



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.

20th to 27th December

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details

It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended.

The church remains closed for repairs Monday to Friday but is open from 10.30am for an 11am Mass on Sundays.

You can just turn up for the Mass and register at the door, but PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

Standing Orders: £831 weekly average of 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 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
- 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.



Our Jesse Tree symbols over the last week began with the **Ember and Tongs** to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out his word to others. Habakkuk's **Watchtower**, symbolised his waiting in watchfulness upon the day of the Lord's coming; the **Tears** of Jeremiah, represented his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord; with Nehemiah's **Wall** around Jerusalem standing for how it should be kept a holy place (a sad reference to the division in the Holy Land today and how the current wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we had our first reference to the New Testament, with a **Scallop Shell** symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. The **White Lily** symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal and this Sunday's symbol, the **Carpenter's Hammer** represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in the story of our salvation. The symbol for Monday 22nd will represent the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth; the next symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**, to proclaim the name of John the Baptist. followed by the **White Candle**, symbolizing Christ; the light of the world and reminding us of the white candle of our Advent wreath which will be lit at the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. On Christmas Eve, **The Nativity** is represented on our Jesse Tree by the manger that cradled the infant Jesus and on Christmas Day we place the last of our symbols, the **Chi-Rho monogram**, a combination of the first two letters for the Greek word of Christos, Christ – the true Light that came into the world on the first Christmas Day. As we draw nearer to Christmas let us remember in prayer all those who find this a time of difficulty and hardship, especially in our current situation. With my prayers for you and all your loved ones, God bless, Fr Adrian.

THIS WEEK'S EXTRA CHARITY COLLECTION NEWS

Today's charity collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To donate, please visit stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		20 th to 27 th December
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
20 th Dec. Sunday	11 am	4 th Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We open this Sunday</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
21 st Dec. Monday	9 am	Feria (the church is closed)	Holy Souls RIP
22 nd Dec. Tuesday	9 am	Feria (the church is closed)	Private Intention
23 rd Dec. Wednesday	9 am	Feria (the church is closed)	Holy Souls RIP
24th Dec. Thursday	6 pm	Christmas Eve Mass	Robert Burke (Foundation Mass)
25th Dec. Friday	11 am	Christmas Day Mass	In thanksgiving of our Parish Family: Past and Present
26th Dec. Saturday	11 am	St Stephen	Clare Johnston on her 80 th birthday
<i>NB Mass will be livestreamed on 24th, 25th & 27th December. Each is a Christmas Mass with seats by reservation only</i>			
27th Dec. Sunday	11 am	The Holy Family	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We open this Sunday</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

Please read below for information on how to reserve a free seat at one of our Christmas Masses

Please note: the church can have a maximum of 90 seats available online for each of our Masses. As a result, Parish members are requested to choose **one** Christmas Mass to attend over the Christmas period from 24 to 27 December and even 3 January so that we can spread the congregation over this entire period, as every Mass celebrated on those days is a Mass of Christmas. **Please note: as the Sunday Obligation remains suspended at the moment, whilst it is still encouraged that people can attend Mass (when public services are possible), the very young and those vulnerable or shielding are encouraged to remain at home.** Please see our webpage for details on how to sign up to our online Mass:

- <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/> Seats for Mass cannot be reserved by emailing the Parish, please follow the links below:
24th December 6pm Christmas Eve – please note that all the seats for this Mass have been reserved by Parish Members
25th December 11am Christmas Day <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-christmas-day-tickets-130409850373>
26th December 11am Christmas Mass <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-26-dec-tickets-130410993793>
27th December 11am Christmas Mass <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-27-dec-tickets-130411372927>

If you are applying for a place at a Catholic Primary School for September 2021 please read this information very carefully as some forms can be sent and completed digitally via email and can avoid the need to print out paper copies. Fr Adrian can complete either digital or paper copies but **ALL FAMILIES requesting a reference are asked to email Fr Adrian to obtain a form called the “Parish Reference Request”**. Whenever possible, Fr Adrian prefers to receive a digital version of the Parish form, photo and baptism certificate sent by email to the Parish Office (details below), but paper copies can be sent as well. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the family information and when receiving a school reference, he refers back to the Catholic baptism certificate of the child as well as the biographical data.

Please note: The Parish form is NOT the school reference or Supplementary Information form, but the data Fr Adrian requires in order to provide the reference. Please do not confuse this form with the forms required by schools.

Once completed, PAPER COPIES of school references handed in the weekend before are to be collected from 11.30am to 12pm the following Sunday. This process allows for papers/plastic covers to be quarantined and completed after 48-72 hours, and left for a further 48-72 hours to be collected. Please note: Papers cannot be dropped off or collected outside these times. Under current Tier Restrictions we are able to open for Mass, but not everyone is able to attend Mass, so the collection of any paper copies of school references on Sundays is deliberately outside of Mass. Since our Sunday Obligation continues to be suspended, no one is penalised for not being able to be at Mass on a Sunday as our 11am Zoom Mass continues to be Livestreamed.

Upon receipt of the “Parish Reference Request” Fr Adrian may contact you by phone or Zoom if he has any queries. Please remember it can take a minimum of 7 to 10 days to complete the reference and quarantine process, so please return your forms promptly. Any reference request that is received less than two weekends before the school’s final date of receipt cannot be processed as there will not be enough time for the completion and quarantine process. For example, **if the Primary School Reference has to be back by Friday 15 January, the last date to drop the form into the Parish Office is Saturday 2 January** to allow for a quarantine of 72 hours before and after completion, **so that the reference(s) can be collected from Fr Adrian at Noon on Sunday 10 January.** Please note: Fr Adrian can only provide references for members of the Parish and cannot provide a reference without a completed “Parish Reference Request” with a copy of the child’s baptism certificate attached. Please follow the instructions on the Parish form regarding all the documents Fr Adrian needs, thank you.

JOINT SCHOOL NEWS AND PARISH INFORMATION

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who were able to support the joint venture with our Parish School, were we gave donations of tinned and non-perishable goods to our local FoodBank and representative families within the Parish. If you missed our collection, it is not too late to be able to donate to the FoodBank via your local supermarket appeal.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Details of the charity collection for Stella Maris are overleaf, above our Mass times. For more information and an appeal from Bishop Paul Mason, with a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday

Fr Adrian would like to extend a special thank you to Clare and Loretta who help to coordinate our volunteer rotas and to all the volunteers who help to ensure that our Parish church can open and minister safely under the Covid restrictions. May 2021 continue to be a year of blessings through your help and support, THANK YOU.

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.”
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Hugh Thomas, Mary ‘May’ Gill, Michael Smyth, Ann Heaton
Helen Van Steen & Gerry Fitzmaurice who died recently;
for Alice Warne, Ellen Hickey, Christopher Holland,
Marguerite McKee, Helena Towey, Carol Hearn,
Bertram Arbuthnot, George Allen, Vera Goldskhlager,
Alice Devaney, Nicholas Hogan, Roy Knight
and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.