



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CIO REGISTERED
INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Peter 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 9am to 3pm except for emergencies when the Cemetery is close

9th to 16th April 2023

Sunday Masses: 9:30am & 11.00am

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9.25 am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tue. & Sat.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Temporarily suspended.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

After any Mass by request.

Easter Sunday

9th April 2023

Mass Book p.251-255

Happy Easter – Continuing our Prayers for Peace

As depicted in the beautiful panels to the right, above the altar in our church, on the third day after his Crucifixion and Death, after the Shabbat, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. They found the tomb empty and the stone rolled away and they proclaimed: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said...." (Mt. 28:6). Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper, he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the unleavened bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. The Resurrection of Christ is the fruit of his perfect obedience to God's will. St Paul write: "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:8-11).

A message from Fr Adrian.

This Easter I would like to thank especially Fr Peter and Mrs Andrews for all the help both to me and to the parish during my absence. With my continued thanks to our Parish Finance and Building Committee members and to Nicola our Part-time Parish Administrator for their help and support to both me and Fr Peter during my convalesce.

In particular, over the prayerful Holy Week and the joy of Easter, it was a blessing to have the support of those who have been able to help as Readers, Extraordinary ministers, Welcomers, catechists, musicians and singers; those who've helped with the collection, our flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners, our small team of Altar Servers and all those who give their time so willingly. Thank you to you all and for the blessing of the Easter collection, it is much appreciated – I pray that we may continue to know the Lord's Blessing throughout the rest of year ahead.



They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him. (John 20:2)

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		9 th to 16 th April 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
8 th Apr. Saturday	7.45 pm	The Easter Vigil	For Our Parish Family
9 th Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	Easter Sunday	Tess McCarthy RIP [Anniversary]
	11.00 am		Intention of the Neal Family [Foundation Mass]
	6.30 pm		NB the church is closed
10 th Apr. Monday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
11 th Apr. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
12 th Apr. Wednesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
13 th Apr. Thursday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
14 th Apr. Friday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
15 th Apr. Saturday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
16 th Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	Divine Mercy Sunday	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Souls

Our Holy Father has urged us all to continue praying for the “battered Ukrainian people” and said on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, when we renew our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, “only the conversion of hearts can open the road to peace.”

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,

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.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen

Please note: although the Parish Office will be closed this week for the Easter holidays, the church will be open for your ‘private prayer’ from Wednesday to Friday between 11am to 1pm . We will not have any weekday Masses in St Mary Magdalen during the week but, there is still the opportunity for daily Mass, at one of our local parishes.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 2nd April.

Our weekly income was £479 [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. NB: 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 from www.stmarymags.org.uk/community
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:
NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch - Sort Code: 60-07-20
NAME: RCAS Mortlake - Account number: 20224311
(Please quote your Gift Aid Number if you have one.)
- The Donation Button on our website’s Homepage: www.stmarymags.org.uk
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Payment Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy

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

Please take an Easter envelope, from the back of the church, if you would like to make a donation to Fr Adrian for Easter.



Thanking him for all his prayers, care and support for St Mary Magdalen Parish. If you are going to be away for Easter, please still remember Fr Adrian and post your envelope through the letterbox of the Presbytery. Alternatively, you can donate electronically via our ‘contactless machine’, in the church, or give online via our Parish Bank Account using the narrative ‘Easter Offering’.

Some advance notice: On Sunday 16th April we will be taking our monthly Building Together collection at all Masses. You will also be able to donate electronically via the online newsletter. On Sunday 23rd April we have the annual opportunity of contributing towards the maintenance and upkeep of St George’s Cathedral, our mother church.

Coronation of King Charles III with a weekend of celebrations ...

On Sunday 7th May we are proposing to hold a ‘party’ after the 11am Mass to mark the coronation of our new King. We will also be joined that day by members of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, celebrating the lives of Sir James and Lady Marshall, in commemoration of their service to the Lord and especially to the people of Ghana.

We would like to have some ‘bring and share’ food on the day so, if you can help us, please email the Parish Office on mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with your name and what you can do, thank you.

Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools. Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools. The session will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team, find out about Catholic schools and tips in relation to the application process. This event will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 6.30-8:30 pm at Amigo Hall, SE1 6HR. If you are interested in attending please click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter or, please contact Sharon Docherty, RE Team Leader and Professional Learning Manager at sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk

St Mary Magdalen School News, following on from the item above: "If you have a desire to serve our Catholic community, we are looking a Foundation Governor for St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary school.

