



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

**Parish Office Open:**

**Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm**

**Our Cemetery is open daily from 9 am to 3 pm**  
365 days a year (except for emergency call outs).

**Sunday Masses:** 9.30 am and 11.00 am  
**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 9 00 am with **Mass at 9.30 am**, but please check below for details.

**Please note the church is closed on Tuesday.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from 9.00 am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays from 9.30 am to 10.30 am and by request.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Our weekly income was £665 an average of the last 4 weeks]

*We are all in different 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 given in the collections taken during Mass.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Donation Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent: 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Mass Book p. 158-161**

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February marked the two-year anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia. It's a conflict that has slipped from the headlines somewhat, but the fighting remains intense, and the suffering is great. Lent is a time for us to pray more for peace in Ukraine and throughout the world. We see the horrific news coming out of the Holy Land, the suffering that's happening there, both for the Israelis and the people of Palestine. So during this time of Lent, our journey towards the Resurrection of Christ, we're asked three things. We're asked to intensify our prayer. We're asked to abstain or fast. We're also asked to give alms to remember those who are in need. Whilst we cannot give alms to everyone we can pray, by praying for peace, praying for justice, praying for those who are alone and are suffering – especially for those suffering the pain of separation. CAFOD continue to work in Ukraine and the surrounding countries, helping those whose lives have been destroyed by the conflict, if you would like to make a donation to CAFOD please click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter, thank you.

### Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:


**Loving God**, we pray for all victims of violence, 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.

**Amen**

**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.

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		3 <sup>rd</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	Barbara Olszewska RIP
	11.00 am	<b>10.30 am Station of the Cross</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Reverend Canon John Wenham [Foundation Mass]
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	William and Mary Hogan [Foundation Mass]
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Luminous Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	Mass of Thanksgiving from Gilly Best
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	<b>10.30 am Station of the Cross</b>	For the Holy Spirit

<p><b>Today we are taking the monthly Building Together collection</b> for the care and maintenance of our Parish at all Masses. For anyone who would like to, you can make your donation by clicking <a href="#">HERE</a> in the online electronic newsletter via your electronic device or, you can donate by a 'smartphone' in Mass, there are QR codes available.</p>	<p>Advance Notice: <b>On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> we have the opportunity of donating to the <b>annual collection for Poor Parishes</b>. This collection allows our Archdiocese to support the poorer parishes in our diocese through the distribution of grants.</p>
<p><b>Our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes continue this week. Parish families who attend other schools are reminded to come along to the Parish Hall for a prompt start at 5.30pm this Sunday for Chapters 6. Please note: the next class will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March. The Parish Confirmation Group meets again on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, after the Easter break.</b></p>	
<p><b>Would you be able to help our small team of volunteers, who help to maintain our Cemetery?</b> On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, from 10.30am to 1pm volunteers from Habitats and Heritage together with members of the Cemetery team will be helping to build a woodland hedge in the Cemetery. If you can volunteer to help for some or can stay all the time on 9<sup>th</sup> March, please email the Parish Office with "Woodland Hedge" in the title. NB: Tea &amp; Coffee will be provided ☺</p>	
<p><b>Please note: From 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March there will not be any morning Mass at 9.30am at St Mary Magdalen as Fr Adrian is helping to lead a retreat that week. Daily Mass is available in our sister Parishes. St Mary Magdalen church will be open, as usual, on Wednesday to Friday from 11am to 1pm, for your private prayer, thank you.</b></p>	
<p><b>The Guild of our Lady of Good Council have contacted Fr Adrian to ask if the parish could sponsor expectant mothers.</b> The Guild helps expectant mothers, whom are unable to receive support from other funds to give them the means to buy food etc., each week. The Guild is asking Fr Adrian for sponsorship of £100 per month. E.g. If ten people donated £10 per month, would then be able to sponsor the requested monthly amount. If you can help Fr Adrian to give this monetary support to The Guild of Good Council to finance their work with vulnerable ladies, please email the Parish Office with "Our Lady of Good Council" in the title, thank you.</p>	
<p><b>Parish WhatsApp Group News:</b> Many thanks for those who contacted the Parish following the news of a new WhatsApp Group. It has taken a couple of weeks to figure out the nuances of managing the WhatsApp groups as we first had to create a "Community" but all is sorted now. The easiest way to join is to follow via this link <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1lckAXgJ4y">https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1lckAXgJ4y</a> on your phone or via a QR code ...When you have signed-up, you'll be part of the "Announcements" Group, where all those who've signed up to the group are based, but then there are sub-groups people can join, such as the First Communion Group, Confirmation, Altar Server Parent Group etc. If you leave a sub-Group then you are still part of the "Announcements" Group but, you leave the WhatsApp Group entirely if you exit from the "Announcements" section. We look forward to welcoming you to the group and, rest assured, the Parish won't bombard you with messages, we'll just keep you up to date with important news.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">St Mary Magdalen Parish WhatsApp community</p> 
<p><b>Save the date: We will be holding a Parish Fair on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May (avoiding the Bank Holiday weekends, the School Fair and Confirmation on 18<sup>th</sup> May) and ask if you can help at the fair by running a stall.</b> We would like to hold a Parish Raffle with some cash prizes and are looking for individual or business sponsorship. The cost would be £500 (to cover the cost of the raffle and the printing of the tickets which could have the business logo), so please see Fr Adrian or email the Parish on <a href="mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk">Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk</a> if you can help. <b>Please sign-up to the Parish WhatsApp Fundraising Group (the main details are above) to let us know if you can help or to share any ideas you have to help us to raise funds for the ongoing Health &amp; Safety repairs.</b> With thanks to everyone who have donated <b>non-perishable items</b> in a condition where we could sell them at a Parish Fair. <i>(Please provide the original packaging, where possible, but please note we cannot sell used items such as half a bottle of shampoo!)</i> <b>We still need items for the fair so please see Fr Adrian after Mass or leave your donations in the Presbytery Porch behind the black gate, thank you.</b></p>	
<p><b>Last weekend we welcomed Share and Care, a community food resource for Sheen, Barnes and Mortlake we work in partnership with to care for families in need from six local primary schools, including our own Parish School.</b> Share and Care currently provide food for over 70 families each week during term time and receive no statutory funding from but have support from local individuals plus donations of food and money through local collections including donations by Marks &amp; Spencer in Barnes, Waitrose in East Sheen and Cavan Bakery in Sheen. Share and Care use any donated monies to supplement food donations where necessary so that they can provide each family with basic supplies once a week during term time. Our Parish supports the work of Share and Care as some of our own families receive donations so if you would like to learn more about the work of Share and Care or might consider helping to volunteer to sort the donations on a Wednesday evening or Thursday before school, please email the Parish Office with Share and Care in the subject heading, outlining in the body of the email your query, thank you.</p>	
<p><b>Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:</b> 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. <b>"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." Luke 10:20</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Irene Baker, Martin McGrath, and Michael Mc Donagh who died recently, and for Barbara Kawa, Clare Milne, Anita Osgood, Vencentia Stafford, Joan Thomas, Edith O'Brien, Margaret Rayner, Colin Harrison and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time. <i>May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen</i></b> 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</p>