



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

18th to 25th February 2024

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Parish Office Open:

Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

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

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am and 11.00 am
Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9 00 am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9.00 am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays from 9.30 am to 10.30 am and by request.

1st Sunday in Lent: 18th February 2024

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Ash Wednesday is the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal – a day rich in associations and symbolism. It marked the beginning of Lent – a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). It was the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal. If you can please join us for ‘Stations of the Cross’, on Sundays at 10.30am, between the 9.30 and 11am Masses during Lent, thank you.



Support for our Clergy. Today we are remembering especially all our Priests both sick and retired and how we can help provide care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health.

A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. In 2023, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1.31 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Today we have the opportunity of keeping our priests in your prayers and making a gift to the Clergy Support Fund in our 2nd collection, by using one of the envelopes provided, by calling 020 7960 2504, by using the QR code or, by clicking [HERE](#) on your digital device.



Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the “Open House” on Thursday morning.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 11th February.

Our weekly income was £729 an average of the last 4 weeks]

We are all in different 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
- 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
- Gift Aid Envelopes or Cash can be given in the collections taken during Mass.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Donation Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy

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		18 th to 25 th February 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
18 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	1 st Sunday in Lent	James Collins RIP
	11.00 am	10.30 am Station of the Cross	The needs of our Parish Family
19 th Feb. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
20 th Feb. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
21 st Feb. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Prior Family [Foundation Mass]
22 nd Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	The Chair of St Peter	Josie Donohoe
23 th Feb. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	St Polycarp	For the Holy Souls
24 th Feb. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	No Mass
25 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	2 nd Sunday in Lent	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	10.30 am Station of the Cross	Intention of the O’Keeffe Family

Confirmation News. Please remember that, if your child has been coming to the Parish Youth Group, the group commences again on Thursday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Holy Communion News. For parents whose child is enrolled on our First Holy Communion Programme, please remember that their First Reconciliations are taking place on **Saturday 24th February**, in the church, from 10.30 to 11.30am.

CAFOD Family Fast is on 23rd Feb. – envelopes are available if you would like to make your donation using Gift Aid.

Parish WhatsApp Group News: Many thanks for those who contacted the Parish following the news of a new WhatsApp Group. It has taken a couple of weeks to figure out the nuances of managing the WhatsApp groups as we first had to create a "Community" but all is sorted now. The easiest way to join is to follow via this link

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1ckAXgl4y> on your phone or via a QR code ...

When you have signed-up, you'll be part of the "Announcements" Group, where all those who've signed up to the group are based, but then there are sub-groups people can join, such as the First Communion Group, Confirmation, Altar Server Parent Group etc. If you leave a sub-Group then you are still part of the "Announcements" Group but, you leave the WhatsApp Group entirely if you exit from the "Announcements" section. We look forward to welcoming you to the group and, rest assured, the Parish won't bombard you with messages, we'll just keep you up to date with important news.

St Mary Magdalen Parish
WhatsApp community



Thank you to all everyone who has made a **donation of non-perishable items** in a condition where we could sell them at a Parish Fair. (Please provide the original packaging, where possible, but please note we cannot sell used items such as half a bottle of shampoo!) **We still need items for the fair so please see Fr Adrian after Mass or leave donations in the Presbytery Porch behind the black gate.**

We will be holding a Parish Fair on Sunday 12 May (avoiding the Bank Holiday weekends, the School Fair and Confirmation on 18th May) and ask if you can help at the fair by running a stall. We

would like to hold a Parish Raffle with some cash prizes and are looking for individual or business sponsorship. The cost would be £500 (to cover the cost of the raffle and the printing of the tickets which could have the business logo), so please see Fr Adrian or email the Parish on Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help. **Please sign-up to the Parish WhatsApp Fundraising Group (the main details are above) to let us know if you can help or to share any ideas you have to help us to raise funds for the ongoing Health & Safety repairs, thank you**

CAFOD and SCAIF have set a challenge to **"WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY"**. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. CAFOD's 2024 Lent Appeal is to help fishing communities feed their families in Liberia and SCAIF's WEE BOX Appeal is focused on women and girls in Rwanda facing gender-based violence. CAFOD and SCAIF have a shared project in Ethiopia and are working together to respond to the food crisis. Years of drought caused by the climate crisis means families are no longer able to cope, but your support means we are working with people right now, providing them with water, emergency food and healthcare. For more details of this and how to sign-up and join the challenge, click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter or visit [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. This one-day course is for all married couples no matter how long you have been married and seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills. If you would be interested in attending, please contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>
The courses begin at 9.45am and finish at 4.30pm and are available on: 16th March, at Gravesend Parish, 13th April, at Whitstable Parish, 29th June: at Sittingbourne Parish, thank you.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord.

Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:

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 will be offered at every Mass as Fr Adrian keeps the private list of names at the altar.

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Luke 10:20

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the entrance and exit to the church if you would like to request a Mass for a family member or friend, for the Holy Souls or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Irene Baker, Martin McGrath, and Michael McDonagh who died recently, and for William Cummins, Lawrence O'Brien Deacon, Michael McGuire, Honora Farrell, Anthony McKenna, Pamela Bovele 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. Please also state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to the list above for our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass