



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.

21st to 28th February 2021

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

It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended.

The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions during the week. We are also temporarily closed at the weekend for Covid-safety reasons so our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 14th February

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.

Parish Details for the First Sunday of Lent

As you know, we can only open the church for specific occasions, most especially funerals, but we are blessed when we are able to draw on volunteers who are not shielding and can help with the strict cleaning regime. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been able to help us open recently and to all those who joined us for Ash Wednesday in the church or for our Zoom Mass that evening where we were especially joined by the children and families who are preparing by online presentation and/or classes in our Parish school. Every baptised person who prepares for First Holy Communion prepares for their 'First Confession' or, as it is more properly known by now as the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation'. Fr Adrian has felt privileged to be able to explain to our young candidates and their families that the true meaning of 'Confession' or 'Reconciliation' is about recognising how we all 'miss the mark' sometimes and that Reconciliation is not about 'naming and shaming' ourselves, but is instead a celebration of knowing how Jesus brings us into God's love and forgiveness through the assurance of the words of absolution from the Priest serving 'in persona Christi' – literally 'in the person of Christ' – where the Priest speaks Christ's words of acceptance, love and forgiveness. If you seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please email Fr Adrian to arrange a time during our Saturday service.



For our Holy Communion Families on First Reconciliation:

Please remember the emails and the recent Parents' Meeting which spoke of how the planned large-group celebration of the Sacrament has been changed into **two smaller celebrations on 24th and 25th Feb. at 3.30pm in church** and not on 6th March.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS:

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		21 st to 28 th February 2021 - the season of Lent
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
21st Feb. Sunday	11 am	1st Sunday of Lent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
22 nd Feb. Monday	9 am	The Chair of St Peter	Alan Fraser
23 rd Feb. Tuesday	9 am	Feria	Tish Deacon's Family
24 th Feb. Wednesday	9 am	Feria	For those awaiting Covid tests
25 th Feb. Thursday	9 am	Feria	Susan Bradley RIP
26 th Feb. Friday	9 am	Feria	Clare Johnstone
27 th Feb. Saturday	9 am	Feria	The welfare of the Holland Family
28th Feb. Sunday	11 am	2nd Sunday of Lent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

We continue our series of scripture reflections to aid our journey through Lent. The short reflections, which can be done by yourself or in a mix of family and friends, have been written by David McLoughlin, the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham. Each weekend, the online version of the newsletter will have links to PDF sheets for the series **“Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God”**.

For this week’s sheet, please click on the title below ...

[Week-3-Prophets](#)

<https://righttolife.org.uk/> - weekly prayers for support and care:

As we begin this season of Lent, we offer up the merits of our daily sacrifices to the needs of the most vulnerable in society. We offer them especially for the poor, the lonely and the unborn and pray that the Lord would see their needs and pour out his love and blessing upon them.

If you would like to participate in **Stations of the Cross** there are a few sites online, including <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/stations-cross> or for families and children, please consider a video version <https://youtu.be/512UbsSaqMA>

A message for Lent from Cardinal Vincent Nichols: Ash Wednesday is a day rich in associations and symbolism. It marks the beginning of Lent, a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in **prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving).**

Ash Wednesday is the ... [start of] this season of renewal [where] we customarily receive ashes on our foreheads, in the sign of the cross. This is a public mark of our turning again to God, seeking his mercy, forgiveness and help. This year receiving ashes in church [may not be possible but] I want to emphasise an important point. **Receiving ashes is an outward sign of an inner step, a movement of the heart towards our beloved Lord. This year I invite you to concentrate much more on this inner, spiritual movement than on its outward manifestation in the imposition of ashes.** My suggestion is [that during Lent] with your family, in the household or ‘support bubble’ of which you are a part ... Bless each other by making the sign of the cross on each other’s forehead. Spend some time praying in a way that you know. But **please, make this a prayer of your heart for God’s mercy upon this world** struggling to cope with the terrible pandemic and the devastation it is bringing. Here is a prayer [to use at home]:

‘Lord God, with all our hearts we beseech you: have mercy on your people; spare your people;

strengthen all people in the struggle against the havoc of this pandemic. Lord our God, without you we are so weak and our courage so limited. Give us your strength; give us your love; give us wisdom and skill to continue this fight.

Spare your people, O Lord we pray. Comfort those who mourn and gather into your kingdom all who have died. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, who died and rose to life, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.’

Organ Donation in England:

Following the introduction of an opt-out system for organ donation in England in May 2020, NHS Blood and Transplant have launched **‘Leave Them Certain’**, a campaign which aims to encourage individuals to talk to their families and loved ones about their organ donation decisions. **The Catholic Church has consistently encouraged its followers to consider organ donation.** The act of donating organs before or after death has been considered a gift and an intrinsic good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, **‘Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity’** (2296). Catholics also maintain the right to exercise a freely made decision as to what happens to their body after death, otherwise this undermines the concept of donation as a gift.

Bishop Paul Mason, lead Bishop for healthcare, said, **“I welcome the ‘Leave Them Certain’ initiative as a step in the right direction of ensuring that families are always included in the end-of-life care and decisions of their loved ones.** The death of a relative or loved one is one of the hardest and most human challenges we face but having these conversations before that time can help us to feel more at peace knowing that we are carrying out the wishes of those whom we will forever hold in our hearts.... So, let’s start to talk more openly about organ donation and leave them certain.” A brief guide presents Catholic teaching on organ donation, answers common questions Catholics may have and provides sources for further information and reflection.

The document can be found by clicking the text in the online version of the newsletter: [Organ Donation Guidelines](#)

First International Day for Human Fraternity

On Thursday 4th February 2021 the Church celebrated the **First International Day for Human Fraternity to encourage all people to break down barriers and work across various faiths towards a culture of inclusion.** This Day was established by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in December 2020. For the good of all humanity, it is hoped that the day will rouse the desire to support the efforts of those who are committed to inclusion across the international community and all religious traditions. According to Cardinal Guixot, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, **when the COVID-19 pandemic ends, “we will be called to rebuild and increase outreach in favour of fraternity and solidarity” [as] “a way to achieve true social friendship, as the Holy Father asks of us”.** More information on this can be found at the Vatican’s new [Human Fraternity Website](#).

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be raising free donations for the Parish?

Please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenchurchmortlake/> and join for free.

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 consider scanning the QR code to request Mass for the Holy Souls. Please post other Mass intention requests to Fr Adrian. Thank you.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Timothy O’Rorke, Christopher Emerson and Alan Fraser who died recently and for Pamela Boveley, Harry Ott, Margaret Scotting, John Brennan 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 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.