



# 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 call outs).

## 20<sup>th</sup> August to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

**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.

**THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> August.**  
 Our weekly income was £698 [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](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:  
**NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch**  
**NAME: RCAS 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](http://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.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Important News:** Please note that the 11am Mass for this Sunday, 20th August has had to be cancelled. Whilst this might give time to watch the World Cup Final, the football wasn't the reason for the change. Sadly, Fr Adrian has a very painful throat infection which started on Thursday and he will not be able to celebrate Mass without assistance. A visiting priest has kindly come to Fr Adrian's aid for the 9.30am Mass and, as a precaution, Fr Adrian will remain masked and not distribute Holy Communion. Fr Tony will need the help of a Reader and Extraordinary Minister, but there will be no Intinction, so Holy Communion will be under one kind. If you prefer a later Mass there is the 10.30 at Our Lady's East Sheen or St. Osmund's, Barnes and Our Lady and St Simon's, Putney has an 11.15am Mass. Please keep Fr Adrian in your prayers and please note that there will be no 9.30am Mass on Monday 21st. The church will be closed as usual on Tuesday and Fr Adrian will be back celebrating Mass on Wednesday 23rd as usual. Thank you for your understanding in this Matter. For those who will enjoy the football, we pray that the "Lionesses" will be triumphant.

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.

### 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.

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		20 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>20<sup>th</sup> August Sunday</b>	9.30 am No 11.00 am	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	The needs of our Parish Family <b>Please note this Mass has had to be cancelled</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Aug. Monday	<b>Closed</b>		<b>Please note: the church is closed</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>Please note: the church is closed</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	<b>Feria</b>	For the Holy Souls
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	St Bartholomew	Canon Bernard Jose [Foundation Mass]
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: The Joyful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today</b>

**This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Hellel who died recently; for Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins and all souls whose anniversaries occur near this time.**

**Fr Adrian is remaining here throughout the summer but the church remains closed each Tuesday.**

Fr Adrian does have some hospital visits which could not be moved, **so please note; there will be no Mass on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August.** It is hoped that Fr Adrian will be able to have a holiday later during the year



### **Catholic Nursery/Reception, Secondary School Transfers and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Applications for 2024**

If you're applying to a Catholic School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the **Parish Reference Request**". This form, with a family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (the school SIF if you already have them) are to be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the information. Please make sure you are aware of each School's cut-off date, e.g., Secondary Schools will need their completed forms over the next few weeks. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms so that forms handed in one Sunday are usually returned the next week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions.

### **THE FUTURE OF MORTLAKE HALL.**

Mortlake Hall was set up as a registered charity after the closure of Mortlake Church of England primary school in the 1980's. The Trustees of the Hall are in the process of reviewing the use of the Hall and recognise the changing needs of the local community would like to hear the views of as many residents as possible. If you would like to make your views known the Trustees would welcome your input via the online survey which can be accessed by using this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter.

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST:** If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this may be for you.

To be held at Aylesford Priory from 6-8 October, with accommodation costing £230 for a single person or £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

### **A Seminar entitled is to be held "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities".**

This will take at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 28 October 2023 from 9.30am to 4.00pm. All are welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion which will be chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

For more information and registration, please use this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter or scan the QR Code

Or you can write us at [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.



### **Will you be going abroad this summer?**

If so, please remember the charity Mary's Meals by donating any unused currency you bring home with you. Please take one of the envelopes from the table, at the back of the church, fill it with your unused and unwanted foreign currency, bringing it back again to church so that we can arrange for it to be collected. All donations given to Mary's Meals will help towards providing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries, thank you.

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

If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2023, whether they are in our Parish School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School please the details below ...

Each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions, so if that applies to you, an extra application is needed for your child to become Catholic.

To express interest in the Programme please click this link in the online version of the newsletter <https://forms.office.com/e/Yx88JTKgPa> (Posters are available with QR codes for this link.

**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 24 September 2023 for the 2023/2024 Programme.**



### **QR CODE for St Mary Magdalen Church – Mortlake**

If you're buying a new school uniform, PE kits, rucksacks, stationery or any other back to school essentials - please remember to shop using easyfundraising. You can raise FREE donations for St Mary Magdalen Church - Mortlake at the same time with brands including John Lewis & Partners, Argos, M&S and more!

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes and would be an enormous help to us, at no extra cost to yourself!

They've put together all the latest and best offers in one place here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/offers/trending-offers?utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=backtoschool-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/offers/trending-offers?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=backtoschool-email1)



**Would you like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024?**

All Parish Youth in Year 9 and above are invited to learn more about faith in a new Parish Youth Group from Autumn 2023. Those who attend Mass from the Youth Group will then have the opportunity to apply for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please scan the Youth Group QR code in the church or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/9Eacad6yzzp> to sign up to join the Parish Youth Group to express interest in the Confirmation Programme. **Parents, please note, for the Youth Group and Confirmation Programme to go ahead we need your help this year. Each family wanting to join the Youth Group is asked for at least one parent to volunteer to be on a rota of three to four parents each week who will act as helpers as per Safeguarding regulations. You won't be expected to teach Catechism but will be needed to help with refreshments and basic team activities/games. Full information will be given at a parents meeting once the closing date for applications to the Youth Group ends on 15 October 2023, thank you.**



