



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

1st to 8th February 2026

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

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.

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).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £698 [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

1st February: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Racial Justice Day: Mass Book p 130-133

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped to make our Ecumenical Service on Sunday (25 Jan.) such a success. To the small team of people who helped to sing on the day, and those who helped both to prepare beforehand, during and after the event, THANK YOU!

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.

Following the appointment of the Most Reverend Canon Gerard Bradley as Auxiliary Bishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Southwark, assigning him the Titular See of Beverley. Bishop-elect Gerard Bradley Episcopal Ordination and Mass is on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 12.30pm, the Feast of the Presentation, at St George's Cathedral. We are all invited to attend the investiture, however, if you cannot be there on Monday, the YouTube livestream link to the investiture is: <https://www.youtube.com/live/P4Bb2pdk8nY>

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.

A short biography of Bishop-elect Gerard Bradley ...

He graduated from King's College London in 1983, having gained a Bachelor's degree in Music. Ordained as priest in 1991 by Archbishop Michael Bowen, his first post was as assistant priest in St Thomas of Canterbury parish, Rainham. From 1995 he was Assistant Priest at St George's Cathedral, and from 1998-2000 the full-time hospital chaplain to St Thomas' Hospital. In September 2000, he was appointed to join the formation staff at St John's Seminary, Womersley, with responsibility for the Spiritual Formation programme and as house spiritual director, teaching Music and Liturgy in addition. Bishop-elect Gerard Bradley held these roles until 2017 after which, he served as parish priest of St Mary, Help of Christians, Old Coulsdon. Canon Gerard Bradley has served as Episcopal Vicar for the South West London Area of the Archdiocese since September 2022.

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

| Liturgical Year A | Mass Details and Intentions | | 1 st to 8 th February 2026 |
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| Date | Time | Intention | Intention |
| 1 st Feb. Sunday | 9.30 am | 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | The Needs of our Parish Family |
| | 11.00 am | | The Welfare of Graeme and Donna |
| 2 nd Feb. Monday | 9.30 am | The Presentation of the Lord | For the Holy Souls |
| 3 rd Feb. Tuesday | Closed | NB the church is closed | The Church and Office are closed today |
| 4 th Feb Wednesday | 9.30 am | Feria | Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass] |
| 5 th Feb. Thursday | 9.30 am | St Agatha, Virgin | Prior Family [Foundation Mass] |
| 6 th Feb. Friday | 9.00 am | Rosary and Benediction | Prayers for Peace: The Joyful Mysteries |
| NB after Benediction | 9.30 am | St Paul Mikki & Companions | For the Holy Souls |
| 7 th Feb. Saturday | 9-10.30am | Sacrament of Reconciliation | The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today |
| 8 th Feb. Sunday | 9.30 am | 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | For the Holy Souls |
| | 11.00 am | | The Needs of our Parish Family |

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the maintenance and upkeep of St George's Cathedral last Sunday.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday and our annual opportunity of praying, reflecting and to act against racism, whilst celebrating the diversity of our Archdiocese. Archbishop John Wilson is celebrating Mass today at 10 am at St George's Cathedral. Please remember we will have our usual Sunday Masses at 9.30 and 11 am today. If you would like to watch a livestream of the Mass from St George's Cathedral, you can see it on YouTube via:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSg>

Fr Adrian has asked that our **Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention** this week be in **remembrance of "The Holy Souls"**. 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. If you would like to sponsor our 7-day candle please see Fr Adrian or complete one of the white Gift Aid envelopes with your contact details and stating the prayer intention you would like at each Mass for a particular week, thank you

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.

If anyone would like to attend London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball, 'The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball', to help raise money to help and change lives. The Ball is taking place on St Valentine's Day at 6pm, (Saturday 14th February) in Kensington. There will be a Live Band, with a Silent Auction.. Tickets cost £135 each, or if you go a group, a table of ten for £1,300. For more information and to book your ticket, please email GCNBall@gmail.com or telephone 07795 205 117, thank you.

The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project called "Ambassadors for Christ", to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: [Ambassadors for Christ](#) | [Apologetics for Catholics](#) | [Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

Some Pilgrimages for our Young Adults in 2026 aged between 18 to 35

- Would you like to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7-13 June? The pilgrimage costs £789, which includes all flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. For more information or to book a place, please visit: www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26
- If you would like the opportunity in attending the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 and would like to register your interest, please visit www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027
- The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has a number of activities for youth and young adults which you can see by using this [LINK](#). For regular updates on forthcoming events, sign up to its network at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork. For queries on youth activities please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

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. 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.

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

Isabella Coombe, William O'Connor, Vilma Camilleri, Michael O'Keefe, Dennis Dooley, Marlene Morretti Raymundo
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