



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

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

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

16th to 23rd May 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions. As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 9th May

Standing Orders: £783 weekly average of 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 St Mary Magdalen 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.

As we near the beginning of the gradual ease of Lockdown restrictions, the importance of communicating what's possible and how we can stay safe has never been more important. It's fitting that this weekend the Church celebrates World Communication's Day. The Pope's message follows the theme of "Come and See" and encourages us to live and spread the Gospel by encountering people as they are.

The Holy Father's message can be found [here](#).

Donations for the annual appeal can be made using the selection at the contactless point in church, but if possible please donate via this direct [LINK](#)

Thank you to all those who donate under the Gift Aid system, either direct to the Parish by standing order or through the Gift Aid envelopes. If you used the Gift Aid envelopes last year but changed to standing order during Lockdown, please email to let Fr Adrian know if you'd like a supply of envelopes as well. If you're a Gift Aid donor who only used the envelope system, then new boxes can be collected after the Sunday Mass from 11.30am to 12pm outside the church.

The Garden Project: you may have noticed the recent changes to the front Garden as part of the plans to celebrate our Anniversary. Next week we are holding a second collection to raise funds to help with more plants - please see the Newsletter for more information.

The Cemetery Project: our cemetery is a World Heritage site, but has no funding other than what we can raise. To help care for our cemetery Giovanni Rossato, a member of the Parish, is completing a cycle ride from London to Brighton. All monies raised will help fund the professional mapping and care of our cemetery for the future, so please sponsor him by donating via this JustGiving [LINK](#)

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 B

Mass Details and Intentions

16th to 23rd May – Easter into Pentecost

Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
16th May Sunday	11 am	7th Sunday of Easter	Angelo Guiseppe Secchi RIP
17 th May Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Lawrence Deacon [Foundation Mass]
18 th May Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	NB the church is closed
19 th May Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Thomas Harrington [Foundation Mass]
20 th May Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	The Mostyn Family [Foundation Mass]
21 st May Friday	9.00 am	Rosary & Benediction	The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Sue Cuss RIP
22 nd May. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	The needs of our Parish Family
23rd May Sunday	11 am	Pentecost Sunday	John Boshier & Evelyn McCabe [Foundation Mass]

Please note: our church is open for services with a congregation without booking online. Mass can be seen online from our Cathedral – please see this link for details of Mass times <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCSouthwark1/featured>

A message from Clare Foster, our part-time Administrator, who works 10-12 hours a week from her PC at home ...

We are very grateful to all the Stewards for helping us so efficiently every Sunday, as only with their help can we legally be allowed to open for Mass under Covid Restrictions.

To help explain: we are only able to seat 110 people at present in a church built for 330. We reserve 20 seats every Sunday for Parishioners with particular needs, which leaves us with 90 seats remaining. This is to allow people to be seated at least 1 metre apart, so effectively, we can only use a third of the church's capacity.

We work very hard every week to seat everyone who comes to Church and accommodate many differing household bubbles, with varying numbers in each party. Unfortunately, last Sunday we could not seat everyone, but this is from the joy of having greater numbers at Mass. It is difficult, but we are not permitted to have 'standing room' at the back of Church so as to prevent the spread of the virus, as people would be too near others.

If we are full to capacity this week, anyone without a seat is very welcome to wait outside, as the Stewards could then guide them when it's time to receive the blessing and/or Holy Communion.

As a polite request from the Parish, if you could arrive at Church as early as possible please (ideally between 10.30 and 10.50) that would help us to have everyone safely seated in order to begin the celebration of Mass together. The obligation for Sunday Mass remains suspended for a while yet, so there is always plenty of space during the week. To be able to celebrate the 11am Mass together, we need up to 80 volunteers over many roles a month to make this possible, which is currently why we cannot legally open for the 9.30am or 6.30pm Masses. Given this large number, we always welcome new Volunteers, especially as we hope to resume these Masses as soon as we can raise the teams.

In order to do this, we are looking for two volunteers to act as 'Mass Coordinators' (MCs).

This role would help to coordinate the Cleaners, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers and the Welcoming Team, with the MCs acting as a link to Father Adrian for each Mass. If you could train to be an MC or volunteer in any role, please email me and state which Mass you would like to help at and in which capacity you can help via mortlakeadmin@rcaos.org.uk. A very big thank you for all your patience every Sunday and for the amazing feedback I have experienced from our Parish Family, it's a great privilege to be involved. Thank you, Clare.

The Church and Driveway Garden Team Needs You! We are blessed to have two small groups of wonderful volunteers who care for our Cemetery garden and the area in front of the church and hall. The team which look after the Church and Driveway Garden have sent this update as part of the work they've been doing. "We have made a focus on the flower-beds near the door of the church and the one with the central tree is now beginning to take shape. The gardening team have an outline 'planting plan' which we hope will be suitable for this circular flower bed. This bed is a challenge as the soil is not great and although the area gets a lot of sunshine (which can be wonderful for us), this does mean that the plants and ground get very hot and dry. There is a danger that this area could always be a little neglected as watering and weeding are time consuming and can't always happen in a timely way! It is also an area that needs to be sturdy enough to manage the occasional trampling it can get from passing children stepping onto it as they play 'ring-a-roses' or use the edging as stepping stones. We are a Community shaped by our Parish Family and School so this will happen and will always be part of the life of that flower-bed. We are very happy to discuss any aspect of the garden with parishioners who may be interested or who just have questions. All of this is to say thank you to Fr Adrian and the Parish Family for allowing us to have a collection at the end of Mass on 23 May to fund further planting this spring and summer. We are all very aware of the financial difficulties being faced by both individuals, families and the Parish itself at the moment; however, as there is no direct funding for the garden, Fr Adrian has suggested that the garden project can be included as part of the fundraising for our 170th anniversary which will raise funds for the projects that have helped to restore the church and keep it safe (such as the recent work on the Nave ceiling and West Window). Details will be given as to how to contribute next week, as any contribution towards purchasing more plants would be greatly appreciated. Thank you."

Gift Aid News: if you use the Gift Aid envelopes these will probably be running out soon. The new ones have arrived, so please see our volunteer Gift Aid Coordinator, Steve Smith, after Mass to collect your new set of boxes. Thank you.

A call for help for 9.30am & 6.30pm: we are trying to resume our usual Mass schedule and hope to resume this when we can build up volunteer teams for each Mass. Please email Clare via MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help.

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 emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at Mass.
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."

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Sue Cuss and Carlotta Diez who died recently and for Alexander Thomas, Angelo Secchi, Patrick O'Sullivan, Ayaka Sato, Louis Felix, Federick Preddle, Anthony Cooke 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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.