



# 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:**

**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).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION**  
Our weekly income was £578 [an average of the last 4 weeks]  
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website: [www.stmarymags.org.uk/community](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)**

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through [www.stmarymags.org.uk](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk) or by using **the QR codes in the church. Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.**

**OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.**

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on**

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

**As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.**

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10**

## 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

**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 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

**15<sup>th</sup> February: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

**Mass Book p 136-139**

**Lent begins this year on Wednesday**

**18<sup>th</sup> February, with Mass at St Mary Magdalen's at 9.30 am and 7 pm, with the opportunity of receiving Ashes at both.**



Please also join us for our 'Stations of the Cross', on Sundays at 10.30 am, between the 9.30 and 11 am Masses for the first five Sundays of Lent. Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Catholics are asked to attend Mass.

This obligation is in a positive sense, so rather than a 'demand', we have a positive 'command' as in we are blessed to be able to come together as the family of the Church in a witness of prayer and faith. Although having fish on a Friday is still held as a practice by many people, the origins of this custom come from Catholic practice of Fridays being special days of fasting. Since 2011, Catholics in this country have been called to live-out Fridays as days of fasting as a practice of penance, whereby penance is what we do, not as a punishment, but as a positive witness of recognising our shortcomings.

For more information please see the website [www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-witness-friday-penance/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-witness-friday-penance/)

Usually, after the 9.30 am Mass on Ash Wednesday, Fr Adrian would visit the Parish School to hold a special Reflection Service for the children however, this year, Ash Wednesday occurs during the Half-Term School holiday. Although some of our families are away for the school break, if you are able to join us for the Holy Day we have Mass at either 9.30 am or at 7 pm.

| Liturgical Year A              | Mass Details and Intentions |   | 15 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Date                           | Time                        | Intention                               | Intention  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Sunday   | 9.30 am                     | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | The Needs of our Parish Family                         |
|                                | 11.00 am                    |   | Thomas Kenny RIP                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Monday   | 9.30 am                     | Feria                                   | Ted and Sophie McCormack [Foundation Mass]             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Tuesday  | <b>Closed</b>               | <b>NB the church is closed</b>          | <b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb Wednesday | 9.30 am                     | Ash Wednesday                           | Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]                           |
|                                | 7.00 pm                     |   | For the Holy Souls                                     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Thursday | 9.30 am                     | Feria of Lent                           | For the Holy Souls                                     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Friday   | 9.00 am                     | <b>Rosary and Benediction</b>           | <b>Prayers for Peace: The sorrowful Mysteries</b>      |
| <b>NB after Benediction</b>    | 9.30 am                     | Feria of Lent                           | Janet O'Hea RIP  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb. Saturday | 9-10.30am                   | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>      | <b>The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today</b> |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb. Sunday   | 9.30 am                     | 1st Sunday of Lent                      | The Needs of our Parish Family                         |
|                                | 11.00 am                    | 10.30 am Station of the Cross           | Thomas Kenny RIP                                       |

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February Archbishop-elect Moth will be installed as the new Archbishop of Westminster. You can see Archbishop-elect Moth's Installation at Archbishop by going to [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/Installation-info/](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/Installation-info/)



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection, by using one of the envelopes provided, or by calling 020 7960 2504, or please use this QR code or, by clicking [HERE](#) in the online newsletter, thank you.

The Lenten CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February with an opportunity of contributing to CAFOD on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Because the CAFOD Family Fast collection is on the first Sunday in March, we will hold our monthly 'Building Together' collection on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March instead, thank you.

Fr Adrian asks if any Parish Members who are involved in the Building Trade can help with the sanding and painting of the metal front gates? Or perhaps, relaying some paving slabs in the cemetery. If you can offer your help, with either of these requests, or perhaps both, can you please send Fr Adrian an email to say how you can assist him, thank you 😊

Fr Adrian has asked that our **Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention** this week be in remembrance of "The Holy Souls". Each sanctuary candle costs the Parish £5, but we are grateful to individuals and families who sponsor this, either by donating for any amount, or none if a donation isn't possible. If you would like to sponsor our 7-day candle please see Fr Adrian or complete one of the white Gift Aid envelopes with your contact details and stating the prayer intention you would like at each Mass for a particular week, thank you

Become an Ambassador for Christ and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church! The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project called "Ambassadors for Christ", to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Together, we will build witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ and his Church. "Ambassadors for Christ" consists of 52 videos, posted every Monday on YouTube, with a new video each week posted along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. Fr Adrian will be holding a monthly meeting with refreshments to discuss the videos. This project aims to not only help people find answers to questions, such as: "Is Jesus God?", "How do we know God is real?" or "Is Mary the Mother of God", but also to provide a reliable resource that can be used when teaching the Catholic faith. **To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: [Ambassadors for Christ | Apologetics for Catholics | Archdiocese of Southwark](#) Together, we will build witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ and his Church.**



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**A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank**

With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables.

Also needed is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.

**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.

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**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**

Evelyn Nugent who died recently for Nancy McDonnell, Sylvie Parke, Sophia McCormack, Elizabeth Sherston-Bake, Colin Sambrook, Evelyn McCabe, Ruth Carroll, Luigi Vicca, William Cummins, Lawrence O'Brien Deacon, Michael McGuire, Honora Farrell, Anthony McKenna

**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