



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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 INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

1st to 8th January 2023

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 10.30 am to 2.30 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 18th December.
 Our weekly income was £703 [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.

Mary, Holy Mother of God Parish Mass Book p.109-111

A message from Fr Adrian: Thank you for your kind gifts and cards at Christmas and for the ways we have celebrated during the year for our 170th Anniversary. The Parish has been through a lot during those years and we face what lies ahead in 2023 together, allied with the many people in the Parish who are unwell and with those who face many other types of difficulty. Over the last year we have continued to have a number of safety repairs and still have many further planned repairs to come, as shown in the displays in the church. During the Pandemic and afterwards we have not being able to undertake any major fundraising, but our recent BIG BRUNCH was a great addition to our ordinary Sunday giving so, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the ways you enable us all to continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and people of the Parish. **I would like to thank Nicola the Parish Secretary, our Parish Finance and Building Committee members, and each and every Parish Member for your support of the Church throughout the year by donating to the Sunday collections and volunteering in so many ways.**

Although we will have to work slightly differently and adjust during the time I am away in hospital and convalescing, thank you for your welcome of Fr Peter Andrews, as it is a blessing to have the continued support of our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, Welcomers, catechists, those who've helped with the collection, our flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners, our Altar Servers and all those who have played music or sang in the past and those who can help us in the future. Thank you to you all - may we know the Lord's blessing, comfort and care for ourselves and our loved ones throughout the new year ahead. **God bless, Fr Adrian.**

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		1 st to 8 th January 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
1 st Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		Thanksgiving for Intercession of the Saints
	11.00 am	Mary, Holy Mother of God	For our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		The Doci Family Intentions
2 nd Jan. Monday	9.30 am	St Basil	For the Holy Souls
3 rd Jan. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
4 th Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Leo Nugent RIP
5 th Jan. Thursday	9.00 am	Feria	For the Welfare of Fr Adrian
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries
6 th Jan. Friday	9.00 am	The Epiphany of the Lord	The Intention of the Nemeth Family
7 th Jan. Saturday	9.00 am	Feria	The Intention of the Bemrose Family [Foundation Mass]
8 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		Our First Holy Communion Induction Mass
	11.00 am	Baptism of the Lord	Our First Holy Communion Induction Mass
	6.30 pm		For our Parish Family

Reactions from the world to news of Benedict XVI's death: As the news spreads of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI' death on Saturday 31st December, Church leaders remember the late Pope as a scholar, a gentle man, and a man of God.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster describes Pope Benedict as a pastor, a scholar, a gentleman, and a man of God. "Pope Benedict was through and through a gentleman, through and through a scholar, through and through a pastor, through and through a man of God – close to the Lord and always, always his humble servant." The President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales says he has fond memories of Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. "We saw in the person of Pope Benedict, nothing to do with the name that he'd been given of 'God's Rottweiler', but at the end of the visit, as one commentator said, he appeared as everybody's favourite grandfather."

According to Cardinal Nichols, Benedict's visit to the UK in September 2010 marked a turning point for the Catholic Church: "That visit, especially the visit to Westminster Hall, still resonates – it still gives Catholic politicians a platform and a continuing respect." **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be prayed for at all our Masses from this weekend.**



First Holy Communion News. Thank you to all parents who have returned the First Communion Application for their child. **NB: all forms had to have been given into Fr Adrian by Friday 16th December for their child to continue with the programme.** All parents who have applied for their child will have received a schedule with full details of the Lesson Plans but, as a reminder we have the Mass of Enrolment for all candidates next Sunday 8th January. **During the week those parents who registered will receive an email but please don't forget to let Fr Adrian know if you will attend the 9.30 or 11am Mass on 8th January.**

Can you help the Parish to take down our decorations this year? We do need volunteers please ...

If you can volunteer at all please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to help us with the following

- **Thank you to all those who donated poinsettias, if there's any you would like as houseplants, you are welcome to take one after any of our Masses this Sunday** (don't forget to only water when the soil is dry).
- After the 6.30pm Mass this Sunday we need volunteers to remove the shepherds and put the Magi in place
- On Saturday 7th January from 10 to 11 am we need volunteers please to help clean the church and to take down the decorations from our Christmas trees.
- After the 6.30pm Mass next Sunday, 8th January volunteers will be needed to help the Magi on their return journey.



In gratitude from Fr Adrian: "Thank you for your kind gifts and cards at Christmas and for the blessings of your prayers and 'get well' cards as I prepare for surgery in a couple of weeks and have more treatment at the Royal Marsden in preparation. I will be sad to say farewell, for however short a period of time, but would like to invite any Member of our Parish Family to an 'Open House' in the Hall after we have cleared the sanctuary and out the Magi back on the road to Bethlehem! If you can join me after Mass in the Hall at about 7.30 to 9pm for a small 'get well gathering', then please bring just a small amount of food and

drink to share so that we can enjoy a celebration together. Please join me from 7.30 to 9pm in the Parish Hall on Sunday 8th January to say 'get well soon'. Thank you and God bless."

MISSIO NEWS ...THANK YOU to everybody who has taken a Red Box. Can all those with a Red Box please email the Parish Office at Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with your details to confirm that you have one of the boxes and for those who don't have email please write to the Parish Office to let us know that you have one. If anyone is interested in donating to Missio via the Red Boxes and doesn't have one please see Fr Adrian after Mass.

Please see the Caritas Social Action poster 'SJOG Homes for Ukraine' in the Church porch. We have had a number of families volunteer to help open their homes to Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to help please see the poster.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of 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, 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

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who died recently and for Nicholas Hogan, Roy Knight, James Henna, Pauline Bugela, Baby Tommy Murphy, Alice Tame, Elizabeth Bligh, Albert Rosier, Sheila Niedenthal, Philippa Hoyland, Michael Kelly, Eileen Burnside, Margaret Jordan, Ann Bilson, William Mannion, Mary Staynce

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