



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).

25th January to 1st February 2026

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 £642 [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

25th January: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Sunday of the Word of God: Mass Book p 127-130

Sunday of the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome in 2019 and is devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture. Pope Francis said, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." On the 'Sunday of the Word of God' we pray especially in gratitude for those who serve in the Ministry of Reader, a special form of Lay Ministry open to all in our Parish who both live and follow fully the Scripture and Teaching of the Church and have been appointed in their ministry (as with Extraordinary Ministers) after prayerful discernment, training and the approval of the Bishop.

To mark the close of the Week of Prayer, please come with your family and friends to an Ecumenical Worship Service of prayer and song at St Mary Magdalen's today at 4 pm. The service will be followed by refreshments in our Parish Hall, thank you.



On Saturday (31st Jan.) Fr Adrian is welcoming a group from the Salesian Community to celebrate Mass on the memorial of St John Bosco. After the Mass, Fr David, with representatives from the Salesian Community, will be visiting the Grave of Fr McKiernan.

If you are free on Saturday morning, please come along to join us for the Mass at 11 am, thank you.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		25 th January to 1 st February 2026
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
25 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the Holy Souls
	11.00 am		The Needs of our Parish Family
	4.00 pm		Ecumenical Worship Service of prayer and song
26 th Jan. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Ed and Liz Bellasis [Foundation Mass]
27 th Jan. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
28 th Jan Wednesday	9.30 am	St Agnes, Virgin	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
29 th Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Darren Muldoon RIP
30 th Jan. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Bryan Parry Jones
31 st Jan. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
	11.00 am	Saint John Bosco, Priest	Fr Edward McKiernan RIP
1 st Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Souls



Today have the annual opportunity of donating towards the maintenance and upkeep of St George's Cathedral, our mother church, which is reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. To contribute online, please either use this QR code, [LINK](#) or telephone [weekdays 9-5pm 020 7960 2504, thank you.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY (31st January) AT 7 PM. Tickets are on sale after Mass for £12 for either a vegetable or chicken curry with rice. All proceeds go towards the Parish Building Together Fund, but the main aim is simply to gather to celebrate the joy and fellowship of our Parish Family. ALL ARE WELCOME BUT PLEASE



PURCHASE YOUR TICKET IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE CAN CATER FOR EXACT NUMBERS. We look forward to seeing you there! Entry also includes entry to our Prize Quiz so please come by yourself or as a team to join-in the fun. The evening is being coordinated by Jennie and Lucy so, please see them to offer your help, or please email Fr Adrian at Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk, so that he can forward your message, thank you.

Fr Adrian has asked that our **Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention** this week be in remembrance of **"The Delgado Drozek Family"**. Each sanctuary candle costs the Parish £5, but we are grateful to individuals and families who sponsor this, either by donating for any amount, or none if a donation isn't possible, thank you.

This year Racial Justice Sunday is on 1st February and Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass at St George's Cathedral at 10 am. Racial Justice Sunday is our annual opportunity of praying, reflecting and to act against racism, whilst celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Everyone is invited to take part, and those who wish, may wear national or cultural dress as a sign of unity and pride, and if you would like to, join a procession of national flags please gather outside the Cathedral at 9.45 to join the procession. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments. We are warmly encouraged to attend but if not, you can watch a livestream of this Mass on YouTube via : <https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgl>
Please also remember we will have our usual Sunday Masses at St Mary Magdalen's that day.

The Year of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Leo has proclaimed 2026 as a Special Jubilee Year of St Francis which began on 10th January this year until 10 January 2027, on the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi.

Last year the Diocese engaged Clergy and Parishioners in a discussion programme entitled "Called to Bear Fruit". The summary of the Parish and the Diocesan wide discussions has now been published and it available at the back of the church by the Mass and Hymn book trolley. A summary of the Parish discussions includes suggestions of hosting a Parish Advisory Team, to run quarterly, as per the Parish Finance and Building Committee (FBC), but looking at social, pastoral and fundraising matters separate to the work of the FBC. In addition, there were calls for inviting other choirs and musicians to play in the church (as we are doing for the Ecumenical Service), but also hopes for encouraging more musicians and singers to play regularly. For example, whilst we are blessed to have help with music and singing at the 9.30 Mass on the first and third Sundays, it would be wonderful if we could have singers and musicians at the 11 am Mass. On the reverse of the Parish Called to Bear Fruit summary, there is a volunteer enquiry form where you can register interest in potential ways of helping our Parish to grow. These can be completed and returned at any Mass, either in the collection or via the Parish Office letterbox, behind the black gate of the Presbytery porch (opposite the central tree) ☺

Fr Adrian and the charity Habitats and Heritage are planning to hold an 'Opening Ceremony' for the Burton Mausoleum to celebrate the end of the refurbishment work to the Mausoleum on Saturday 28th March. With more details to follow ...



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

Soledad Gomez, Jean-Claud Seraille, Hugh Searight, James Farragher, Ellen Leatherbarrow, Charles Caroll, Etienne Stepanopoci, John Barrington, Maria Gonzy, Canon Francis Moran

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