



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
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

Collection details for last Sunday, 22 March

Naturally, this was the first Sunday where we were unable to open the church doors, so our collection is about a third of what it normally is. That was only possible thanks to the blessing of parishioners giving by Standing Order and two people who came to drop in their Gift Aid envelopes. **We are all in such extreme circumstances that it is a blessing to be able to raise that much, so thank you to everyone.** Parish Collection £20 Standing Order £400 Total: £420

On 18 March Archbishop John Wilson issued the statement: "Few of us will have witnessed circumstances such as those we are presently experiencing. It is crucial that we take the necessary measures to maximise the welfare of every person and follow the guidance and requirements of our Government and Statutory Agencies. The Bishops of England and Wales have implemented changes in how we are to practise our faith as we move forward. ... A major change is the cessation of public celebrations of the Mass and the dispensation of the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days." It is no longer possible to attend church so, for the time being, the last public Mass at St Mary Magdalen's was held on Friday 20 March, nevertheless, Fr Adrian continues to celebrate Mass daily and to pray for the needs of our Parish families and Key Workers throughout the course of the day. The Catholic Bishops' Conference has reiterated the UK Government instruction on the occasions when someone can leave home which, to lessen the spread of the virus, does not include gathering together at Mass:

- Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.
- One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.
- Any medical need, or to provide help to the vulnerable.
- Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.

Please pray our teachers, pupils and staff as our school remains open for the children of Key Workers.

Sunday Masses: 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

29th March - 5th April 2020

Overleaf are some ideas on how we can support one another practically in these difficult times but please also consider helping to continue supporting our Parish in its ministry to all those in need, by giving your regular Sunday donation, even though you can't come to the church. This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form from our website www.stmarymags.org.uk/community to return to your bank for regular giving direct from your account or, if you use online banking, by using the Parish bank details on that form to donate through your bank's App or online website.

A further way you can support the Parish: by Gift Aid
Following last month's annual Gift Aid appeal, thank you again to all our parishioners who donate either by Gift Aid envelope or standing order. If you missed the appeal or you are a new parishioner who would like to support the scheme, then please contact Fr Adrian who can put you in contact with our parish Gift Aid organiser. **If you are an existing Gift Aid donor using envelopes,** and were able to collect these from the church, please consider setting aside your weekly collection so that you can return your envelopes when the church reopens. Alternatively, you could donate direct from your bank account by Standing Order or through online banking.

Please pray for our baptism & confirmation candidates

Each Sunday during Lent we pray for our candidates and, over the last three Sundays, there have been special prayers of blessing. We have one child Mya who is a Catechumen (preparing for baptism) and one adult Candidate, Jorge, who will be confirmed. Sadly, Easter will be very different this year with the church closed, but services will continue ASAP. As part of our Catholic community's **focus on the Bible during Lent**, a series of readings from Matthew's Gospel are available online each day until Easter. These can be found via the website www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/reading-matthew/ This initiative is part of the Church's year of focus on scripture. Further information, including an outline of the books of the Bible and other resources can be found online: www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/

Devotions During Lent

As well as celebrating daily Mass Fr Adrian is also praying the traditional Stations of the Cross, retracing the steps of Jesus' Passion in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Individuals and families may like to pray the Stations together at home via <https://media.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-eng/stations-eng.html> This link can be clicked on our online newsletter to take you direct to the site.

Mass for the rededication of our country as 'Mary's Dowry' will be livestreamed from the Shrine at Walsingham this Sunday. The Rededication Prayers will take place at noon, at the beginning of midday Mass. To find out more about the Rededication and to see the Mass online please visit www.walsingham.org.uk/rededication.
Spiritual Communion: During this time when it is not possible to physically receive Holy Communion, Catholics are encouraged to make a spiritual communion. An excellent prayer sheet has been produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, including a prayer for spiritual communion. This can be found online via: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/No-Mass-A4.pdf>

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

29th March – 5th April 2020

Sunday 29 th 5th Sunday of Lent Yr A	Barbara Porter RIP (1 st anniversary) and the welfare of the Cotterill Family
Monday 30 th (Feria)	Sir Edward Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
Tuesday 31 st	Matty Németh
Wednesday 1 st (Feria)	For all in the Parish affected by Coronavirus
Thursday 2 nd (Feria)	Holy Souls
Friday 3 rd (Feria)	For NHS and Social Key Workers
Saturday 4 th (Feria)	Mary Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
Sunday 5 th April Palm Sunday Yr A	The needs of our Parish Family

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 written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistry.**

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

Luke 10:20

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Following the death of Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith, with the current Covid-19 restrictions the funeral arrangements have been changed.

On **Monday 30th March:** at 12.30 pm Archbishop John Wilson will preside at a private Funeral Mass with relatives and the Chapter clergy only. Please remember to pray for Archbishop Peter. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Archbishop Peter Smith who died recently and for Mary Kendrell, Bridget O'Keefe Alegranti, Victor Sobral Mederios, William Saunders 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 on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian 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 remember the 3-H theme:

- ✘ **Hygiene:** wear gloves in public places, wash hands and use sanitiser
- ✘ **Home:** is now the heart of prayer as we must stay away from public celebrations of Mass
- ✘ **Help:** think positively of ways you can help our Parish Family to care for one another and our neighbours.

Fr Adrian is gathering details of parish members who would like to offer support to our vulnerable and elderly parishioners. If you could offer support to our community please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk

If you are in isolation and need food delivered the **Barnes Community Shop home delivery service can help.** The BCA has partnered with businesses to launch a new home delivery service for residents. The Barnes Community Shop will enable you to order your groceries online and to have them delivered to your door on an eco-friendly bike. Their riders will deliver Monday to Friday between 12 and 3pm whilst we are all in quarantine. If you place an order before 12pm you can book a next day delivery. They are starting with a limited number of delivery slots every day and will try to expand these over time. However, they are asking customers to leave the slots for residents who are in isolation or find it difficult to get out. If you can get out to buy your groceries, please continue to support our local shops (keeping your distance from others, of course). The website is open for orders: www.barnescommunityshop.com