



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

**Parish Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and
Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 2.30 pm**

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm
365 days a year (except for emergency call-outs).

21st August to 4th September 2022

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

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9am with
Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from
9am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 24th July.

Our weekly income was £748 [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
- 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
- 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

Summer Newsletter

Remembering St Mary Magdalen our Patron Saint ...

This year, our Patronal Feast Day became a Feast Day, not just for us, but for the whole of the Church, as Pope Francis has changed what was a Memorial into a Feast Day.

This means that 22nd July now commemorates the memory of St Mary Magdalen as a Feast Day for the whole Church.

Mary's name comes from her home town of Magdala, a fishing village on the western shore of Lake Tiberias. Mary ministered to Our Lord in Galilee, was present at his crucifixion and Mary was amongst the group of women who went to the tomb on the first Easter Day. It was to Mary that Our Risen Lord first appeared (as shown in the right hand side of our eastern window, behind the altar). Mary Magdalen is a unique and important character in the story of the Resurrection, chosen by Christ as one of the first witnesses of the event that changed the world.

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalen before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

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		21 st to 27 th August 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
21 st August Sunday	9.30 am		Kevin Best RIP
	11.00 am	21 st Week in Ordinary Time	Christopher Turner RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
22 nd Aug. Monday	9.30 am	The Queenship of Our Lady	The Good Estate of Harry
23 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
24 th Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Bartholomew	Canon Bernard Jose [Foundation Mass]
25 th Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Mike Coleman RIP and Joan McAuliffe RIP
26 th Aug. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
27 th Aug. Saturday	9.30 am	St Monica	For the welfare of all mothers and those in need

This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Kevin Best, Christopher Turner, Maureen Cunningham and Archie Battersbee who died recently and for Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins and Jeannie Turner.



Fr Adrian is remaining here throughout the summer to enable the number of weddings and baptisms we have, but the church remains closed each Tuesday.

Fr Adrian does have some hospital visits which could not be moved, so please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday 31st August.

It is hoped that Fr Adrian will be able to have a holiday later during the year.



"It never rains, but it pours!" When Fr Adrian arrived to become Parish Priest four years ago, he was sadly greeted by the collapse of part of the ceiling in the nave. After storms in July, in practically the same spot, a separate problem has developed, as Fr Adrian opened the church to discover a huge puddle following the last rains we had. As before, the right-hand side of the Sanctuary by the Altar Rails has been closed off whilst we seek professional advice and an insurance assessment to see what to do. The route you should take after Communion/Blessing is clearly marked so as to avoid the troubled area. As soon as we have news on the repair costs, we will let you know.



Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year? If your child will be in Year 3 onwards, whether they are at St Mary Magdalen School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School please let us know if you would like to receive an Application Form. Each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions, so if that applies to you, there are extra applications needed for your child to become Catholic, but you can still follow the same link. **If you, would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year, then please click on the underlined link in the online version of the newsletter**



<https://forms.office.com/r/Ab6i1k87rf> or enter this text (exactly as written) into your web browser.

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 September 2022 for the 2022/2023 Programme. If you can't use the digital link, please see Fr Adrian for a paper version of the form but online applications are preferred. The link for the online form can be viewed on a Smart Phone, PC, Tablet, as well as other devices that can access the internet.



If you, would you like your child to receive Confirmation, then please note that this Sacrament is held every other year.

As we have just had Confirmation, please note our next Confirmation Programme at St Mary Magdalen will begin in 2023 for 2024, as this continues our Parish Tradition of Candidates receiving the Sacrament in alternate years.

If you're applying to a Catholic School for September 2024, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the "Parish Reference Request". This form, with family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (if you already have them) must 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 need completed forms for October 2022.



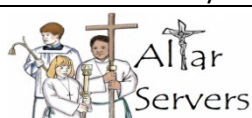
SAVE THE DATE: advance notice about Sunday 4th September: please join us to say farewell to Bishop Paul and help celebrate the anniversary of the Consecration of our Church. Just as some may be returning from summer breaks, Bishop Paul Hendricks will be joining us at the 11 am Mass in our 170th Anniversary year to commemorate the Consecration of our church so that we can thank him for his ministry before he moves to his new appointment in Kent. After Mass we would like to have some refreshments in the Hall so that as many people as possible can join us after Mass to say farewell to Bishop Paul. Please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to indicate what food and drink you can contribute to the celebration, as well as letting us know if you can be available to help prepare for the event on the Sunday morning or the clear-up afterwards. If you haven't yet been able to give a contribution to help thank Bishop Paul for his ministry and support of our Parish, and would like to, please click onto the [LINK](#) in our online newsletter or by using the QR code on your smartphone, thank you. Please remember to Gift Aid your donations wherever possible.