**Fix the Food System: Please sign the petition by the West Door in church to support CAFOD's food campaign in urging the UK government to protect the right of farmers around the world to use their seeds.**

Seeds are life. They are the very foundation for farmers to produce the food that feeds us all. For generations, small-scale farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce food and maintain biodiversity. More recently, farmers have also developed seeds that ensure crops are resilient to climate change. However, their right to choose what seeds they use is increasingly under threat as new laws are introduced across the world that limit what small farmers can do with their seeds. More information can be found online via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Weg7ZLpZpM> and **the petition can be signed by the West Door in church in support of CAFOD's campaign for Fair Trade.**

**Reflection by Gustavo Gutierrez**

The poverty of the poor is not a summons to alleviate their plight with acts of generosity, but rather a compelling obligation to fashion an entirely different social order.

**Prayer by Nick Fawcett**

Sovereign God, we bring you our spiritual hunger, our yearning for inner contentment, knowing that you alone can feed our souls, and do so in ways exceeding all our expectations. Come, then, now, and reach out to all gathered here today, filling us with spiritual food – bread of life and living water – so that we may go on our way, nourished, filled, truly satisfied. Amen.



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 2023 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 newsletter. Please then return the completed form to Fr Adrian after Mass, thank you.

**We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of 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, 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. 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**

Joseph Hellel who died recently and for; 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, Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins, Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner, Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White

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

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**Mass Intentions during August ...**

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Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
27 <sup>th</sup> August Sunday	9.30 am	21 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Mass Intention Available
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Monday	9.30 am	St Augustine	Teresa B. Corr [Foundation Mass]
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Tuesday	<b>Closed</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>Please note: the church is closed</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	Sts M Clitherow, A Line, M Ward	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
1 <sup>st</sup> Sep. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: The Glorious Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	In thanksgiving to the Holy Family
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept. Sunday	9.30 am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Alexandra Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]

**This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner, Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White**

**Chaplains bring comfort and solidarity in Ukraine**

Ukrainian military chaplains are extending a helping hand to communities by offering spiritual guidance, practical aid, and a message of hope to those affected by the devastating consequences of war. Agnel Maria reports for Vatican News that “As war continues to bring death and destruction in Ukraine, military chaplains are reaching out to soldiers and civilians. The chaplains comfort and reaffirm the people to not lose hope. To do so they have also created a bond with officials and with medical staff working in the war zones. They try to instil peace and comfort in the minds of the soldiers. Amidst the conflict, Father Rostyslav Vysochan, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and second lieutenant in the armed forces, finds profound purpose in his role as a chaplain. Deployed to the front line in the aftermath of Russia's incursion into Crimea and the separatist activities in Donetsk and Luhansk, Father Vysochan embraces his duty with conviction. He tries to guide soldiers through the moral dilemma of engaging in combat to defend one's country.

Father Vysochan assists the soldiers in dealing with the stress of having to kill in order to save lives and ministers the Sacrament of Confession, through which soldiers find solace and inner peace. He's been joined on several journeys to the war front by deacons from his church, and now some of them make their own visits to minister to the growing number of widows and their children. Their van is always stocked with essential items, which they readily distribute to civilians they encounter on their path. Whether it's an elderly person or a couple of soldiers grappling with a tire issue, the chaplains stop to offer their support, demonstrating their companionship. Beyond their spiritual responsibilities, the chaplains extend their reach through practical acts of kindness. When encountering wounded soldiers at a stabilization point, they provide food and set up amenities such as a coffee machine. The journeys of these Ukrainian military chaplains embody dedication, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support to all affected by war. Their actions exemplify the profound role that chaplains play in times of crisis, fostering resilience, unity, and hope.”

**We Continue to pray at every Mass for the people of Ukraine and for Russia to seek peace and pray the Rosary for Peace during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday from 9am before the 9.30am Mass – all are welcome to join us in prayer.**

The Universe Catholic Weekly is back in print – and with subscription rates kept ultra-low, now's the time to commit to having your favourite Catholic newspaper delivered to your home every week. The Universe is still being published in digital format for those who prefer to read their news online, but if you want to subscribe to the print version, just call Michelle Jones on 07436 617650 or email her at [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

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**How can we protect our common home?** We are invited to a panel discussion on the ‘Call of Creation’ document:

When: Tuesday, 12 September, 7pm. Duration: 1 hour. Who can attend? Everyone. Please Register online via:

[www.bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes) **This September marks a year since the Bishops of England and Wales republished The Call of Creation, a document that encourages us to repair our relationship with God's creation.**

The includes Panel Archbishop Peter Loy Chong (Archbishop Peter is the president of the Federation of Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Oceania. He is also the Archbishop of Suva, Fiji, where he has experienced first-hand the impact of rising sea levels and extractive mining processes on low-lying island nations.) Sr Margaret Atkins is a Canoness of St Augustine in the community at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria. She is a lecturer and author in Theology with a special interest, amongst other things, in the ethics of caring for the Environment. In 2015, she published a book entitled; *Catholics and Our Common Home: Caring for the Planet We Share*; Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD; Bishop John Arnold, lead Bishop on Environmental issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Bishop of Salford. Please register to secure your place via this link: <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes>