



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:

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).

16th to 23rd February 2025

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 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION

Our weekly income was £500 an average of the last 4 weeks] Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website: www.stmarymags.org.uk/community**

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or by using **the QR codes in the church.** Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on

Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and

St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16th Feb. 2025

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Racial Justice Sunday: 'Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice'.



This Sunday Catholic churches have the opportunity to support charities who work to promote Racial Justice. This year's prayer focus invites us to reflect on the journey towards racial justice by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?' To help achieve justice we are asked to make a financial contribution to support Catholic charities that promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in the wider society, thank you for whatever you can give.

Our Sanctuary Candle. An anonymous donor has sponsored this week's Sanctuary Candle "in Memory of Mary Mannion" at a cost of £5. If you or your family would like to sponsor our 7-day candle, kept burning day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle, please email with your family name.

Bearing Fruit: the Call for a Parish Council

Out of our Thursday night discussions on God's call in our Parish life, has come the idea of setting up a Parish Council.

We already have a Parish Finance Committee that has acted as a form of Parish Council but we would like to set-up a separate Council to help steer the work and life of our Parish. To help form the Parish Council, Fr Adrian asks for anyone interested in serving on the Council to write a letter stating your name and address and a short statement on how you think you could help support the life of the Parish, what challenges there are and how you can help.


Please send your letters to Fr Adrian by Sat. 1 March.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		16 th to 23 rd February 2025
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
16 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	6 th Week in Ordinary Time	Neil Farrell RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
17 th Feb. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Ted and Sophie McCormack [Foundation Mass]
18 th Feb. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
19 th Feb. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Mary Mannion RIP [100 th birthday]
20 th Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
21 st Feb. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Gilly Best's Private Intention
22 nd Feb. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
23 rd Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	7 th Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		John Gordon Chambers RIP

Advance Notice; on Sunday 23rd February we have the annual opportunity of making a financial contribution towards the Clergy Support Fund and contribute towards the care of our clergy in their retirement, old age, and those in ill health, after a lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, his Church and his people, thank you.

Confirmation at St Mary Magdalen. Canon Gerard Bradley, the Vicar General for our area, is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in June at St Mary Magdalen, Mortlake. To express interest in joining the Confirmation programme, parents are asked to complete an initial form online, followed by application forms which will be sent by email. If you have a child currently in School Year 9 or above who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2025, please scan the QR code from the posters in church, or follow the online link: <https://forms.office.com/e/15MJ56m8nq> to express your interest.

Please note: the final date to complete and submit this initial form is Wednesday 5 March. For those taking part, the sessions will be held on a Thursday evening from 7 to 8 pm in St Mary Magdalen Parish Hall. In signing-up for the Confirmation programme one parent from each family will be asked to volunteer with refreshments at the sessions so that there are at least two parent volunteers at each of the Confirmation sessions. The parent volunteers will help with refreshments so no experience as a Catechist is required. The Confirmation programme starts with an overview meeting on 13 March from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Hall and will continue at the same time each Thursday with breaks for School holidays (20, 27 March, 3, 24 April, 2, 8, 22 May, 5, 12 June). **After signing up for the initial registration, application forms and details of the Confirmation Mass will be sent out by email, so PLEASE DO NOT MISS THE CLOSING DATE OF WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH.**

 **Called to Bear Fruit**

Fr Adrian would like to thank all those who have joined him on Thursday evenings to discuss the "Called to Bear Fruit" themes. Please note, as it is half-term next week, THERE IS NO MEETING THIS COMING THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY so the final meeting will be on **Thursday 27th February, from 7-8 pm, with the topics "The Witness of Charity & Proposals for Revitalisation"**. Fr Adrian asks, if you will be joining the discussion on 27th February to please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to let him know if you intend to come in person or, if you would like to receive a Zoom link to be able to join-in the discussion online. This is so that the link can be emailed to you beforehand, thank you.

Save the date and please join us on the evening of Saturday 1st March (St David's Day) for a Parish Cheese and Wine evening to support the recent Health and Safety work to the church ceiling in both side aisles. The cost of this work is nearly £65,000 so anything we can raise towards this sum will be a great help. Tickets for the fundraiser are available after every Mass at a cost of £10 to include food and a glass of wine. Thereafter, wine will be on sale to help to raise funds for the ceiling work, with cheese and crackers freely available to help the wine flow.



Children's Liturgy at our Sunday 9.30 am Mass

Fr Adrian would like to let all families that we will not be having Children's Liturgy on Sundays 16th or 23rd February, as it is the School half-term holidays. We will resume on 2nd March. We encourage all parents to volunteer, so if you can, please see Fr Adrian to offer your help, and if you have not yet signed up your child to join, please take an application from the porch.

A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank. With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables. Also needed is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits ☺



We continue our 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.

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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

Vilma Camilleri who died recently,
and for Sylvie Michele Parke, Sophia McCormack,
Colin Sambrook, Evelyn McCabe, Ruth Carroll, Luigi Vicca,
William Cummins, Lawrence O'Brien Deacon,
Michael McGuire, Honora Farrell, Anthony McKenna
**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