



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings are currently postponed
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an
appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered
Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

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

**Open & Close times
during Covid-19 regulations:**

The church is open for private prayer,
respecting social distancing, from **9-11am every day**
with evening private prayer times every
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5-7pm.
On Sunday the church is open from 9am to 3pm.

Parish & School News

Today we celebrate a very different Mother's Day under the restrictions of Covid-19 regulations which make it mandatory that there are no public celebrations of Mass at which a congregation is present. This is to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 virus among gatherings of people, and, in particular, to protect the most vulnerable. In addition, no other non-Eucharistic services or devotions can be held at which groups of people gather as a congregation.

However, the church remains open for private prayer where people can gather to pray individually or as small family groups where social distancing is respected. **The church is open for private prayer daily from 9 am to 11 am and from 5-7pm every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Sundays the church is open from 9am to 3pm.**

These times are posted inside and outside the church, as well as the top right column of each newsletter which is available online and in small numbers from the porch. The work of the Parish continues as, although, except in danger of death, baptisms, confirmations, First Communions and weddings are postponed, visits to the sick and frail and prayers for the dead continue, with funerals celebrated either at the graveside or at the Crematorium with up to five people present.

22nd - 29th March 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 15th March

Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support as these sums include monies given in Gift Aid envelopes. Our thanks also go to those who donate by Banker's Order direct into the parish account.** If you are a UK tax-payer and would like information on Gift Aid, Standing Order or Planned Giving for non-tax payers, please email the Parish Office. Parish Collection £519 Standing Order £400 Total: £919
Annual CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day Appeal £252

Following this month's annual Gift Aid appeal, thank you again to all our parishioners who donate either by Gift Aid envelope or standing order. If you missed the annual Gift Aid appeal on 1st March and you are a new parishioner who would like to support the scheme, then please contact Fr Adrian who can put you in contact with our parish Gift Aid organiser. If you are an existing Gift Aid donor using envelopes, then can you please collect your new box from the back of church ahead of the new tax year. **For our existing parishioners who donate by Gift Aid through Standing Order alone, a smaller selection of the 2nd Collection envelopes are available under your initial and surname.** We will be ordering separate envelopes for the monthly Parish Care Collection which can also be used for Planned Giving by parishioners who don't pay UK tax: more information will follow in due course, thank you.

Whilst currently it is not possible to attend Mass, there are several Parishes who broadcast online, including: <https://www.churchservices.tv/wimbledon> and the Shrine at Walsingham <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> NB: Mass times may change according to circumstances. Prayers and texts can also be found online via the website <https://us.magnificat.net/free>: please click on the UK/Eire tab.

At this time of concern throughout the country, please remember our 3-H theme:

- ✘ **Hygiene:** wear gloves in public places, wash hands regularly for over 20 seconds, use 70% alcohol sanitiser
- ✘ **Home:** is now the heart of prayer as we must stay away from going to public celebrations of Mass
- ✘ **Help:** think positively of ways you can help our Parish Family to care for one another and for your neighbours such as help with shopping and checking all is ok in this time when we need to keep isolated but, whilst keeping a safe distance, can still help to look out for and help to look after one another.

Spiritual Communion

During this time when it is not possible to physically receive Holy Communion, Catholics are encouraged to make a spiritual communion. An excellent prayer sheet has been produced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, including a prayer for spiritual communion. This can be found online via: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/No-Mass-A4.pdf>

Prayers and Devotions During Lent:

To encourage the opportunity of Lenten prayers and devotions families may like to pray together at home using a variety of resources via <https://media.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-eng/stations-eng.html>
This Sunday's readings and children's worksheet can be found via: <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/a-lent-04.PDF>
Other websites you might like to explore are ...
<https://www.lentinisolation.com/> during these times of isolation and for those who may be chronically sick or unwell at this time:
<https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Prayer/Responses/Sickness.shtml>

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week 22nd – 29th March 2020

Sunday 22nd **Mother's Day**

4th Sunday of Lent Yr A

The needs of our Parish Family

Monday 23rd

John Gordon Chambers RIP

(Feria)

Tuesday 24th

Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]

(Feria)

Wednesday 25th

The needs of our Parish Family

(Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord)

Thursday 26th

Peter Dawson RIP

(Feria)

Friday 27th

Anne & Nicholas Murphy [Foundation Mass]

(Feria)

Saturday 28th

Sarah & James Doyle [Foundation Mass]

(Feria)

Sunday 29th

Barbara Porter RIP (Cotterill Family)

5th Sunday of Lent Yr A

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 written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistry.**

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 pray for the repose of the souls of

Rita O'Sullivan, Peter Sherston-Baker, Eileen Jarzabkowska, Rita Henna, Janet Marney, Michael O'Brien, Winifred Brady, John Cavanagh, Elizabeth Rosier, Mignonette Hayes 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 on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

Pope Francis offers this prayer for Catholics wishing to make a spiritual communion:

At your feet, O my Lord Jesus, I prostrate myself and offer you repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in your holy presence. I adore you in the sacrament of your love.

I desire to receive you into the poor dwelling that my heart offers you.

While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I for my part, am coming to you. May your love embrace my whole being in life and death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you.
Amen.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as being already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
(St Alphonsus Liguori)

I wish, my Lord, to receive You
with the purity, humility and devotion
with which your Most Holy Mother received You,
with the spirit and fervour of the saints.
Come Lord Jesus.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You ...
give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You.
And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments,
and specially to rejoice in the presence
of Your very blessed Body, Sweet Saviour Christ,
in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
(St Thomas More)

Prayers for
when you
can not get
to Mass