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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, 17 May

Standing Order **£468**: an average of the whole month
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

UK Bishops call for urgent action plan to prevent racial inequality amid Covid-19: The results of a recent survey carried out by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) reveal a significant disproportion in the number of deaths due to coronavirus among ethnic minorities when compared to their number in the total population of the UK. In light of this, the UK government launched an official inquiry last month to investigate the disproportionate effect of Covid-19 on people with black and minority ethnic backgrounds. According to the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ), the factors that affect the ethnic minorities include poverty, employment and housing conditions among others. This is further pronounced with the increased numbers of workers from ethnic minorities in essential services like social care, transportation, healthcare and caregiving. Bishop Paul McAleenan, the President of the Office for Migration Policy of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, welcomed the news of the inquiry. He however noted that an inquiry alone is not enough. "The government needs urgently to tackle the known structural inequalities that have left some communities paying such a high price," ...

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

From The Archbishop of Southwark, Most Rev John Wilson:
With immediate effect, without any exceptions, all our churches and chapels across the Archdiocese must remain closed to the public until further notice. This is to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 virus among gatherings of people, and, in particular, to protect the most vulnerable

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

24th - 31st May 2020

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate a Live-Streamed Mass from St George's Cathedral this Sunday. The Mass will be available from 10am on 24th May and can be watched by entering this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/7zos2U0S97M> or by clicking the above link in our digital newsletter.

If you are a Senior and would like support at home such as food deliveries, please call the FiSH Neighbourhood Care Helpline on 020 8876 3414.

Staying at home: a new resource for young people
Southwark Catholic Youth Service has worked with some 6th form students on a mini-series 'Christ is Alive'. This is an invitation for young people to focus on staying spiritually healthy and to ponder some of the big questions about life, through journaling and prayer. This may be particularly relevant to our families during this difficult time of lockdown. Please encourage any young people to take a look online at: www.youtube.com/southwarkcatholicyouthservice

Masses for front line workers and their families
Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over the country, including **members of our own Parish Family who are keyworkers, and especially to all family members who provide care at home, are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable and in need of treatment at this time.** In order to show a spiritual solidarity with carers and front-line workers, each week a Catholic Bishop will celebrate a live-streamed Mass in their Cathedral. This Thursday, 28th May, Bishop Terence Drainey, will celebrate Mass at 7pm via the website <http://middlesbroughcathedral.org/>

Bishop Paul McAleenan said "We all have a responsibility to address the long-standing issue of racial inequality in our society that this health crisis has brought to light. The Catholic Association for Racial Justice is also calling for the creation of an action plan to ensure the provision of support for the BAME communities. The association appeals for priority to be given to combating the causes of inequality such as education, income, housing and employment. [Download the CARJ letter via an online link.](#)

Pope Francis offers this prayer for Catholics wishing to make a spiritual communion:

At your feet, O my Lord Jesus, I prostrate myself and offer you repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in your holy presence. I adore you in the sacrament of your love. I desire to receive you into the poor dwelling that my heart offers you. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I for my part, am coming to you. May your love embrace my whole being in life and death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. Amen.

During this time when it is not possible to physically receive Holy Communion, Catholics are encouraged to make a spiritual communion. An excellent prayer sheet has been produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, including a prayer for spiritual communion. This can be found online via: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/No-Mass-A4.pdf>

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week 24th – 31st May 2020

Sunday 24 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter Yr A	9am	The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 25 th (St Bede)	9am	Private Intention
Tuesday 26 th (St Philip Neri)	9am	Alan & Sophie Saunderson 13 th wedding anniversary
Wednesday 27 th (St Augustine of Canterbury)	9am	Private Intention
Thursday 28 th (Feria)	9am	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
Friday 29 th (Feria)	9am	James Francis Carruthers RIP 5 th anniversary
Saturday 30 th (Feria)	9am	Michael Lomax [Foundation Mass]
Sunday 31 st The Feast of Pentecost Yr A	9am	The needs of our Parish Family

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 his 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

Mana Coughtrie and Cecily Smythe who died recently
Mary Bronnan, Annie Mephram, Laura Rodrigues, Peter Barnes, Patricia Barrington, James Carruthers 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 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.

Whilst currently it is not possible to attend Mass, there are several Parishes who broadcast online, including: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon>, the Shrine at Walsingham <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> and from the US <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
NB: Mass times may change according to circumstances.

Prayers and texts can also be found online via the website <https://us.magnificat.net/free>: please click on the UK/Eire tab.

Fr Adrian would like to have an email address for every individual adult member and family within the Parish, so as to send out a link and password to register on our digital database. We currently have 238 emails and would like to reach out to more of the families that are part of the Parish. For security reasons the database is 'entry only' but is accessed by a link and password that can be sent out to you on emailing Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with "digital database" in the subject line. Please email, even if you think you have already registered, so that we can stay in touch. Thank you.

Online Resources for Individuals, Families and Children

Our Centre for Catholic Formation is offering online learning from the Franciscan University, featuring **training for catechists and workshops for parents**. To register your interest please email learnonline@rcaos.org.uk.

Aid to the Church in Need have launched their Children's Bible stories' project featuring crafts, games and mini-plays via the link <https://acnuk.org/resource/childs-bible-project/>

If you are self-isolating at home or in isolation through the NHS letter scheme and need food delivered the **Barnes Community Association (BCA) Shop home delivery service can help**. The website is open for orders from people of all ages who need help with food deliveries: www.barnescommunityshop.com

The BCA Shop is open to people of all ages, but if you are a pensioner and would like support at home such as food deliveries, please call our local FiSH Neighbourhood Care Helpline on 020 8876 3414.