



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 callouts).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £547 [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

27th July to 31st August 2025

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 9.30 am to 10.30 am and by request.

20th Week Ordinary Time: 17th August 2025

Mass Book p 124-127

Summer Newsletter: Week III



Take three men with you and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies. (Jeremiah 38:10)

Reflection by Gerald O'Mahony

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews has been recalling the great saints of yesteryear who have gone before and who now watch each new generation with enormous interest and encouragement. For all of us at some time, for some of us all of the time, life is a lonely long-distance race. But when, at the end of our marathon, we come at last into the arena, we will find that a huge number, a great cloud, of saintly people will be there in the stands to cheer us to the finish. That thought can give us courage now.

Our newsletter is a "Bumper Edition" for the summer, with information for the whole of August since the Parish Office is closed during this time. Any changes to the Mass Intentions will be posted weekly in the church noticeboard which is found to the right of the main door. In addition to the Anniversary Prayer List on the last page, each week's anniversaries will be listed after the Mass Intentions so we can pray for the repose of their souls.

Liturgical Year C		Mass Details and Intentions	17 th to 23 rd August 2025
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
17 th August Sunday	9.30 am	20 th Week in Ordinary Time	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Souls
18 th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Aileen Bajot [Foundation Mass]
19 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
20 th Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Bernard, Abbot	Lawrence Deacon RIP
21 st Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	St Pius X, Pope	Michael Lomax RIP
22 nd Aug. Friday	Closed	NB: There is No Mass	Please note: the church is closed
17 th August Sunday	9.30 am	20 th Week in Ordinary Time	The Needs of our Parish Family
23 rd Aug. Saturday	Closed	NB: There is No Sacrament of Reconciliation today	

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Mass Intentions during August ...

Please note: There will be no Mass during the week of 24th to 29th August, as there are no public Masses.

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Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
24 th August Sunday	9.30 am	21 st Week in Ordinary Time	For the Holy Souls
	11.00 am		The Needs of our Parish Family
25 th Aug. Monday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
26 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
27 th Aug. Wednesday	No Mass	NB: There is No Mass	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
28 th Aug. Thursday	No Mass	NB: There is No Mass	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
29 th Aug. Friday	No Mass	NB: There is No Mass	The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today
30 th Aug. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
31 st Aug. Sunday	9.30 am	22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Souls

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A date for your diary: The next opportunity to donate to our 'Building Together scheme which helps towards the ongoing Health and Safety costs, which have to be met by the Parish, will be on Sunday 7th September.

The Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention this week is for the intention of "The well-being of Stuart Hamilton".

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. Where there are multiple requests we can have more than one Sanctuary Votive so, if you have a particular request please ask, as Fr Adrian will pray for the intentions each day.

Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year?



If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2025, whether they are in our Parish School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School, please see below. In addition, each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions but would like to be welcomed into the Church, so if that applies to you, please let Fr Adrian know so that he can help. Please follow the QR code or link in the online version of the newsletter



<https://forms.office.com/e/E3CUQUsNLm> to express an interest in the First Communion Programme (posters with the QR code for this link are also available in church). Please note this is only the first part of the application, but to enrol your child into our First Communion Programme this initial online form must be completed between now and 24th October for the 2025/2026 Programme.

Pope Leo XIV announced, following their earlier postponement, that the London-born Blessed Carlo Acutis together with Blessed Pier Goirgio Frassati will be canonised together on Sunday 7th September.



Whilst many servers are away over the summer holidays we don't run a formal rota, but if you are on a 'staycation' or are back from your holidays then please consider serving at our Sunday Masses. In preparation for the return of the rota in the autumn, would parents of any of our children who made their 1st Communion in 2025 who would like to become an Altar Server, please let Fr Adrian know if they would like to join the ministry by downloading an application from via this [LINK](#) in our digital online newsletter. Please then return the completed form to Fr Adrian after Mass, thank you.

In June, the House of Commons voted to legalise assisted suicide and decriminalise abortion.

Pope Leo encourages us to make our concerns known, and The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has produced their own "Action Pack", which they can send to you if you would like to receive one so, if you would like to receive an "Action Pack", please complete one of the postcards from the table at the back of the church, post it through the letterbox of the Presbytery, for Fr Adrian to return to SPUC or, you can use this QR code, thank you..



Do you have a child who will be starting School in 2026, and If so, have you thought of our Parish School, St Mary Magdalen's? The School is holding a number of mornings when parents' can take a tour of the School in September, October, November and December 2025 as well as January 2026.

Please note: all tours of the School take place between 9.30 & 10.30 am. For more information, with dates when you can visit the School, please see the posters, including one on the table by the Calvary Cross, or visit the School website at st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk thank you.



