



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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**Baptisms and Weddings** by arrangement  
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

**Collection details:** Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support: our collection last week raised: £578** together with a further £400 (on average) by Standing Order. Our thanks go to those who donate direct into the parish account to make a total of **£978 for the charitable work of the Parish, it is much appreciated.** With continued thanks to those who give by Gift Aid as these sums include monies given through the Parish Gift Aid envelope scheme. Thank you also for the second collection which raised **£273 for Racial Justice Sunday** to support the work of the Catholic Church in promoting racial justice in our schools, in our parishes, and in wider society.

**The Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued guidelines about the Coronavirus in order to enable Catholic churches and organisations to find relevant information.** At the time of writing, [the risk to the public from coronavirus remains low in England and Wales.](#) Because this is a rapidly changing situation, these guidelines may evolve as the situation changes. In the meantime, it is very important to know the latest guidance from Government. The Bishops' guidance focuses on the hygiene measures needed to disrupt the spread of coronavirus should we get a number of cases in England and Wales. Guidelines can be downloaded online [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/cbcew-coronavirus-guidelines-2020-v1.pdf](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/cbcew-coronavirus-guidelines-2020-v1.pdf) The UK Government guidelines can be downloaded via: [www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public) In principle:

- As should be our ordinary practice, it is important that anyone with cold or flu symptoms (or cold sore etc.) should refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only.
- Ministers of the Eucharist should sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel.

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

**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

## 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

- There is no need as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the sign of peace suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely.

### Year of focus on the Bible - 'The God Who Speaks'

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. Pope Francis states: 'Today Jesus speaks those same words to you: "Take heart, I am here with you, allow me to enter and your life will change". That is why the Lord gives you his word, so that you can receive it like a love letter...'. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. Throughout 2020 there are a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word.

Take a look online for more information:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/)

**Our Annual Gift Aid Appeal** this year will take place on Sunday 1 March. For new parishioners who are taxpayers it will be an opportunity to sign up and support what is an important source of income for our parish. In addition, our existing Gift Aid parishioners will be able to collect their new box of envelopes ahead of the start of the new tax year. Steve Smith, our Gift Aid organiser, will be available at all three of our Sunday Masses to answer any questions you may have and take you through the signing process.

<p><b>Parish Prayer for our First Communion Candidates</b>          Father of love and abundant mercy,          it is your will to establish everything in Christ          and to draw us into union with him.          Guide our First Holy Communion candidates:          Strengthen their bond to you,          give them a special love for the Eucharist,          and mould them into the living stones of your Church.          We ask this through Christ our Lord.          Amen.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Altar Servers rota</b></p> <p><b>This weekend →</b> Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Team 2          Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Team 1 Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> Mar. Team 2          Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> Mar. Team 1 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. Team 2          Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. Team 1 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. Team 2</p> <p>Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday 5 April and          Easter Sunday 5 April from both teams please.</p> <p><b>Servers are asked to practice before each Mass so          please ensure that you turn up in BLACK SHOES at          least twenty minutes before Mass begins, thank you.</b></p>
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## MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

### 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

<p>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>  <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A</b>          (p. 136-139)</p> <p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>          (Feria)</p> <p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>          (Feria)</p> <p>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>          (Feria)</p> <p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>          (Feria)</p> <p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup>          (Feria)</p> <p>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>          (The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle)</p> <p>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A</b>          (p. 139-142)</p>	<p>9.30am          11.00am          6.30pm</p> <p>9.30am</p> <p><b>No Mass</b></p> <p>9.30am</p> <p>9.30am</p> <p>9.30am</p> <p>9.30am</p> <p>9.30am</p> <p>9.30am          11.00am          6.30pm</p>	<p>The needs of our Parish Family          Rosa Montero          Ted &amp; Sophie McCormack [Foundation Mass]</p> <p>Private intention [Deacon]</p> <p><b>The church and Parish Office are closed today</b></p> <p>Mary Mannion: for her birthday</p> <p>Holy Souls</p> <p>Holy Souls</p> <p>Alexander Doci</p> <p>Maria Gonzy RIP          Private intention [Deacon]          The needs of our Parish Family</p>
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<p><b>Parishioners and Friends who are sick:</b>          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. <b>Individual names of the sick can be written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistry.</b>          These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.  <b>Luke 10:20</b>          "Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."</p>	<p><b>Please pray for the repose of the souls of</b>          Jean Whyte and Maria Gonzy who died recently and for Sylvie Parke, Sophia McCormack, Colin Sambrook, Evelyn McCabe, Ruth Carroll, Luigi Oreste Vicca, William Cummins, Lawrence O'Brien Deacon, Michael McGuire, Honora (Nora) Farrell and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.  <b>May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen</b>          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 on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian 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>
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<p>Archbishop John Wilson is encouraging schools, parishes and youth organisations across Southwark Diocese to become involved with the <b>Million Minutes siLENT</b> Campaign during Lent this Year. The basic understanding of this Campaign is that by taking time to give up the things that fill life with noise and restlessness, young people will not only allow time for healthy silence, but they can also raise sponsorship which can make a real difference to other young people without a voice, for whom silence isn't a choice. Instead of cutting out sugar or some other treat, we would like to challenge individuals and communities of young people to cut out the noise in their lives this Lent: for example, you might go without your smart phone and stay silent for a day, or you might give up using social media for the whole of Lent! Please help Southwark and Million Minutes to do something amazing for young people. All of the money raised from siLENT goes directly into their Grants fund which gives money to youth led social action projects across the country, helping young people change their life and their world!  <b>For more information you can visit the website <a href="https://millionminutes.org/silent">https://millionminutes.org/silent</a></b></p>	<p><b>Get started with siLENT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign up to siLENT via <a href="http://millionminutes.org/stay-silent">millionminutes.org/stay-silent</a> and let Million Minutes know how you plan to take part.</li> <li>2. You'll then be invited to set up your online fundraising or you can...</li> <li>3. raise money by downloading the <a href="#">siLENT sponsor form</a> via this newsletter online.</li> </ol>
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