



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered
Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

Sunday Masses: 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

Parish & School News

School Application Information

Please note that all parents applying for a school reference are requested to see Fr Adrian to obtain and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a place. This is a Parish form, not the school one and is called the **“Initial Application for a School Reference from the Parish Priest.”** This yellow form can be collected from Fr Adrian after every Sunday Mass. Requests for references are dealt with in the order that they have been received from the parents and/or schools concerned so please be aware of application closure dates and that references can only be handed in or collected after Mass on Sunday. **Many schools require a ‘Certificate of Catholic Practice’ form as part of the application. Please remember to download and fill this in with the details of your child as many have been handed in blank.** If you have received a Priest’s Reference from the school(s) you have applied to, please follow the instructions printed on that form as **each school has a different process.**

- PLEASE NOTE: if the school has requested that a parent has to return the reference then the form must be posted into the Presbytery after any Sunday Mass, so that the reference can be collected from Fr Adrian after any Mass the following weekend.

- if the school has requested that Fr Adrian has to return the form then the form must be accompanied by an envelope addressed to the school **with a stamp attached that is sufficient for the postage required.** NB a separate envelope is required for each school.

If you have any questions about the application process, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment. The first of these ‘Parish Surgeries’ is from 3.30-7.30pm on Thursday 3 October. Further dates and times will be announced in future newsletters, so thank you for your understanding if you cannot be seen this week.

“Raising the Roof”

If you weren’t away last weekend you will be aware that, sadly, part of the ceiling above the Sanctuary has collapsed. Although a small section seems involved so far, an inspection will need to occur to ensure that the rest of the area is safe. Until the inspection and repairs have been made this area is cordoned off and the route for Holy Communion will pass through the second level of pews. The ceiling collapse in the church seems unconnected to any of the rain we’ve been having lately, but sadly that’s not the case in parts of the house and hall where there are a number of leaks that need to be dealt with. Some leaks have caused minor damage but I was horrified to find out this week, on testing the central heating, that water was pouring through the ceiling from the pipework above. I have cut off the source of the leak and await a plumber, but will be hosting a meeting this week with representative members of the Parish to discuss the maintenance issues we have in the church, the house and the hall so as to plan a way forward that allows us to use the resources we have wisely and raise the roofing funds we need for the repairs.

Applications for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes will be available soon, please look out in future newsletters for details, thank you. If you are available to help with this ministry, please see Fr Adrian at the end of Mass and email him your details.

We continue our annual survey this week counting how many people come to Mass each Sunday. In addition, a fuller census form is available, so please take one if your details need updating for the confidential Parish files.

On Saturday 12 October 2019, Fr Michael Holman will be leading a session for all Eucharistic Ministers within the Mortlake Deanery. It will be held at Our Lady of Pity and St Simon Stock, Hazelwell Road, Putney, SW15 6UL from 10.30am to 12.15pm, starting with Mass at 10am. Please let Fr Adrian if you can attend, thank you.

Children's Liturgy Registration: a BIG THANK YOU to Gabriella Dhir for coordinating the team and to all our Children's Liturgy helpers as we begin registration for the new term. If you would like your child to learn and understand God's Word as part of our 9.30 Sunday Mass please see Gabriella for a registration form. Parent volunteers are needed to run the group so please see Fr Adrian if you can help

.Altar Servers rota
 Sunday 29th Sept. Team 2 Sunday 6th Oct. Team 1
 Sunday 13th Oct. Team 2 Sunday 20th Oct. Team 1
 Sunday 27th Oct. Team 2 Sunday 3rd Nov. Team 1
 Thank you to our existing Altar Servers and to all those who would like to help. New registration forms are available from Fr Adrian, with details of training sessions in future newsletters for all new and existing servers

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

29th September – 6th October 2019

Sunday 29 th	9.30am	Intention available
26th Sunday Year C	11.00am	Gerry Fitzmaurice (birthday)
(p.143)	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 30 th	9.30am	Annabella Nemeth (birthday)
(St. Jerome)		
Tuesday 1 st	No Mass	NB the Office is closed today
(St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)		
Wednesday 2 nd	9.30am	Fr Chiddi's intentions
(The Holy Guardian Angels)		
Thursday 3 rd	9.30am	Intention available
Friday 4 th	9.30am	Intention available
(St. Francis of Assisi)		
Saturday 5 th	9.30am	Intention available
(Our Lady)		
Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Intention available
27th Sunday Year C	11.00am	The needs of our Parish Family
(p.146)	6.30pm	Intention available

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rose Joyce, Anthony Simms, John McCarra, 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 they will be included collectively in Fr Adrian's prayers at each Mass during the week. Thank you.

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 written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistry.**

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."

A BIG **THANK YOU** to the small team of gardening volunteers who help to look after the cemetery area and flowerbeds around the Church grounds. The gardeners meet on a Saturday morning and would welcome new members to the team. If you can spare a little time on a rota basis where you knew in advance when you would be required or would like more information on what's involved, please email or write to the Gardening Team care of Fr Adrian at the Presbytery address or via Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk. Thank you to those who have responded so far: your details will be passed on to the Gardening Team who will be in touch soon.

This Sunday, 29th September 2019, marks the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis has highlighted the importance of understanding the needs of people who are on the peripheries. They may include migrants, refugees or even people on the edge of society such as victims of human trafficking or those who are displaced for any number of reasons. You can read Pope Francis' letter, in which he warns us about indifference to others and our increasingly 'throw away' society via the [Vatican website](http://vaticanwebsite.com) or learn more by visiting the Migrants and Refugees website <https://migrants-refugees.va/> (can be accessed via the newsletter online.)