



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

3rd to 10th April 2022

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.
Parish Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm
Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm
365 days a year (except for emergency call-outs).

Sunday Masses: 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm
Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.
Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 27 March
Our weekly income was £913 [an average of the 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.
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 deposited in the blue donation buckets at the exit of the Church.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Payment 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.

5th Sunday of Lent: Parish Mass Book p. 179-183

Prayers for Peace and News for Palm Sunday

I don't know where Lent has gone, but I'm probably not the only one who thinks like that! The end of Lent with the start of Holy Week and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. **Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, but please note, this week's newsletter gives us the advanced notice that our first Mass will be said at 10 am for Palm Sunday. Please note the change of time, as the usual Children's Mass cannot start at 9.30 since we have the Walk of Witness that day.**

If you can join us for the first Mass with the donkey procession, please meet in front of the church from **9 to 9.15 am**. We will leave from the church to walk to the War Memorial in East Sheen where local churches will gather for the start of the combined Palm Sunday Walk of Witness at 9.30 am. From there we will walk back in procession with the donkey to reach the church in time for **our first Mass at 10 am**. If you can't join the walk, please just wait outside the church for the rest of us to return. Please see the **Holy Week and Easter Services** sheet which is available from the back of the church. This lists all the details of our Mass times over Holy Week and the Easter period. The donkey is well looked after and its welfare is paramount but, it is used to giving rides. If you would like a donkey-ride, please see the donkey after Mass (see poster).

A prayer for Ukraine: Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, 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. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		3 rd to 10 th April 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
3 rd Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	10.15 Stations of the Cross	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	5 th Sunday	The Welfare of Coleen Holland
	6.30 pm	of Lent	Prayers for an end to war in Ukraine
4 th Apr. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Mary Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
5 th Apr. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
6 th Apr. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Mary Wilson RIP & the Welfare of her family
7 th Apr. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Andrew Garabosi RIP
8 th Apr. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	The Welfare of Joseph, Mary and Penny Nemeth
Please note - Funeral	2.30 pm	Funeral Service	Brigadier Colin John McCrae Harrison CVO OBE
9 th Apr. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	The Neal Family [Foundation Mass]
10 th Apr. Sunday	10.00 am	NB change of time to 10 am	Liam and Joan O'Connor RIP [Foundation Mass]
	11.00 am	Palm Sunday	Maureen Fitzmaurice RIP
	6.30 pm	The Passion of Our Lord	The needs of our Parish Family

The Bishops of England and Wales have proposed a series of prayerful acts for Lent and Holy Week to stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and all peace-loving Russians.

Good Friday: The Bishops of England and Wales have agreed to insert an Intercession for Peace during the General Intercessions in the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday. This prayer will be made available to all parishes before Holy Week.

During the Sacred Triduum: Our Bishops invite us to set aside a time of dedicated prayer during the Sacred Triduum and ask all Catholics in our countries to be in spiritual solidarity with all those who suffer as a result of war or violence. This will take place during our Solemn Watching on Holy Thursday night, so please look out for further details and announcements for our Holy Week Liturgy.

Solidarity with Ukraine and all peace-loving Russians

Господи Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй мене грішного.

Jesus, Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Cardinal explains why we are Consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

“Acts of Consecration are a great tradition in the Church. They often feature the person of Mary, who invites us to come to her and entrust our troubles to her. A public Act of Consecration to her takes particular form and themes. In Fatima, Our Lady asked us to entrust Russia to her protection. Often in other shrines, Acts of Consecration take place for particular purposes. An Act of Consecration can also be personal, where a person consecrates their life solemnly in religious life, personally, in everyday life, to keep a focus and maintain a trust in the providence of God. There are different ways in which we pray. Basically, prayer is raising our mind and heart to God. People do that in many different ways. God declares to us His mind and heart in the person of Jesus. So Christian prayer is focused on Jesus because he is our way, our truth and life, bringing us to the Father – into the mystery of God. So Christian prayer is always centred on Him and Christian prayer, at its highest, is centred on his act of self-sacrifice on the Cross, which is made real again in the celebration of the Eucharist of the Mass. So the Mass, for us, is the highest form of prayer. Mary was given to us by Jesus in that act of sacrifice when He said to us, “This is your mother”. And so a third focus of prayer is in the person of Mary, who always carries the Child Jesus to us in our arms, introduces us to her son and beseeches on our behalf with Him, just as she did at the marriage feast of Cana. All these three ways of prayer will be expressed in this Act of Consecration, the invitation to raise minds and hearts to God, to see the highest form of prayer in the Mass we celebrate, and to turn to Mary, as we are instructed to do by Jesus, in our Act of Consecration. The appeal of the Pope is that we turn heart and soul to Mary, and the most traditional way of doing that is to recite the Rosary. So I would ask everybody who might not be able to join in this act of public consecration to pray the decades of the Rosary Mary with the intention of asking Mary to teach us the way of peace.” If you missed the consecration prayers these can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk/consecration-immaculate-heart-of-mary/

Please join us to pray for peace in Ukraine at our 9.30 Mass and to pray the Rosary for Peace each Friday at 9am.

Our Parish, Our Needs, Our Responsibility – Planned Giving Appeal: Building Together For the Future

Fr Adrian is grateful for the support of Parishioners and the members of the Finance Committee, including Steve Smith, who presented a review of our Parish Finances at all our Masses recently. If you missed his review, a copy is available [here](#).

Our Stewardship and Planned Giving scheme asks all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration their needs, the needs of the parish and the message of stewardship. Recently, we had the opportunity to complete a pledge form which is private and confidential to the Parish Office, so thank you to those who were able to return them. If you haven't had the opportunity of returning the Pledge Form or the Commitment Form, **please help us to maintain our Parish by returning them with your full contact details. Most importantly, we thank you for all that you already do for our Parish.** Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual and place of worship it is today. If you have any questions about how you can donate your Time, Talents or Treasures please see Fr Adrian after Mass. **Please note: none of us are called to give the same particular ‘time, talent or treasure’, as we are all different and must be mindful of our personal circumstances. Thank you for whatever and however you can contribute.**

Lenten Reflection and Prayers for Ukraine (Aid to the Church in Need [ACN] Online event) Wednesday 6th April 2022

Please sign up to this online Lenten Prayer Service for the people of Ukraine. The ACN team in Scotland have produced this short online scripture-based reflection for Lent on the plight of persecuted Christians to pray for the people of Ukraine. Fr Michael Kane of St Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge will share with us a short scripture-based reflection on a Lenten theme and the plight of persecuted Christians. This will be followed by a time of prayer for the people of Ukraine.

To register for free, please click [HERE](#) **To take part in the prayer campaign, please email your prayers to prayforukraine@acnuk.org and, for more information, please visit <https://acnuk.org/events/> Thank you**

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Rayner RIP will take place here on Friday 22nd April at 11am, followed by the Committal at Mortlake Crematorium at 12:40 pm. All are welcome to the Funeral Service, but please let either the family or Fr Adrian know if you can make it. With prayers of condolence for Margaret's niece Marion Stevenson and to Marion's sister, father and other family members.

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 list at the altar.

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Luke 10:20

Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Rayner, Colin Harrisson and Michael McDonagh who died recently, and for William Saunders, Theresa Wyatt, Christopher Broadley, Eileen Goggin, Winifred Cleveland, Liam O'Connor, Joan O'Connor, Bernard Froude and for 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