



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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Standing Orders: £915 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.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS AND INFORMATION

On the strict first Lockdown period we weren't even allowed to gather in church for Easter and we missed all the annual collections, including the Good Friday collection for the care of the Churches and People of the Holy Land. If you are able to donate to this second collection, please use our Parish link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/5342189f-3b41-4e24-b535-e1acb471f6c8> as we will forward this to the Holy Land.

29th November to 6th December

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details

It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended.

The church remains closed for repairs Monday to Friday but is open for private prayer from 9.45-10.45am on Sundays.

You can just turn up for the Holy Hour and register at the door, but please note the church has to be empty for Mass.

Prepare the Way ... having been on Lockdown again for a while you'll notice a few changes as we begin Advent that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles, the Magi on their journey and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and commemorate his birth.



Until Christmas, the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King

JESSE TREE



of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures.

Advent Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		29 th November to 6 th December
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
29 th Nov. Sunday	9.45-10.45	NB the church is open for	a 'Holy Hour' of private prayer but closes at 10.45 for ...
Livestreamed Mass at	11.00	1 st Sunday of Advent	Angelo Secchi RIP: live-streamed on Zoom
NB the church is closed	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email		
30 th Nov. Monday	09.00	St. Andrew	The needs of our Parish Family
1 st Dec. Tuesday	09.00	Feria	Private Intention
2 nd Dec. Wednesday	09.00	Feria	Holy Souls RIP
3 rd Dec. Thursday	09.00	St. Francis Xavier	Gilly Best and Family
4 th Dec. Friday	09.00	Feria	Holy Souls RIP
5 th Dec. Saturday	09.00	Feria	The Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
6 th Dec. Sunday	11.00	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Miroslava Bebenek RIP (anniv.): live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We open this Sunday for Mass</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email		

<p>West Window Christmas Tree Sale Next Sunday, 6th December, to raise funds towards the restoration of our 170-year-old West Window, we are selling Christmas trees from 10am to 1pm (unless sold out before). If you like a live tree each Christmas please consider buying it from us as we have 5, 6 & 8 foot trees, with all proceeds after costs going towards our charity funds for restoration. You can pay by cash or card on the contactless donation point for as small fee: see our volunteers.</p>	<p>First Holy Communion Past and Present With the extra work that has come from working behind another lockdown I'm sorry that it has taken a while, but the certificates and digital recording of the 2020 Holy Communions last month will soon be available. Parents: please look out for an email over the next week. The deadline has passed for our school applications and an email has gone out inviting parents to the Zoom meeting which will be held this Wednesday 2 Dec. at 8pm. NB at least one parent must pre-register to attend this meeting as details of the link are given after registration.</p>	<p>Confirmation '21 may be cancelled again If your child is currently in Year 9 or Year 10 and they would like to apply to be confirmed, please email Fr Adrian at Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with "2021 Confirmation" as the subject. We've only had a few replies so far and cannot run either a small class or a huge one, so need to know if we can possibly form a group. If you've not emailed before and would like to apply, please email to let us know what might be possible for 2021.</p>
<p>Government Consultation on Faith Engagement - Officials have asked for individual Catholics to respond to this open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. Please let your views be heard. The link to the online submission is: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence</p>	<p>If your child does NOT attend the Parish School and you would like to apply for your child to join next year's Communion classes, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with "FHC 2021" as the subject. This is the last opportunity to join as we have to email a link to the Zoom meeting on Sunday 6 Dec. at 5pm so please keep this date and time free in your diary, thank you.</p>	<p>Be Warned About Scam Calls & Emails In difficult economic times there will be criminals always ready to exploit and extort people. Please be aware that there are scam emails and calls claiming to be from BT or Amazon at the moment, so never disclose any account information or download software that a stranger may ask you to as part of a fix to your PC or a refund for a purchase: please be safe.</p>
<p>Part of a message from Archbishop John Wilson on the Retirement of Bishop Patrick Lynch SS.CC Following Bishop Patrick Lynch's submission of his resignation to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we have received news from Rome that this has now been accepted, allowing Bishop Pat to retire. Bishop Pat has served the Archdiocese with distinction and generosity as a true shepherd to clergy, religious, and laity alike. His pastoral mission here for the past twenty-two years, the last fourteen of those as an Auxiliary Bishop, has been marked by passion for the Gospel, deep sensitivity, and a special care for migrants and ethnic chaplaincies and communities. We offer Bishop Pat our sincere thanks and love as he moves into a new expression and pace of ministry. We very much look forward to him continuing to be part of the life of the Archdiocese and assure him of our heartfelt prayers and support. ✠ John Wilson Archbishop of Southwark</p>		
<p>Can you help our Parish School? A letter to all Parish members from our Headteacher, Mrs Catherine Hughes As I am sure you are well aware schools will not be receiving any additional funding for the COVID expenses they are incurring. We will receive £80 per pupil to support any COVID deficits that exist - which we already know are substantial and varied. The cost of the additional resources, staffing etc. will fall to the school. This is particularly challenging for schools as opportunities to generate income via clubs and lettings are also reduced due to the current restrictions. If you can, please take a moment to sign the petition for full funding of schools and please forward to anyone else who might be interested in signing. Thank you. https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/555718 Catherine Hughes - Headteacher St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School Tel. 020 8876 6679</p>		
<p>JOINT SCHOOL NEWS AND PARISH INFORMATION In a joint venture with our Parish School, we are asking for donations of tinned and non-perishable goods to give to our local FoodBank and vulnerable families in the Parish. Over the next few weeks please bring items which can be donated to the Holy Hour on Sunday from 9.45-10.45am. Please see the list opposite:</p>	<p>The list of items most urgently needed are ... toilet rolls ☞ long life fruit juice ☞ pasta sauces tinned vegetables ☞ tinned fruit/puddings (400gms) tinned meat ☞ coffee ☞ tinned fish tinned potatoes ☞ instant mash. Thank you for whatever you are able to donate. Please place your donations in the box at the Lady Altar.</p>	
<p>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."</p>	<p>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Walter Foster, Leslie Purdey, Patrick Reagan, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira 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.</p>	