Parish Music Group/Choir.



As usual, there will be no Music Group during August but, we hope that the group can continue in September, however, in order to do so, we need volunteers. We used to have an organist for every Sunday, as well as a choir each week including the 11 am Mass. Before the Pandemic, we had our Music Group at 9.30 am however, after the Pandemic the group could only manage once a month. It would be wonderful if we could have, music at both the 9.30 and 11 am Masses each Sunday and though we can use digital music when we have to, it would be better if we could have volunteer music and musicians. If you would like to volunteer to join the music group or can, help the Parish please use this [link](#) in the digital newsletter.



In preparation for a gradual return in the autumn, would our existing Servers, as well as any of our children who made their 1st Communion in 2022 who would like to become an Altar Server, please return an Application Form via this [LINK](#), which will expire during November 2022.

Bishop John Sherrington is an auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, **Bishop John calls for our prayers for Archie Battersbee**: "Following the High Court decision on 5th August 2022, ruling that 12-year-old Archie Battersbee cannot be moved to a hospice for withdrawal of treatment, Bishop John Sherrington said: "I assure the parents and family of Archie Battersbee, as well as all those caring for him and all concerned for his good, of my prayers at this painful time. As his life support will now be withdrawn, every step must recognise his inherent dignity as a person created in the image and likeness of God. The process of compassionate accompaniment of Archie and his parents at this time of saying goodbye is so important. The recently hard-fought arguments in the courts about Archie's ongoing treatment and care highlight again the need to find better ways of mediation by which parents and health care professionals can reach common agreements and avoid complex legal proceedings. Whilst the Catholic Church recognises that there are situations when medical treatment to sustain life is no longer obligatory if there is no hope of recovery, ordinary treatment and care should be provided appropriate to the condition of the patient."



Daily Prayer to Guardian Angel

Angel of God
My guardian dear
To Whom His love
Commits me here
Ever this day
Be at my side
To light and guard
To rule and guide.
Amen

**Archie Battersbee RIP
died on 6th August 2022**

Some Development News: please note that the Parish and Diocesan Finance Committee hope to carry out some improvement works to certain areas of the Parish Hall. As soon as news becomes available, further details will be posted via the newsletter, at Mass and in the church. It will mean that, for a period of months the Hall will be closed for a set time, at a date that is to be determined. The Parish is informing all Hall users of this as it is hoped that all evening users will continue this September and possibly into 2023 depending on the areas of the Hall being worked on at the time.

Saturday 3rd September 2022 Pro-Life Charities have arranged a number of events to mark "**March for Life UK**". The day will start with Mass at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR at 11 am, to pray especially for those affected by the termination of pregnancy. Various family events are being held at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm, and after this the main focus will be a procession at 2 pm to Parliament Square, with the theme "10 million too many" in memory of the millions of lives that have been taken and affected through 50 years of UK abortion law. More information about March for Life UK can be found on their website MarchForLife.co.uk, thank you.

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Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
28th August Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	22nd Week in Ordinary Time	Maureen Cunningham RIP
	6.30 pm		Prayers for Ukraine and the Holy Souls
29 th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	Passion of John the Baptist	Teresa B Corr [Foundation Mass]
30 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
31 st Aug. Wednesday	10.30 am	Church open for prayer	NB there is no Mass today but the church is open for prayer
1 st Sep. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Mike Coleman RIP and Joan McAuliffe RIP
2 nd Sep. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
3 th Sep. Saturday	9.30 am	St Gregory the Great	Holy Souls
4th Sept. Sunday	9.30 am		Prayers for Ukraine and the Holy Souls
	11.00 am	23rd Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	6.30 pm		Alexandra Parry-Jones[Foundation Mass]

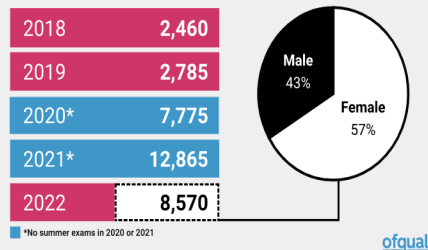
This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner, Elizabeth Williams, John Brooks, Austin White

Congratulations to all those who have sat public exams

We give thanks for all our Parish Family members who had A-level results last week and pray for the GCSE pupils will receive their results

on Thursday 25 August. Whatever the grades, we pray that all students will know the strength and comfort of the Lord throughout their lives.

