



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).

5th to 12th November 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 29th October.
Our weekly income was £614 [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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 5th November 2023

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Our suffering is as nothing compared to the 'war torn' parts of the world we keep in our daily prayer; but sadly, the recent storms continue to give problems with our roofs BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY our boiler basement has been flooded, LEAVING US WITH NO HEATING AT ALL. This may take several weeks to sort out as major work is needed. We will update you here when we can, but please ensure you come warmly dressed to Mass!

Please be sure to come and support our School and Parish Celebrations after the 11am Mass. The parents' and PTA at St Mary Magdalen School are holding an International Food Fair and the Parish is hosting some stalls. With thanks to everyone who has donated any bottles, during the week or at any of our weekend Masses, for our "Bottle Tombola". A very big 'Thank you' to those who have volunteered to help, if you haven't made an offer of help and can spare some time, please see Fr Adrian to offer your help, thank you.



As we continue the month of November the Church takes time to remember those who have died, especially praying for them and offering Mass for the repose of their souls. Following this tradition, as each year, we have the opportunity to request Masses for the Holy Souls and write lists of remembrance with the names of our dear departed friends and family. November Lists of Remembrance can be placed in the basket by the Altar at any time or emailed to Fr Adrian at the Parish Office: Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk Please see overleaf for how to request a Mass for the Holy Souls ...

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 A	Mass Details and Intentions		5 th to 12 th November 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
5 th Nov. Sunday	9.30 am	31 st Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Joan Helilne Dineen RIP [Anniversary]
6 th Nov. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Welfare of the Prentice Family
7 th Nov. Tuesday	CLOSED	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
8 th Nov. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Bemrose Family
9 th Nov. Thursday	9.30 am	Dedication of Lateran Basilica	Repose of the Souls of the Rodrigues Family
10 th Nov. Friday	9-10.30am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	St Leo the Great	For the Mackenzie Family
11 th Nov. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
12 th Nov. Sunday	9.30 am	32 nd Week in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	Sam Walker RIP
	11.00 am		Remembrance Sunday Mass

Jane Harrisson, Clare Foster and many other Parishioners kindly requested that this month's Building Together collection will help with the renovation of the small cemetery garden at the back of the Priests House. This garden provides Fr Adrian with a space for private reflection and the opportunity to meet with parish members and he has personally paid for the costs of the development. However, as part of plans for improving the biodiversity of the Cemetery, more work is needed. If you would like to contribute to this project and the Memorial Garden (mentioned in the next column) please donate to the 2nd collection either in church or online by using the JustGiving page via this [LINK](#). We greatly appreciate any contributions you can make, as they will make a great difference thank you.

Cemetery Project News: You may remember that a few months ago Fr Adrian mentioned two cemetery projects, a grant application to restore the Burton Mausoleum and a project to create a new memorial garden. We are still waiting on news about the Heritage Grant for the Burton Mausoleum but will be working with the Grant partner, Habitats and Heritage, to improve the biodiversity of the Cemetery, as we have a number of diseased trees which will need to be removed. Plans for the new memorial garden are ongoing, as we need to establish the best place for it, since there are quite a number of areas where new Cremation burials can occur. The day-to-day care of the cemetery gardens and front bedding relies on a small team of volunteers, so a big THANK YOU for all their help. We do need more volunteers, especially with the front bedding, so please email Fr Adrian if you can help by sparing up to an hour once a month, thank you.

👉 For details of our second collection today, please see the notice above ... 👈

Sunday 12th November is our annual opportunity of donating to **the Archbishop's Appeal**. This appeal helps to fund key areas of ministry, Youth and Evangelisation. Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. It allows the Archdiocese of Southwark to support projects within Parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent.

The Holy Souls during November. To request a Mass for the Holy Souls please scan the QR code or drop a Mass intention envelope into the Parish Office. Please note Holy Souls Masses are not attributed to a particular family but are offered for all the dead as we remember all those who have gone before us. Individual names and families are remembered collectively by praying for the list of names at every Mass in November.



A note from our Sunday 9.30 am Mass Children's Liturgy ...

Dear Parents, The Children's Liturgy has been run for many years in our parish, welcoming hundreds of children (pre-Holy Communion age), helping them understand the Gospel/Word of God in a fun, friendly, age-relevant way. Parents of children this age have all taken part to ensure we have had a volunteer leader and helper each Sunday, running interactive short sessions in the Church Hall. Unfortunately Covid stopped this, and we have as a result lost the number of volunteers we need to make sure our children can continue to enjoy the Liturgy. So we need your help!

We are parents who have run and been going to the Liturgy for some time. It's important to say that it's really straightforward, and not difficult to do. The Church provides simple instructions, printed off each week and left for you to pick up, including a simple story for you to tell and variety of creative ideas/materials so you can simply print off pictures to colour in if you want, or do something a little more creative if that appeals to you. It's also a great way to meet other parents and for your children to form friendships, many of whom will then go on to the same school(s), making that first school attendance less scary, and helping you feel part of our community. A couple of small extra admin things - as with any Church-run group we do need to record who's there on the day, just for health and safety reasons, but we're simplifying this, so there will be a blank piece of paper on the day for parents to sign, disposed of afterwards. Also, any leader does need to undertake a DBS check. There are a few of us who have been leaders/helpers previously so we're happy to chat to anyone who has any questions about the process or attending. We are a parish of some 500 families. Currently we only have about 5-6 volunteers to do this - we would previously had about 20-40. This sadly means that it isn't possible to run the Liturgy until we do have more of you signing up. Please join us!

With many thanks, Claire, Laura, Gemma and Natalie. If you can help then please click onto this [LINK](#) alternatively it can be found in our Parish website under the heading of "Community and Downloads", thank you.

St Mary Magdalen School News

If you have a desire to serve our Catholic community, we are looking a Foundation Governor for St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary school". This is a voluntary position which would entail giving a few hours of your time each month. For more information of how you could become a Foundation Governor, please contact Anna Brown on 07950 021 042, 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 soul of;
Margaret Voller, Elza Bulled, Andrea Mannouris,
Diana Sherwood Preddle, Eileen Wooller,
Joan and Michael Dineen,
Rosina Jackson, Francis Daquila
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