



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).

3rd to 10th December 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 26th November.

Our weekly income was £702 [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.

1st Sunday Advent, 3rd December 2023

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All are welcome to join us today, 3rd December, after the 9.30am Mass, in the Parish Hall. We will have Bacon Rolls available to help warm us in this colder weather ...

Prepare the Way... As we begin the season of Advent you'll notice a few changes that highlight a change of pace in our liturgy; the easiest to spot perhaps is the purple linen, the Advent candles and the tree on our sanctuary;

JESSE TREE



however, at this stage we don't yet have a Christmas tree. The word "Advent" means "coming". It refers to the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah and our time of preparation as we await his return and



commemorate his birth. Until Christmas, the tree stands as a symbol of this time of preparation and, using picture decorations, helps tell the story of God's love and care for us throughout history, to the point of sending his Son into the world to live, die and rise again for us. The Nativity celebrates the coming of the King of kings and our tree is called a Jesse Tree after the Bible passage in Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will come up from the stock of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit." Jesse was the father of King David, so our tree represents the 'family tree' of Jesus: in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus, the Messiah (the anointed King of kings), is traced from the line of king David, and back to Abraham, our forefather in faith. The use of a Jesse Tree during the Advent season is a great way to remind us of the Bible stories that lead us to Jesus and over the coming month we will look at the different symbols that represent these Bible figures. You may like to tie prayer 'gift tags' onto our Jesse Tree as signs of remembering our loved ones in prayer.

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 B	Mass Details and Intentions		3 rd to 10 th December 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
3 rd Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	1 st Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		J Hellel RIP
4 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	The Schilling Family [Foundation Mass]
5 th Dec. Tuesday	CLOSED	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
6 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
7 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	St Ambrose	For the Welfare of the Prentice Family
8 th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	The Immaculate Conception	Fr Adrian's Family RIP
9 th Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
10 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	2 nd Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Spirit

Parish Building Together Collection: Today we have the opportunity of contributing towards the monthly 'Building Together' collection, for the care and maintenance of our Parish, at all Masses. Please remember, you can also donate by clicking [HERE](#) in the online newsletter via your electronic device.



A very Big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Tree sale on Saturday either by buying a tree or, were able to give your time to help us on Saturday ☺

Can you help the Parish to Celebrate Christmas this year? We need some volunteers to help please ...

Please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following.

- Sunday 10th Dec. we need volunteers to help lift down our nativity crib figures and prepare the tableau.
- Sunday 17th Dec., from 10.40 am in the Parish Hall, and again on Monday 1^{8th} and Tuesday 1^{9th} Dec., We need volunteers, from 10 am, to help with our initial preparations before we finish decorating the church. After the 11 am Mass we need volunteers to prepare our nativity crib figure tableau.
- Saturday 23rd Dec., from 10am, we need help to decorate the Christmas Trees. It would be lovely if two Parish families volunteered to decorate a tree each as a Christmas gift to the Lord. Please email Fr Adrian to help.

Details of our Advent and Christmaside services will follow shortly

On Christmas Eve at the 6pm Mass we invite any children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Inn-Keepers, however many we have.



QR CODE for St Mary Magdalen Church – Mortlake

Especially, just now when you're buying Christmas or birthday presents - 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!

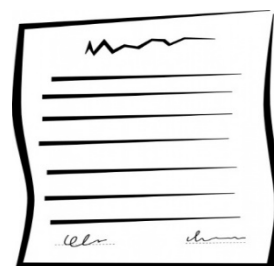
If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes and would be an enormous help to us, at no extra cost to yourself!

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

In response to the Israel-Palestinian crisis, CAFOD have launched an appeal to support those affected and get funds to local experts in Gaza and southern Israel to help communities and those who need our help. If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD please either go directly to cafod.org.uk click [HERE](#) or telephone 0303 303 3030, thank you

Catholic Primary School applications for 2024. If you're applying to a Catholic Primary School for next year, please see Fr Adrian, after Mass, to obtain a form called the "Parish Reference Request". This form gives details of what information the Parish needs (e.g. baptism details and copy certificate) plus any School forms for Fr Adrian to complete (i.e. the School "SIF"). These forms are to be handed to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. 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 following week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions and please make sure that you are aware of each School's cut-off date. **DON'T FORGET TO APPLY VIA THE COUNCIL AND COMPLETE THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FORM.**



Missio Red Boxes: If you are currently holding one of the Missio Red boxes – now is the time to bring it with you to any Mass, please hand it into the sacristy so that the contents can be emptied and counted. Our donations will be forwarded onto Missio on your behalf. If anyone is interested in becoming a Missio Red Box Holder, please see Fr Adrian after any of our Sunday Masses.



Fr Adrian wanted to let you know that Michael and Christine Brown have now completed their move to Leicestershire, to live closer to their family and friends there. Although, they are no-longer living in Mortlake they are still very much part of our wider Parish Family and have asked that they remain in our prayers, thank 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

Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Ann Ott who died recently and for Bob Jordan, Patrick Reagan, Eileen Wilding, Clementine Caira, Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi, Paul Sheridan, Jessica Ward, Frances McFadden, Joan Wand-Tetley, Anthony Renouf 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