A level students in England who took 3 A levels and achieved 3 A* grades, all ages



Bishops demand action on energy cost crisis

As people face an "unprecedented crisis of sky-high energy bills and an impending recession", Catholic bishops and justice groups are calling on the Government to "examine their conscience" and take urgent action. The bishops are backing the call of former PM Gordon Brown and The Big Issue magazine in calling for support for struggling families. Salford bishop John Arnold from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales underlined the gravity of the situation in an interview with the Catholic newspaper *The Universe*: "This is no longer just a cost-of-living crisis but a threat to the human dignity of millions... as Christians, we cannot ignore the situation." For more details see *The Universe* and to subscribe to the paper ring Michelle on 07436617650 or email:- sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Eparchy's Ukrainian Welcome Centre a safe haven for those fleeing the war

Six months after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, according to UN figures, some 12 million people have fled their homes. Seven million are internally displaced and over five million have left for other countries. Recent government statistics show that more than 100,000 Ukrainians have arrived in the UK to escape the bloodshed. Newly-arrived Ukrainians face considerable challenges to settle outside their homeland and need support to access services, find accommodation and integrate into the community. The UK already has a significant Ukrainian community who are helping those settling in Britain. A 'Welcome Centre' has been set up in London by the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family in partnership with the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain. Based in Weighhouse Street in central London, the site of the Eparchy's cathedral, the Centre is a single point of contact for essential information for arrival, settling and long-term living in the UK. Its director, Andriy Marchenko, explains the initiative: "Our centre aims to support Ukrainians as they arrive in the United Kingdom. They need to settle, they need to get all their documentation ready, they have to send their children to schools – the majority of those who are coming are mothers with children. "They need to find proper accommodation, they need social support, they need to find jobs, they need practical help to start life anew – even if it is for a little while." Bishop Kenneth Novakowski, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for the Holy Family of London, describes the centre as 'true community outreach': "Here in the UK, through the work of so many people, we are providing a place that is safe allowing people to keep their dignity... It's a place of welcome for those fleeing and also for those who are sponsoring people who have opened up their homes and their hearts. It's a place of welcome where we work closely together with other non-government agencies and governmental agencies to provide information, counselling and even community for those who are fleeing." If you would like to help, the Welcome Centre also has a fully operational website that provides useful information for those arriving or those looking to support them ukrainianwelcomecentre.org

Registration is now open for the St Bernadette Relic Tour

This offers a special opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near to them. The venues hosting St Bernadette's relics have a fixed capacity for visitors. To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, visitors are asked to register their attendance, choosing a dedicated timeslot at a church or cathedral of their choice. Please note that registration times to visit St Bernadette's Relics are a guide only as pilgrims may have to queue and are encouraged to include this possibility when planning their visit. To book your free place please click on this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter for the Registration Calendar or search for stbernadette.org.uk/registration/



Why are St Bernadette's relics journeying to us?

A Relic is a part of the physical remains of a saint after their death, or an object which has been in contact with their body. Relics are venerated to honour the holiness of God. Travelling on pilgrimage enables us to enrich and renew ourselves spiritually, connecting ourselves to God by removing us from the routines of daily life. The Covid-19 pandemic made it difficult, if not impossible, for people to travel nationally and internationally, reducing the number of individuals and groups able to journey on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Between September and October 2022 St Bernadette will journey to us, making the grace of pilgrimage available to people across England, Wales, and Scotland, and offering an important opportunity to those who might not have been able to travel on pilgrimage otherwise.

Continuing our 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. May we walk in you.

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.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Tony Logan, Kevin Best, Christopher Turner, Maureen Cunningham and Archie Battersbee who died recently; and for 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