



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

6th to 13th March 2022

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 am to 1 pm
Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm
365 days a year (except for emergency call-outs).

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 27 February
Our weekly income was £639 [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 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 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 Lent: Parish Mass Book p. 153-156

Prayers for Peace during Lent

We learnt in last week's newsletter that, in light of the conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, **the Pope Francis called for Ash Wednesday to be a special day of prayer and fasting for World Peace.** As a Parish we had prayers for the people of Ukraine at all our Masses, but it was an extra blessing for those who were able to attend the 7pm evening Mass, as parents from our Parish school have come from Ukraine were able to help share some of the experiences of their family and friends in the current struggles. At all the Masses Fr Adrian mentioned that various charities were raising funds for Ukraine and that the Parish and many Parish Members had already been contributing, whether financially or through the donation of clothes, toiletry supplies and First Aid equipment. Not everyone may be able to give in that way and it has been a blessing to know that members of the Parish involved in neighbourhood WhatsApp groups were able to help practically by sorting out through a mountain of donations that were being sent out to help those directly caught up in the war. If you are able to contribute a financial donation to help families in Ukraine Fr Adrian recommends three charities in particular. In the online version of our newsletter, you can click directly on the links below to be taken to the websites, but there will also be ways you can donate to these charities if you would like to at Mass. **Please help the people of Ukraine in your prayers and please give what you can** to the [CAFOD](#) appeal, [ACN](#) (please select Ukraine when choosing "I want my donation to help a particular location" or to the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#).

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		6 th to 13 th March 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
6 th Mar. Sunday	9.30 am		Canon John Wenham [Foundation Mass]
	11.00 am	1 st Sunday of Lent	The welfare of Jonathan Pickles
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
7 th Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	William & Mary Hogan [Foundation Mass]
8 th Mar. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
9 th Mar. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Ed & Clare Bellasis [Foundation Mass]
10 th Mar. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Christine Head [Foundation Mass]
11 th Mar. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	The welfare of Mary Mannion
12 th Mar. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Anabella Nemeth: In Thanksgiving
13 th Mar. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	2 nd Sunday of Lent	For Peace in Ukraine
	6.30 pm		Prayers for Peace

Please save the date: Saturday 19 March, 7.30 pm

Fr Adrian mentioned in last week's newsletter that we are planning a Parish 'open house' celebration near St Patrick's as a **Parish Thanksgiving Party**. Please keep 7.30pm on Saturday 19 March free in your diaries so that we can take the time to meet up with friends and neighbours. Please bring along buffet style 'finger-food' (where we don't need cutlery) and some drinks to share as the Saturday evening is a Feast Day for the Parish so not subject to the in Lenten Fast.

This event is deliberately not designed as a Parish fund-raiser and there is no paid ticket-entry to come along. To help us celebrate and join in together please contribute what you can to the drinks and food so that we can share and celebrate as a Parish Family as (because of the Pandemic) this is only our second event together since the Christmas Fair in 2019.

Planned Giving Programme Details

During March, we are taking the time as a Parish Family to thank all the ways members of the Parish contribute their Time, Talents and Treasures – the ways we can volunteer, use our gifts and contribute financially to the charitable work of the Parish. This year we will celebrate the 170th anniversary of our church being open for Mass and over those years, we have seen many things and gone through times of peace and war. It is sad to see conflict again in Europe but, as the front of the newsletter mentioned, it has been wonderful to see members of our Parish Family helping in so many ways. So, a **BIG THANK YOU** to however you help the Parish and the charities we support through your prayers and gifts.

We give thanks and pray for all children who learnt of their Secondary School places this week.

In a message to Catholic school pupils, Cardinal Nichols stresses the importance of "coming into the presence of God" to "join in fully in the prayer of the Mass." The Cardinal encourages young people to be part of the parish community – a family of the faith. "When we come [to Mass], we receive the gifts of God. We receive His compassion, we receive His love. We come to know how to serve others and to give to them what we receive from the Lord." Cardinal Vincent's video can be found online via this [LINK](#). In it he states "It's safe to come to church. Actually, it's safer than going to the supermarket and many people are coming back. But not everyone." Cardinal Vincent explores this issue and

Confirmation Programme News: An email was sent by Fr Adrian to the Parents who registered and applied for Confirmation stating that our programme is soon to start. **The introductory meeting for parents and candidates is in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 March.** This is followed by six class sessions on Tuesdays from 7.30-8.30pm in April and May before the rehearsal at 7pm on Friday 10 June and the **Confirmation Mass itself at 11am on Sunday 12 June.** The final Parental Application and Consent form was emailed to those who registered so please look out for it in case it landed in a 'spam' folder. **Please don't forget that the final Parental Application and Consent form must be returned by Sunday 20 March.**

Fr Adrian has obtained through MasterClass a grant for free Online Learning

Thank you to those Parish Members who have emailed already, Fr Adrian will be in touch with you next week with the sign-up details. If you haven't already applied an adult member of or Parish Family has to sign up to the free offer but the online videos can be used for the benefit of all the family. To take up the offer of a year's free online tuition without any implication of joining up or subscribing thereafter please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with MasterClass in the title, giving your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of how the free grant could help you. Applicants must be over-18 but the accounts can be used to help families in the Parish and local community. **Please apply by the end of this week, 13 March 2022** to receive an email with the details of the free grant, thank you.

Our 1st Communion classes continue this week. Parish families who attend other schools are asked to meet outside the Parish Hall at 5.25pm for a prompt start at 5.30pm on Sun 6 March for Chapter 6.

Please don't forget that all our First Holy Communion Candidates celebrate their First Reconciliation (First Confession) at 10.30am on Saturday 12 March. All our First Communion families are reminded that at least one parent needs to attend with their child. The service begins promptly at 10.30 am and should last only an hour, as there will be several visiting priests. After your child has said the prayer of thanksgiving (on the sheet they will be given at Mass) you can head home to continue your celebration. Thank you to all our First Communion families for help to make this a special time for your child.



Please can you help our servers? The budget range of cassock albs that the servers wear cost £70-80 each. We have ordered four new ones for our taller servers but hope we can raise the funds. **If parents of our servers and other members of our Parish Family could help contribute £10 each then we just need 28 people to help.** If that's possible, then please either give your donation to Fr Adrian (special envelopes are available by the Mass and Hymn Books) or please donate online [HERE](#) in our digital newsletter, **thank you for your help.** If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please include your details on the envelope or online, thank you.

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 which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass. **"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."**
Luke 10:20
Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Edith O'Brien, Vera Ducker, John Moore and for 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