



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.

5th to 12th September 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 but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions.

As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 11th July

Our total income was £780 per week [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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

Welcome Back 😊 Although the church has been open and the work of the Parish has continued over the summer, it is hoped that many families and individuals have been able to take a break, either at home or away, over the last few weeks.

It will soon be time for applications for School References. Please look out for information from individual schools, but Fr Adrian will provide Parish information in due course.

Details of our Second Collection, next Sunday

Education Sunday is marked this year on 12 September – just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2021 is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings" and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty. For the second year in a row, GCSE and A Level students have been Centre Assessed or Teacher Assessed – a challenging situation for both teachers and pupils. On 12 September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school-leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

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.

Please don't forget to reserve Sunday 19th September, from 11am to 2pm for our Parish Party. Parish members are asked to bring a picnic to share, with hopefully donations of food we can barbeque in fine weather, with volunteers needed to help.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		5 th to 12 th September
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
5 th Sep. Sunday	11 am	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The wellbeing of Patricia Van Kuyk
6 th Sep. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP
7 th Sep. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
8 th Sep. Wednesday	9.30 am	The Nativity of the BVM	Thomas, Eileen, Anthony & Geraldine McKenna RIP
9 th Sep. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	The needs of our Parish Family
10 th Sep. Friday	9.30 am	Rosary and Benediction	The Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Bryan Parry Jones [Foundation Mass]
11 th Sep. Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	The wellbeing of Paul Kenny
12 th Sep. Sunday	11 am	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family

With a number of families having been away over the Summer, we repeat this important information ...

Government Guidelines for Places of Worship: Despite significant easing of restrictions this coming Monday the wearing of masks (unless exempt) has not ceased in the church as **"the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas."** Although, as per the information on the front page, people may sit anywhere in the church, we are still asked to limit contact with those outside our own family so please be considerate of those around you. We will not want to turn anyone away, but **you must be personally responsible for keeping a safe distance from others.** We have been delighted to see so many people attending Mass. **Following on from the large numbers attending; we ask please for your kind cooperation in arriving in plenty of time to be seated** (particularly those in groups) as the seats get filled up very quickly. Please arrive from 10.30 to 10.45 as we should never miss the Bible readings in Mass which are over by 11.15. Holy Communion has returned to its usual place, so please return to your seats after Communion for the closing benediction. The Parish will continue to implement the law in order to keep everyone as safe as possible and will notify you of any changes. The Government regulations stipulate that **COVID-19 has not gone away, so it is important to remember the actions we can take to follow the advice to "keep yourself and others safe."**

We are told that "everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious".

When clicked on in the digital version of our newsletter, the underlined text will open up the latest UK Gov. guidelines.

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1 September, kicks off the Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Prayer for the Care of Creation

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.

Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission"**. It's an invitation for us ...

... **as Catholics, to 'walk together'** and every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so. You can read more on the [*Bishops' Conference Synodal Process*](#) page by clicking the underlined link online.

[Sir Richard Burton's Mausoleum | Open House London 2021](#)
[\(open-city.org.uk\)](#)

This Sunday (5th September), our cemetery will remain open until 5pm (beyond the usual 3pm closure time), as part of the annual Open City movement. Sir Richard Burton (1821-1890) was a renowned Victorian explorer and prolific author. He and his wife Isabel (née Arundell) are buried in a large stone mausoleum built to look like the tent they had designed in Syria. Burton was a remarkable traveler and explorer, linguist, poet, soldier, diplomat, prolific author and translator of major works of Arab and other literature including: The Kama Sutra, 1,001 Arabian Nights and The Perfumed Garden.

Volunteers this week 5th September 2021:

Cleaners: To be arranged

Reader: Pietro Crescini

Extraordinary Minister: James Sexton

Welcomers: Anna P, Sinead T, Meredith P, Clare F

Volunteers next week Sat 12th September 2021:

Cleaners: **NB Mon 14th** Judy P, Michelle M, Ann G, Natalie C

Reader: Graham Brough

Extraordinary Minister: To be arranged

Welcomers: Steve S, Katrina M, Maureen T, Clare F

Wedding Congratulations to ... Ben & Victoria who were married on 1st July, Kate & Alex who were married on 16th July, Rochelle & Rhodri who were married on 24th July, Nick & Lucy who were married on 21st August, Sarah & Matthew who were married on 29th August, and in advance to Bill & Rosie who will marry on 30th October. With our prayers for them and all their family and friends.

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."

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, or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joe Fawkes John O'Sullivan, Ann Waters, Roberto Gorini, John Turner, 'Jimmy' Mannouris, Alexander Dobbie, Lawrence Jago, Herbert Channel, Arnold Ferrari, John McCarra, Italo and Maria Pia Giuseppucia

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.