



# 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 for last Sunday, 28 June

Standing Orders: **£669.00** 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. No one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income. This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our Parish website <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community> or by using your bank's phone App or website, quoting your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) as a reference. Our Parish bank details are: **NatWest Richmond (A)**  
Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**  
Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

**Thank you to all those who have recently set up standing orders for your weekly offering. It is a great blessing to have your support as, over the last month the weekly average increased to £669.** At the beginning of Lockdown, we received on average £420 in standing orders, but prior to this our weekly totals would range from £900 to £1200, depending on having a second collection. The second collections have paused for the Lockdown period until our Bishops decide how to manage support for these charities, as **all of us have to manage very different and often difficult financial situations. Thank you to each and every member of our Parish Family, whether you are able to make your usual Sunday contribution to the collection or not.** If you have recently set up a standing order for your weekly offering, do please check to see if your bank account is being debited correctly as St Mary Magdalene Anglican church in Richmond recently sent details to us of a standing order request which had been sent by NatWest to the Anglican church by mistake as St Mary's C of E also banks with NatWest in Richmond. Our correct bank details are listed above.

**Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details**

**It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.** St Mary Magdalen's church will be able to open when there are enough volunteers to produce a Stewards' rota, however, **at present the church remains closed to the public.**

When announced the church will open from 10am to 12pm on Sundays, including livestreamed Mass from 11-11.30am for up to 80 people.

**The cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm.**

## 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**A message from Fr Adrian:** Thank you to all those who have been able to join us for our Sunday Masses which are broadcast from the main altar, thanks to the support of a small group of volunteers. This group includes parish members who have volunteered to read during the Zoom Mass trial which was set up to 26<sup>th</sup> July. Despite running some tests beforehand to establish the best format for livestreaming, we grow in our understanding each week and will experiment on Sunday with trying to hear the responses from the congregation at home. I know that some have found it strange not to hear a response, so please do join in as it will be lovely to hear from you.

**Thank you to all our Parish Family and Volunteers:** We have had a couple of volunteers who emailed to say that they can help us and it will be a great blessing to have their assistance; however, we do need more volunteers to help with the Mass as we prepare for the way forward. **The reality is that many families are choosing to stay at home and plan to stay away from Mass for the time being as they are concerned about what seems to be conflicting information from the Government. Such hesitancy is understandable, so it is no surprise that we don't yet have enough volunteers to open.**

If you are not on the NHS vulnerable list, please consider if you are able to help us by being a Steward in church but, **if you are shielding, it is important that you remain at home.** If you are one of our current volunteers, such as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister and you don't feel comfortable returning to Mass yet, **please do not feel that you are letting anyone down by not being able to help.** Far from it, you are doing the right thing by looking after your health and that of your family by staying at home. When we do have enough volunteers and are able to open for Mass, the Government 'Track and Trace' regulations, will require people to pre-register for a place at Mass. To help with this, and all our Parish admin., Clare Foster has been given the part-time role of Parish PA. If you are able to help volunteer as a Steward, please email Clare via [MortlakeAdmin@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm this, thank you.

**At 11 am this Sunday Fr Adrian will celebrate a live-streamed Mass from St Mary Magdalen's.**

A link to join the Mass is sent out the day before, with a second link for those who plan to watch the Mass later.

To subscribe to receive our newsletter with the Mass details, please sign up your email via <https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags>

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate a Live-Streamed Mass from St George's Cathedral this Sunday. The Mass will be available from 8.30am on 5<sup>th</sup> July and can be watched by entering this YouTube link: [https://youtu.be/ne-d4G72\\_pw](https://youtu.be/ne-d4G72_pw) or by clicking the above link in our digital newsletter. Please note: if you missed the Mass, the recording can be watched via the same link.

If you think you could volunteer as a Steward, *perhaps even suggesting your own team of four people to work together*, please email [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk) if you can help. **The initial aim is to be able to open the church from 10 am to 12pm on Sundays, including the opportunity for Mass from 11 to 11.30am.** Please note: until the Diocese has given permission, St Mary Magdalen's church is still closed, with Sunday Mass livestreamed via Zoom at 11am planned to continue for the foreseeable future, even when we can open.

## MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

### 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Private Intention [Saunderson]
(Feria)		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Patrick Fordyce & Alice Low [on their engagement]
(Feria)		
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Intention of Gilly Best
(Feria)		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	John Kavanagh [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Keith Norton RIP
(St Benedict)		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Holy Souls
(Our Lady)		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	

**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**

Keith Norton who died recently and for Agnes Baxter, Rosina Cooper, Jan Zaborski Phyllis Godpray, Lilian Wirth, Edward Crummy 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.

Please note: when it is possible for us to open, we will make plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Until that point Fr Adrian will continue to celebrate funerals at the crematorium or at the graveside with the small number of close family and friends allowed by UK Government regulations. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

**Poem of the month (Edited by a Parishioner)**

Angels by Olive Custance

When life is difficult, I dream  
Of how the angels dance in heaven!  
Of how the angels dance and sing  
In gardens of eternal spring,  
Because their sins have been forgiven ...  
And never more for them shall be  
The terrors of mortality!  
When life is difficult, I dream  
Of how the angels dance in heaven....

**Commentary on the author**

Olive Eleanor Custance (born 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1874) was already a poet of some renown when she married Lord Alfred Douglas in 1902. Like many of his creative contemporaries, Douglas was received into the Catholic Church in 1911. With the encouragement of her husband, Olive Custance followed suit, but not until 1924. The melancholy note of 'Angels' might be semi-autobiographical as Olive 'lapsed' after just three years, never to return to Catholicism. In the month before her death in 1944, she expressed regret that she had left the Church, noting in another poem 'God pity me and give me back my wings!'