



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.

Parish Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

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

27th November to 4th December 2022

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 6th November.

Our weekly income was £696 [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
- 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
- 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.

1st Sunday of Advent : Parish Mass Book p. 82-84

A BIG THANK YOU, to all those who were able to help last Sunday with our 'Big Brunch', it was an amazing morning! So far, after initial costs we have raised over £1,600. As the initial preparation work to clear the area has already cost £700, whatever we can raise towards buying plants to screen the area would be much appreciated. If you haven't contributed yet, please do so via the online newsletter by clicking on this [LINK](#), thank you.

Prepare the Way... As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes 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 to Christ and the tree on our sanctuary; however, at this stage they are not for Christmas, but are our **Jesse and Prayer tree for Advent**. 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, the pictures on our Jesse Tree help us to know the story of God's love and care for us throughout history. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the text 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. Prayer gift tags can be decorated and placed on our Prayer Tree (near the Sacred Heart statue) as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer. We hope that these labels of love will stand out as a gift of prayer that witnesses to God's love and care for us and to all those we hold in our hearts during this season of Advent.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		27 th November to 4 th December 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
27 th Nov. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	First Sunday Of Advent	For the Holy Souls
	6.30 pm		Martin Baker RIP
28 th Nov. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Wellbeing of Gilly Best's family
29 th Nov. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
30 th Nov. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Andrew	Intention of Fr Adrian
1 st Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
2 nd Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Luminous Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Owain Williams RIP and his family
3 rd Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	St Francis Xavier	For the Holy Souls
4 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		Maria Hluchan Nemeth and Joseph Nemeth
	11.00 am	Second Sunday Of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		For the Holy Souls

Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this season by signing up for our free Diocesan daily reflections to aid your prayer. Those who sign up will receive an email with a brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. Please sign up via www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/ and then clicking on the **Advent Reflection box**. Alternatively, you can sign up for these reflections by clicking [HERE](#) in the online version of the newsletter.

Please note, this Sunday we hold our monthly 'Building Together' collection for the care and maintenance of our Parish.

For details of our Advent and Christmaside services please click on this [LINK](#)

This Christmas Centrepoint are asking for our help as a Parish to support homeless teenagers especially. Over the next four weeks we will be collecting shoeboxes from families containing items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash and hair care, skincare, toilet roll, feminine care products and anything else listed on the poster via this [LINK](#) (please click). Please bring your donations along to the Church each Sunday or until Thursday 15th December.



First Holy Communion News. Please note that the registration process ended over a month ago, with those who signed-up for the programme now entering the next stage of the process, with parents collecting the actual First Communion Application from Fr Adrian after Mass. We have printed an application form for every family who registered. We have 34 children this year, 12 of whom are at other Schools and 7 of whom attend different Parishes. For children to make their First Holy Communion they should attend Mass each Sunday, and we encourage children to attend our Children's Liturgy at the 9.30 am Mass, though you are welcome to attend any of our Masses. **For the 27 families who attend this Parish either at our School, or another one, please collect the Communion Application from Fr Adrian after Mass over the next few Sundays.** The 7 families at our School seeking Communion here can collect the application from the School, but they must have the permission of both Fr Adrian and their own Parish Priest to celebrate Communion here. **Please note, the forms have to be returned by Friday 16th December. Those at the Parish School can drop their forms there and the School will forward them, if you are one of the 12 families at other Schools, please return your form to Fr Adrian in person after Mass, thank you. Don't forget, the forms have to be returned by Friday 16th December.**

A personal message from Fr Adrian: This weekend we begin the New Liturgical Year, with the wonderful season of Advent. Many of us start a new year with plans of how we can make changes to our lives both at home and at work. With this new beginning, and the start of a new Liturgical Year for the Church, I also have news about some changes in my life that will affect us over the next few months. Many of you know that we were praying for my identical twin, Stuart, when he had surgery for cancer in August. Thank you so much for all your prayers as he is well on the way to recovery. Unfortunately, I have been found to have the same cancer and have been cared for by my GP and the Royal Marsden Hospital since September as they guided me through the best treatment. Only a few people knew in the Parish so they could pray for me but the time has come to ask the entire Parish for your prayers as, like my brother, I too have to have surgery now. The hospital is very hopeful that all will be curative but it does mean that I will have to go into hospital mid-January 2023 and will be away from the Parish for a few months. After the operation I will need some time to recuperate before embarking on the next stage of my medical care, but the Diocese will be providing the comforting care of another Priest to help shepherd the Parish in my absence so, all that goes on in the Parish, whether Mass, baptism or First Communion will be "business as usual". Whilst you're in the care of another Priest I will need to rely on your loving care to help me get through this. I can't wait to know when I will be able to return, as I will be longing for the day, but will be keeping you in my prayers each day and every day when I'm back. Many in the Parish go away at Christmas, and though I won't be going until after the new school terms starts next year, do please see me after Mass to send me your thoughts and prayers and, especially if you are going to be away for Christmas, do please send me a card which I can keep as a memento of what a wonderful Parish I look forward to returning to. God bless, Fr Adrian.

Please see the Caritas Social Action poster 'SJOG Homes for Ukraine' in the Church porch. We have had a number of families volunteer to help open their homes to Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to help please see the poster.

We continue our Parish 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, through Christ our Lord.

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

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Byrne, Thirna Pather and Mark Scrase-Dickins who died recently,

for Geraldine Graham, Mary Murphy, Walter Foster, Isabella & Brendan Dawson, Leslie Purdey, Bob Jordan, 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. 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