This is a voluntary position which would entail giving a few hours of your time each month.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Anna Brown on 07950 021 042.

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

Joan and Liam O’Connor, Bernard Froude, Moira Copp, Mary Neal, Ida Maccaferri, Robert Waggett, Jan Kunicki, Margaret Martin, Elizabeth McKie, Federick Gould 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 the Parish Office. 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



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A message from Fr Adrian:

It has been a great blessing to have had the help of Fr Peter Andrews assisting us in the Parish whilst I have been away for cancer treatment. Fr Peter has shown great care and support to me personally and I know he has shown that same care and diligence in his loving support of the Parish. As a retired Priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, and a former Anglican priest with a family, Fr Peter has been able to bring a wealth of experience and understanding in his ministry here, as well as to Wandsworth Prison where he has been working as a Prison Chaplain. There have been many calls on Fr Peter's help and support, not least that of his family, so, to have had the blessing of his support during his retirement has been a tremendous help to us in Mortlake. After guiding the Parish through Holy Week and Easter, Fr Peter will be taking a well-earned holiday with his family and leaves us with my heartfelt thanks, together with those of Canon Bradley on behalf of Archbishop John, in gratitude for all his dutiful care and attention. Over the next few Sundays Fr Dominic Allain, Fr Daniel Weatherley and other priests will be able to help us as Fr Peter continues his retirement and other calls upon his ministry.

To enable my return, we have to face a major change in the Parish through the ending of the 18:30 Mass on a Sunday, the news of which Canon Bradley was able to announce last weekend at the 18:30 Sunday Mass on behalf of the Archbishop. The 'give and take' of this situation is that, whilst Fr Peter was unable to hold the Rosary, Adoration and Confessions or baptisms on a Saturday and the church had to be closed that day, I will be able to resume these devotions and Sacraments on a Saturday so that the church can be open that day throughout the morning. **The resulting change is that from 4 June, the weekly schedule will look like this:**

- Monday: church open at 9:00, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 11:00. **The office is closed all day.**
- **Tuesday: the church and office are closed all day.**
- Wednesday: church open at 9:00, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open 10:30 to 15:30.
- Thursday: church open at 9:00, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Friday: church open at 9:00, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Saturday: church open at 9:00, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with Rosary until 10:00; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) from 10:00 to 10:30 and at call; the Sacrament of Baptism from 11:00 to 13:00, church closed at 13:00. The office is closed all day.
- Sunday: church and hall open at 9am; the office is closed all day..
Children's Liturgy Mass at 9:30, Mass with hymns at 11:00 then the church is closed from 12:30; (please note, it is no longer possible to hold the 18:30 Mass at St Mary Magdalen).

I am so looking forward to my return in just a few weeks time and am entirely grateful to Fr Peter for his help and to all the Parish, Canon Bradley and the Archbishop for your kindness and prayers.

During my hospital treatment it has been a blessing to receive pictures, cards and gifts from families within the Parish and the pictures from the Parish children and our Parish School will be a greatly treasured by me. The change of our Parish Mass times are not the only changes or loss we have had to deal with lately and we will shortly say a grateful goodbye to our Headteacher, Mrs Catherine Hughes, with our deepest thanks and prayers for all the astounding work and care she has given, especially during the challenges of the Pandemic. Just recently, our Year 6 pupils will have heard the news of where they will be starting Secondary School and we will soon be saying farewell at our Leavers' Mass, so there is much change upon the horizon.

Closer to hand we have the celebration of the coronation of Kings Charles III, so I hope to be able to join the Parish celebrations that weekend before continuing my time of recovery to be able to return full time in June. **Thank you to all the various ways people have been volunteering in the church, the cemetery and the grounds to be able to continue the work of the Parish.** I do hope that the coronation weekend can be a time of reflection, celebration and prayer, marking the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our own losses, challenges and change, whilst looking forward to a new reign of our Monarch and a new beginning for our Parish. **Do please think about ways we can celebrate, such as having a 'street party' lunch after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday 7 May** and email the Parish with 'Coronation' in the subject if you can help volunteer with this or other celebrations that weekend where we can gather together and celebrate the coronation, mark the end of our 170th anniversary as a Parish and the beginning of a new era. With my thanks and prayers for you and your families, God bless, Fr Adrian McKenna.