



# 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.

**Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and  
Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm**

**Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm**

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Happy New Year

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions.

The positive obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass returned on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions has 3 Masses on Sunday, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with the times and Mass intentions. We are running a trial period of 3 Sunday Masses until February 2022.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas: Parish Mass Book p. 111

**A message from Fr Adrian:** This coming year will see our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and though during the three and a half years I have been with the Parish we have had many months when we had to close for the Pandemic, it is wonderful that we can safely open and gather for Mass. Although we still have to keep safe and take care, when we are able to be together, it is the reality of such communion together, in our own and wider families, that gives us strength to draw on and, most especially, the strength God gives us in our lives from our spiritual and physical reception of his Blessing and Holy Communion.

Through 2020 and 2021 we have had to spend nearly £200,000 in urgent safety repairs in the Church, Hall and Cemetery and have a further £15,000 of repairs immediately in the new Year, with £500,000 of further planned repairs to come. Over the Pandemic we have not being able to undertake any major fundraising and we will need to do so during our Anniversary Year so we can continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and people of the Parish. **I would like to thank our Parish Finance and Building Committee members who have helped with this work and first Clare and then Anna who came to help in the Parish office over the course of Lockdown and beyond. We are indebted and give thanks to all those who support the Parish throughout the year by donating and volunteering in so many ways.** Although we've had to work very differently together for many months, it is 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 and lately our Altar Servers. Thank you to you all - may we know the Lord's Blessing throughout the year ahead.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 26 December

Our weekly income was £1112 [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 St Mary Magdalen 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.

#### 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 C	Mass Details and Intentions		2 <sup>nd</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 Happy New Year
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		Elizabeth & Patrick Barry RIP
	11.00 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b>	Bridie Barry RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. Monday	9.30 am	Diocesan Martyrs	The welfare of Anabella and Anne Leask
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Christmastide	Hugo-Clifford-Holmes RIP
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	<b>Holy Day: the Epiphany</b>	Holy Souls
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	The Joyful Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria of Christmastide	The Intention of the Bemrose family [Foundation Mass]
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria of Christmastide	William Mannion RIP
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> HC Mass at 9.30 & 11am	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	Jackie Gibelli RIP
	6.30 pm	<b>Christmastide ends this night</b>	Private Intention

**Welcome to 2022 – Happy New Year – may we continue to know the Lord’s Blessings through all our endeavours.**

Thank you to the families who have returned their **First Holy Communion and Confirmation Forms for 2022.**

If you received a reminder message from Fr Adrian regarding the forms please reply to this by 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**All applications closed several weeks ago** and we are planning how best to prepare the classes during the continued restrictions. Under current Government and Diocesan guidelines we can safely meet for Catechism classes for both **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** as we will fulfil all the Covid-safety criteria. Fr Adrian will continue to monitor what is required from both the Government and Diocesan regulations but, as long as families ensure that children only attend after confirming they have no symptoms of a cold or flu and can confirm that the child has a clear LFT taken on the day of the class, there is currently nothing that should prevent the classes from occurring.

**First Holy Communion** families are reminded that they should attend the Enrolment Mass at either the 9.30 or 11am Mass, so please respond to Fr Adrian’s email to give an idea of numbers.

Fr Adrian has also emailed the **Confirmation** families, so please check any online folders in case this has not automatically gone into the inbox. **If families cannot find the message please email Fr Adrian by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **A Christmas Message and Blessing from Pope Francis**

Pope Francis gave his traditional Christmas message followed by his ‘Urbi et Orbi’ blessing (‘to the city and the world’) via traditional and online broadcasting. In his opening words he announced “the Word of God, who created the world and who gives meaning to history and to humanity’s journey, became flesh and came to dwell among us.” This event that fills the heart with wonder, he noted, shows how “the Word became flesh in order to dialogue with us,” since “God himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is dialogue, an eternal and infinite communion of love and life.” Through Jesus, God showed us the way to encounter and dialogue, “so that we might know it and follow it, in trust and hope.”

The Pope observed that our world needs dialogue, especially in these pandemic times where unity and solidarity are essential to overcoming the hurt in social relationships, putting them to the test. Imagine what our world would be like if it were not for the patient dialogue of so many generous persons trying to keep families and communities together, preventing and resolving conflicts, he said. Despite these shadows, there is “the sign of hope”, the Pope underscored, “the Love that moves the sun and the other stars” became flesh, sharing in our plight and breaking down the walls of indifference. The little child “in need of everything”, came “to give us everything”. The Pope encouraged everyone then to ask the Lord for “the strength to be open to dialogue” and create in our hearts a real desire for “reconciliation and fraternity,” turning to Him in prayer. During this time of pandemic, the Pope prayed in particular for those feeling its affects, especially women who are the victims of violence, children suffering due to bullying, the elderly who are even more isolated. He asked the Lord to give peace of mind and unity to all families and the children they are raising.

The Pope also remembered our need to be attentive to our common home, our planet and the environment suffering from how we often treat it, praying for inspiration for political leaders to reach agreements to assure its viability future generations. Acknowledging and praying over the many challenges we are facing today, the Pope underscored that “hope prevails”, a child is born, who is the Word of God. May we “learn to listen to God, our Father, to listen to one another and to dialogue as brothers and sisters,” he concluded, and ask the Lord to “teach us” to walk beside Him “on the paths of peace.”

### **Primary School Applications for 2022**

Please note that all parents applying for a school reference should have seen Fr Adrian to obtain and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a place. This is a Parish form, not the school one and is called the **“Parish Request Form.”** This form can be collected from Fr Adrian after every Sunday Mass. **Please be aware of application closure dates** and that references can only be handed in or collected after Mass on Sunday. **If you have any questions about the applications, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment to discuss the process, thank you.**

### **Thank you to everyone for raising donations for the charitable work of the Parish with #easyfundraising**

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you!

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share by clicking the link below today, thank you.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenmortlake/>

#### **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 emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at Mass. 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.”**

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of** Margaret Jordan, Elizabeth & Patrick Barry, William Mannion, Bridie Barry, Mary Stayness, Patrick Brown, Gordon Irvine 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

Please use the Mass Intention envelopes which are available at the entrance and exit to the church if you would like to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need. Please return the envelope to Fr Adrian, thank you.