



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 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 15<sup>th</sup> May.**  
Our weekly income was £603 [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](http://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](http://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.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Parish Mass Book p. 273-276

**Congratulations on our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**A BIG THANK YOU to all those who were involved in helping with our Parish Fair and our Sunday Evening 'Cheese & Wine' Reception.**

It was a joy to continue our Anniversary celebrations last Sunday evening when we welcomed back Fr Richard Whinder and Fr Graziano de Palma to our 6.30 pm Mass and for the reception in the Hall afterwards. Fr Christopher Pritchard sent his apologies as he was unable to join us but he was very much in our prayers as were all the clergy and parishioners, past and present who have helped to make our Parish thrive.

It is a blessing to know that we will celebrate further over the course of the year and will be producing, thanks to the sponsorship of a Parish family member, a professionally-printed full-colour revised edition of the Parish History that was first printed for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary (more details to follow in due course). The account of the Anniversary Fair funds (before costs) are presented below, as you can see, we were blessed to have some very special donations to help raise the amount. We do still need to raise a significant sum of money, so if you were unable to be present last weekend and can still contribute to help raise funds for the £150,000 of Health and Safety repairs we had to undertake recently, then please use this [LINK](#) to add your contribution: **thank you for whatever you are able to give, it will be a great help to meet the total amount we have had to pay.**

Bar	£ 197.10
BBQ	£ 279.40
Bric-a-Brac	£ 96.72
Cakes	£ 197.00
Raffle/Mugs	£ 227.00
Tombola	£ 232.70
Subtotal	£ 1,229.92
Mug sales 15/5	£ 460.00
Special Donations	£ 3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 4,229.92</b>

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		22 <sup>nd</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 ~ The month of Mary
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Please join us on a Friday for the Rosary
22 <sup>nd</sup> May Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Angelo Secchi RIP
	6.30 pm		Prayers for Ukraine and the Holy Souls
23 <sup>rd</sup> May Monday	9.30 am	Feria	John Boshier and Evelyn McCabe [Foundation Mass]
24 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday	Closed today	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	The church and Office are closed today
25 <sup>th</sup> May Wednesday	9.30 am	St. Bede the Venerable	Welfare of Vicki Aver and family
26 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday	9.30 am	<b>The Ascension</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>7.00 pm</b>		Ann and Brian Heaton RIP
27 <sup>th</sup> May Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Luminous Mysteries</b>
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	St. Augustine of Canterbury	Welfare of Olivia
28 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
29 <sup>th</sup> May Sunday	9.30 am		Prayers for Ukraine and the Holy Souls
	11.00 am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Sonia Bye RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family

**Continuing our 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. 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

**Our Bishops' Conference have recently written a clarification on what is known as "our Sunday Obligation" ...**

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist.

We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways.

We thank God that this situation has now changed. **The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly.**

**Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures.**

**We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.**

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. **It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.**

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. **“Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation.** It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. **Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself.** With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. **Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.** As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives. **From the Bishops of England and Wales, approved on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June there are special celebrations throughout the Commonwealth to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne. Our Parish will be joining-in the special prayers throughout the country that day.

“World Communications Day 2022”. Next Sunday we have the annual second collection to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN) which provides support in promoting the public profile of the Church.

**Please ‘Save the Date’ for our second joint Parish and School PTA ‘Big Garden Clear-up’ on 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

**This will be a special “Act of Service” for Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee, with a Picnic Lunch afterwards.**

Please come along on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 10 am to 1pm to help to clear, weed and tidy our Parish School and Cemetery Garden. **Further details will follow here soon so that you can sign up to enable the Parish and PTA know how many are coming.** All are welcome – for example our Confirmation Candidates will be helping with our Parish War Memorial.

**Please note: our First Communion classes continue this week.**

Parish families who attend other schools are asked to meet outside the Parish Hall at 5.25pm for a prompt start at 5.30pm on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May where we will revisit the work so far and look at Chapter 11.

**Please note: our Confirmation Programme classes conclude this week.** Parents are reminded of the initial letter (which can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#)) which listed the dates for the Programme. **The final opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is after the 11 am Mass this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm.** Each Candidate is reminded that they should prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Parents are reminded that the Confirmation rehearsal is being held at 7 pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, thank you.**

**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**

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**

Tess McCarthy and PJ Sweeney who died recently, and Mary Bronnan, Sidney Fernandes 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