If you have a former connection with the school then they would like to hear from you! They would love you to join their alumni network and stay connected with them. It doesn't matter when you left, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away. to contact them and for more details, please email: Alumni@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk

London Catholic Social Group. If you would like to meet other Catholic adults (over age 35), London Catholic Social Group is where you can meet for regular social events. To join or to learn more about this group, please WhatsApp Brendan Baker on 07425 549 408, email londonswcatholicssocial@gmail.com or, you can Facebook 'London Catholic Social Group'

Fr Adrian has been asked to let everyone know that there some counterfeit £2 coins have been spotted in circulation. Some ways of noticing whether a coin is genuine or not are: fake coins weigh less than genuine ones. The silver-coloured core isn't quite flush with the gold coloured outer ring, and the coin won't have fine dots around the perimeter of the inner core. There is also a lack of detail to the monarch's portrait, little texture to the hair with the crown not being distinct from the hair. As well as the coin not having the initials of the designer below the portrait.

Have you booked your summer break yet, or perhaps you have items to buy in readiness for the new School year? Whenever you shop for anything, please remember to use easyfundraising when you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, U switch and many others! This means that you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you are buying, even a summer holiday! If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started please. You can find our easy fundraising page here : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenmortlake>



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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 especially during the Summer holidays. 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 are washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits, thank you.



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. To request a Mass please complete a manilla coloured envelope, alternatively, you can donate via the QR code above but if you do this please email Fr Adrian to let him know so that the Holy Souls Mass can be said as soon as possible, thank you.

During August, please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jim Donohoe who died recently,
for George Jackman, Eric Shelley, Michele Fraser,
Christopher Phipps, Joan Elizabeth Hill, Alice O'Neill,
Norbert Healy, Joyce Culnane, Susan Hooper, Brendan Corr,
Winifred Kitts, Enda Farrell, Kenneth O'Neil, 'Baby' Burns,
Martin Graham, Catherine Applegarth, Daphne Handville,
Eileen McKenna, Evelyn Fernandes,
Ann Cunningham, Mona Miller, David Purdey, William
Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce,
Edward Goggins, Euphrasia Chomba, Jeannie Turner,
Teresa Corr, Judith Hiller, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner,
Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White,
Thomas Donohoe, Dorothy Sarson, John O'Sullivan
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. 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

Aid groups urge Israel to end restrictions as Gaza starvation worsens A report by Nathan Morley from Vatican News Catholic agencies and more than 100 humanitarian organizations, including Oxfam and Médecins Sans Frontières, have signed a joint letter calling on Israel to end what they describe as the “weaponization of aid” into Gaza. The groups warned that starvation is deepening across the territory. They say they are increasingly being told they are “not authorized” to deliver aid unless they comply with new Israeli regulations introduced in March.

According to the letter, Israeli authorities rejected more than 60 aid delivery requests in July alone, leaving warehouses stocked with food, medicine and shelter supplies unable to reach those in need. Hospitals are running out of basic supplies, and vulnerable populations—including children, older adults and people with disabilities—are dying from hunger and preventable illnesses, the groups said. The organizations argue that the restrictions politicize humanitarian work and violate international law. Israeli officials have defended the measures, saying they are necessary to prevent aid from being diverted to Hamas.

To keep up-to-date with Vatican News just click [HERE](#) to subscribe to their daily newsletter.

A Prayer for Peace by Nick Fawcett

Living God, reveal to us more of your will and equip us to honour it. Save us from taking the path of least resistance, opting for peace where there is no peace or pretending all is well when the reality is otherwise. Give us instead the faith and courage we need to stand up for what is right, even if that risks alienating people, including, perhaps, those we love. Hear us and help us, O God, in the name of Christ. Amen.

The annual March for Life UK event is happening in London on Saturday 6th September 2025. The theme for this day is 'Human Rights for All Humans' and will be looking at how so many rights are trampled. At the time of this newsletter the organizers currently know of 7 Catholic bishops, 2 Anglican bishops, the Superior of FSSP, the Provincial of ICKSP, some key Orthodox and Evangelical leaders and many others who will be attending. **There will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bosco at Westminster Cathedral for this event at 10.30am** and in the morning there is a pro-life family festival called LifeFest happening at The Emmanuel Centre in Westminster from 10am-1pm. This consists of a Pro-life Human Rights Summit, sessions for children of all ages, prolife stalls from organisations across the country and much more. All are welcome.

March for Life UK

Saturday 6th September

London

2025





PRO-LIFE

Human Rights Summit

The Emmanuel Centre 10.30-10.00pm

The Right to Life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Human rights are for all humans, not a select, privileged few, not just for the wanted, the born, the able-bodied, the healthy or any other subdivision. Intentionally ending the life of preborn children, even if they are unexpected, unhealthy or inconvenient, is never 'right' nor 'a human right', it is always wrong.



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Morning Events : 10.00am - 1.00pm
The Emmanuel Centre Marsham St, SW1P 3DW

Mass : 10.30
Westminster Cathedral

The March : 1.30pm

From The Emmanuel Centre
Ends at Parliament Square **4.30pm**