



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings are currently postponed
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an
appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

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Parish & School News

At 11 am this Sunday Fr Adrian will celebrate a live-streamed Mass from St Mary Magdalen's. A link to join the Mass, with password, is sent by email the day before. To subscribe to receive our digital newsletter with the Mass link details, please sign up with your email via <https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags>

Please note: further information specific to our Parish is listed overleaf. Although we hope to be able to open our doors for Sunday Mass again soon, please read this essential message which has been updated with the latest information:

- It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. St Mary Magdalen's will be able to open for public Mass when we have enough volunteers to produce a Stewards' rota, with four people needed over a 2.5-hour period from 9.45-12.15 on a Sunday morning.
- Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass. This will be determined in accordance with social distancing requirements but will differ when the church is full of scaffolding. We are asked to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.'
- Our Bishops have asked every Catholic to think very carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. **At present there will be one Mass on a Sunday at 11am which will continue to be livestreamed via Zoom.** Fr Adrian will consider when it is possible to open up for Monday to Saturday Mass (as a separate cleaning team will be required) and when additional Masses can be celebrated at the weekends. The Sunday obligation has not yet returned as our Bishops are keen to ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and are allowing for a gradual return to the Eucharist for people.

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 remains suspended. St Mary Magdalen's church will be able to open when there are enough volunteers to produce a Stewards' rota, however, **at present the church remains closed to the public.**

When announced the church will open from 10am to 12pm on Sundays, including livestreamed Mass from 11-11.30am for up to 60 people.

The cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm.

12th - 19th July 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 5th July

Standing Order **£654.00**: 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. No one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income. This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our Parish website <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community> or by using your bank's phone App or website, quoting your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) as a reference. Our Parish bank details are: **NatWest Richmond (A)**
Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**
Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

- Once our church can open, there will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person. As a result, we plan to continue livestreaming the 11am Sunday Mass, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness.
- When we return to having a congregation at Mass there will be quite a few differences in how the celebration has to take place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual, with three rather than four readings and without prayers of intercession. The congregation will be expected to wear masks over their face and the Blessed Sacrament will be given after the blessing and dismissal. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist, so please respect and follow the guidance given.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we move forward together. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk.



A message from Fr Adrian: our proposal for the ceiling repair, with a range of like-for-like quotes is being presented this week to the Diocesan Finance Committee. Although we need their approval for the work to go ahead, we have had confirmation from the Buildings' Surveyor that we could be able to open the church for Mass, hopefully even with all the scaffolding in place. As reported last week, our aim is to be able to open the church for a couple of hours on a Sunday. In order to do this, to keep to our safeguarding and cleaning regulations, we need to have **four teams** of at least **four people** so that each team would be volunteering in the same team once in a four-week month. We have been blessed so far with a four people who have volunteered to act as **Stewards**, but don't yet have enough volunteers to be able to open. Being a Steward requires someone who is not classed as 'shielded' or 'vulnerable' by the NHS, someone who is capable of cleaning the church surfaces with antibacterial spray (please note that PPE and cleaning materials will be provided).

If you think you could volunteer as a Steward, *perhaps even suggesting your own team of four people to work together*, please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help. **The initial aim is to be able to open the church from 10 am to 12pm on Sundays, including the opportunity for a small congregation from 60 to 80 people** (depending on a mix of individuals and households) for Mass from 11 to 11.30am.

Please note: until the Diocese has given permission, St Mary Magdalen's church is still closed, with Sunday Mass livestreamed via Zoom at 11am planned to continue for the foreseeable future, even when we can open. Naturally, the aim will be to return to our normal Sunday schedule of three Mass, but this is not possible with the current level of special preparation and cleanliness that would be needed. If you are seeking for your child to be baptised, please see the note at the bottom of the page as these will begin again before public Mass.

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

12th – 19th July 2020

Sunday 12 th July	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
15 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
Monday 13 th	9am	Tish Deacon & Family
(Feria)		
Tuesday 14 th	9am	Private Intention
(Feria)		
Wednesday 15 th	9am	Holy Souls
(St Bonaventure)		
Thursday 16 th	9am	Anne & Nicholas Murphy [Foundation Mass]
(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)		
Friday 17 th	9am	Ogilvie & Daniel Families [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Saturday 18 th	9am	Malcolm & Loretta Prentice & Family
(Our Lady)		
Sunday 19 th July	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
16 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

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 the daily Mass.

Luke 10:20

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Tony Gache, George Kent, Michael Martin, Kathleen Catlin, Lionel Wood, Michael Campbell 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.

Please note: when it is possible for us to open, we will make plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Until that point Fr Adrian will continue to celebrate funerals at the crematorium or at the graveside with the small number of close family and friends allowed by UK Government regulations. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Over the next couple of weeks, Fr Adrian will email all those who have requested baptism or confirmation so as to begin to make plans for the celebration. It is hoped that our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated once the new school term has begun, but further details will be sent out once we know the ceiling repair plans and a schedule of works. As soon as Fr Adrian has any news he will email the families concerned.