



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.

18th to 25th July 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 11th July

Our total income was £780 per week [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.

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.

Our Parish Feast Day

Ordinarily, the Patronal Feast Day of a Parish (the day a Parish celebrates the Saint's Day of its namesake) is a very important celebration. **Our Patronal Feast Day occurs this coming Thursday when we celebrate the memory and ask for the intercession of the prayers of St Mary Magdalen.** Fr Adrian has made some enquiries as to how we could possibly celebrate this year and, as we still have a large number of active Covid cases in our Parish Family and local community, **the decision has been made to transfer our celebration to Sunday 19th September 2021.**

Although the Diocese has not had provided any further guidance on what happens in 'Step 4', the Government has made it clear that **"in order to minimise risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with"** and that we **"still have a legal duty to manage risks" to those who come to church.** We manage these risks, including the risk of COVID, by our Health and Safety Risk Assessment and continue to take reasonable steps to mitigate these risks by:

- cleaning surfaces that people touch regularly;
- taking steps to improve air flow;
- ensuring that those who are unwell do not attend and by
- communicating the measures that have been put in place.

As soon as any restrictions are lifted we will let you know, but the latest guidance, as detailed above, means that the only change from 19 July is that we have no limit on the number who can attend church. Although this means we could sit anywhere we still have to be careful not to mix groups. Consequently, we will focus our Patronal Feast Celebrations after the summer when we can prepare more fully, so please keep the date of 19 September in your diary.

Please note: there is an extra Mass for St Mary Magdalen on 23 July, but this is closed to the school only.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		18 th to 25 th July: 15 th to 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Date	Time	
18th July Sunday	11 am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
19 th July Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Josie Donohoe RIP
20 th July Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
21 st July Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	The Good Estate of Stewart Fielding
22 nd July Thursday	9.30 am	Parish feast St Mary Magdalen	The needs of our Parish Family
23 rd July Friday	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	St Bridget	Gerard Tolan RIP - the church will be closed for cleaning after Mass
Also on 23 July Friday	10.30 am	SMM Year 6 Leavers' Mass	NB for Covid safety this Mass is open to the school only
24 th July Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
25th July Sunday	11 am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ben, Euphrasia and Miriam Chomba RIP

Government Guidelines for Places of Worship: Despite significant easing of restrictions this coming Monday the wearing of masks (unless exempt) has not ceased in the church as [“the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas.”](#) Although, as per the information on the front page, people may sit anywhere in the church, we are still asked to limit contact with those outside our own family so please be considerate of those around you. We will not want to turn anyone away, but **you must be personally responsible for keeping a safe distance from others.** We have been delighted to see so many people attending Mass. **Following on from the large numbers attending; we ask please for your kind cooperation in arriving in plenty of time to be seated** (particularly those in groups) as the seats get filled up very quickly. Please arrive from 10.30 to 10.45 as we should never miss the Bible readings in Mass which are over by 11.15, with the close of Mass at 11.30. Holy Communion will remain for the time being after the closing benediction. The Parish will continue to implement the law in order to keep everyone as safe as possible and will notify you of any changes. The Government regulations stipulate that **COVID-19 has not gone away, so it is important to remember the actions we can take to follow the advice to “keep yourself and others safe.”**
We are told that “everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious”.

Parish Administrator Role. Clare Foster has been covering this role during the Pandemic but will be returning to running her businesses towards the end of the Summer. We welcome new applications and from those who applied prior to Lockdown. Interviews are being held with a view to a mid-September start with a handover and induction. Please apply by email with your CV to MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk

Newsletter News
 Next weekend will see the last newsletter for the Summer which will be a bumper edition in order to cover all the necessary information during August for the times of our Masses and Feast Days etc. Please note that updates to the Mass Intention List will be put in the Church Notice Board each week. The board is to the right of the front porch.

Year of the Family
 The “Amoris Laetitia Family Year” is an initiative of Pope Francis which began on 19 March 2021 and ends on 26 June 2022. For the July Focus, we have been given a number of biblical resources to celebrate this year. Please enter these details or click on the link below in the online digital version of our newsletter:
<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/year-of-the-family/>

Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 25 July 2021.
 Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says “The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!” As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there’s no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren. For further details please click on this [LINK](#) in the online digital version of our newsletter.

Dog Adoption. One of our Parishioners is looking to rescue a dog. She feels that she has a loving home to offer to an unwanted dog, which sadly is a reality in post-Lockdown times. If you know of anyone who can no longer keep their dog through difficulties please get in touch, in confidence, via: MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk

Volunteers this week 18th July 2021:
Cleaners: NB Mon 12th completed
Reader: Patricia O'Rourke
Extraordinary Minister: Fiona Hoyle
Stewards: Steve S, Katrina M, Maureen T, Clare F
Volunteers next week Sat 25th July 2021:
Cleaners: Lucy M, Carolina S, Charlotte C, Helena DLC
Reader: Katrina Murphy
Extraordinary Minister: Maggie B
Stewards: Kim F, Pietro C, Gilly B, Julie W

Fr Adrian is here throughout the summer to enable the number of weddings and baptisms we have, but the church remains closed each Tuesday. Fr Adrian hopes to take a break in October as, by then, he will have been with us for 26 months without a holiday or a single weekend away.

Wedding Congratulations to ...
 Ben & Victoria who were married on 1st July,
 Kate & Alex who were married on 16th July,
 Rochelle & Rhodri who will marry on 24th July,
 Nick & Lucy who will marry on 21st August,
 Sarah & Matthew who will marry on 29th August, and in advance to Bill & Rosie who will marry on 30th October. With our prayers for them and all their family and friends.

The Funeral of Mrs Josephine ‘Josie’ Donohoe
 who died on 1st July 2021 aged 83 years
 will be held on **Wednesday 28th July 2021** with the **11.45 am Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalen Church** followed at 1.30 pm with the burial at East Sheen Cemetery.
Further details from Holmes & Daughters 020 8392 1012

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.”
 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, or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Josie Donohoe and Florence McDermott who died recently and for Cynthia Davis, Joan Donovan, Victoria Thornton, Cecil Featherton 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.