Lord's coming; the **Tears** of Jeremiah, represented his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord with Nehemiah's **Wall** around Jerusalem standing for how it should be kept a holy place (a sad reference to the division in the Holy Land today and how the current wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we have our first reference to the New Testament, with a **Scallop Shell** symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. this Sunday's symbol of the White **Lily** symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal.

The **Carpenter's Hammer** represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in the story of our salvation; followed by a symbol representing the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. The next symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**, to proclaim the name of John the Baptist, followed by the **White Candle**, symbolizing Christ; the light of the world and reminding us of the white candle of our Advent wreath which will be lit at the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. The Nativity is represented on our Jesse Tree by the **Manger** that cradled the infant Jesus and on Christmas Day we place the last of our symbols, the **Chi-Rho** monogram, a combination of the first two letters for the Greek word of Christos, Christ – the true Light that came into the world on the first Christmas Day. **Let us remember in prayer all those who find this a time of difficulty and hardship, God bless, Fr Adrian.**

### 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.

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		25 <sup>th</sup> December to 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	Nativity of the Lord	Baby Tommy Murphy RIP
	11.00 am		The intention of the Nemeth Family
	<i>Please note: there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day as a result of the two Masses on 24<sup>th</sup> December</i>		
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	9.30 am	St Stephen	For our Parish Family
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	The Holy Innocents	For the wellbeing of Eileen's Family
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Thursday	9.00 am	St Thomas of Canterbury	For the welfare of Tish Deacon
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Luminous Mysteries</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Feast of the Holy Family	For the welfare of Clare Johnstone
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Saturday	9.00 am	7 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas Octave	For the wellbeing of Carmel Scarlett
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	Mary, Holy Mother of God	Thanksgiving for Intercession of the Saints
	11.00 am		For our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		The Doci Family Intentions



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## A message from Fr Adrian:

"We are very blessed to have Fr Peter Andrews helping us whilst I have to be in hospital and convalesce a few months. Naturally, I hope to be back with you as soon as possible, but I can't honestly say when that will be, as it depends on how well the surgery goes. Fr Peter has already begun to celebrate Mass with me in the Parish so that he can become familiar with the Parish routine but, whilst all the sacramental work will continue as much as normal, there have to be a few changes and a call for extra volunteers to help Fr Peter and myself".

The first major change is that my last Sunday in the Parish for a number of weeks will be 8th January, with Fr Peter by himself at Mass from then on, as I will have to isolate and be at various appointments until the surgery the following week (God willing).

### From 9 January, the weekly schedule will look like this:

- Monday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 10:30. **The office is closed all day.**
- **Tuesday: the church and office are closed all day.**
- Wednesday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Thursday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Friday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- **Saturday: the church and office are closed all day.**
- Sunday: church and hall open at 9am - volunteers are needed to help with this. Mass as usual at 9:30, 11:00 and 18:30.

The church is closed from 12:30 to 18:00 and after the 18:30 Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be available after any Mass by specific arrangement with Fr Peter. Fr Peter is a retired Ordinariate Priest with a family. It's a great blessing that he is here to be such a help, but he is not a full-time replacement, so all the things I used to do such as opening the church and cemetery, cleaning the hall, emptying all the bins, putting out the recycling, and many other jobs, will all require help now.

We don't have a housekeeper, cook or a cleaner in the parish but we are blessed to have a part-time Parish Secretary, Nicola, but she only works mid-morning to mid-afternoon on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Nicola will continue all her present roles but please note the office hours above.

If you have requested a baptism already then Fr Adrian and Nicola will be in touch to determine dates. There will be no change to the baptisms up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> January, but Fr Peter will celebrate future baptisms on a Sunday. Fr Adrian is in contact with the couples who have requested marriage as future appointments not already made will need to be arranged with Fr Peter.

One Parish member has volunteered to help with cleaning the hall, but we do need more people to help after Mass on a Sunday with the recycling and refuse and with returning the bins to storage on a Monday morning. If you can help in anyway, please volunteer, as I will still need volunteer help when I return, as I will need more treatment and many months to convalesce even when I'm back in the Parish. If we cannot get any volunteers, we may have to employ a 'caretaker' style post but it seems very unlikely that we could get anyone who would want to work a few days each day with only Tuesday and Saturday off each week. If you can volunteer, or may be interested in a paid caretaker post then please email me in the Parish Office at [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) with details of how you can help as well as seeing me after Mass.

Please note: the cemetery is opened and closed during term time by the school but at weekends and all other times, so far by Fr Adrian. Fr Peter is not able to do this so, in addition to various volunteering roles for the church, it is hoped that volunteers will be able to open the cemetery at a weekend and during school holidays otherwise the cemetery will sadly have to close. I certainly hope that it does not come to this as we have a great team that look after the cemetery grounds but they are not at the cemetery every Saturday as in poor weather they cannot garden. I will email the cemetery team separately but hope that the cemetery will be able to remain accessible.

Fr Adrian McKenna