



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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**Baptisms and Weddings** by arrangement  
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

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## Parish & School News

**Collection details:** Our sacrificial giving is part of our participation at Mass and a sharing of the blessings God gives us. **Thank you for your support: our collection last week raised: £577** together with a further £400 (on average) by Standing Order. Our thanks go to those who donate direct into the parish account **to make a total of £978 for the charitable work of the Parish, it is much appreciated.** With continued thanks to those who give by Gift Aid as these sums include monies given through the Parish Gift Aid envelope scheme.

**The Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued guidelines about the Coronavirus in order to enable Catholic churches and organisations to find relevant information.** At the time of writing, the risk to the public from coronavirus remains low in England and Wales. Because this is a rapidly changing situation, these guidelines may evolve as the situation changes. In the meantime, it is very important to know the latest guidance from Government. The Bishops' guidance focuses on the hygiene measures needed to disrupt the spread of coronavirus should we get a number of cases in England and Wales. Guidelines can be downloaded online [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/cbcew-coronavirus-guidelines-2020-v1.pdf](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/cbcew-coronavirus-guidelines-2020-v1.pdf) The UK Government guidelines can be downloaded via: [www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public) In principle:

- As should be our ordinary practice, it is important that anyone with cold or flu symptoms (or cold sore etc.) should refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only.
- Ministers of the Eucharist should sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion. This can be done by washing hands discreetly before proceeding to the sanctuary or using good quality hand gel.
- Although the Bishops' Conference has not yet called for the Chalice to be withdrawn, concern expressed amongst parish members mean that it is prudent, for the time being, to distribute the Blessed Sacrament only during Holy Communion. The sign of Peace may be given according to individual preference.

**Sunday Masses:** 9:30am, 11.00am & 6:30pm

**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 8:30am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check the Mass Intention List for day to day details.

**Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from Mass to 10.30 am, ending with Benediction

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

## 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

As this is the first weekend of the month, **to help raise funds for our parish maintenance and charitable projects we hold a second collection at all our Masses this Sunday.** Thank you for your vital contributions as extra funds are needed, as per the Finance Committee Review given last month, for projects including two new gas heaters for the hall. Thank you also to the 'bacon butty team' helping with refreshments after the 9.30 Mass and to all their patrons who help to raise a little extra for our care projects.

### Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

This annual event took place yesterday at St George's Cathedral. We have one adult candidate, Jorge, to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on 11 April and one child Catechumen, Mya. Who will be baptised that evening. Each Sunday during Lent we will focus our prayers for Jorge and Mya at the 6.30 evening Mass, including, on some Sundays, special prayers of blessing for Jorge and Mya after the homily. As part of our Catholic community's **focus on the Bible during Lent**, a series of readings from Matthew's Gospel are available online each day until Easter. These can be found via the website ...

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/reading-matthew/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/reading-matthew/)

This initiative is part of the Church's year of focus on scripture. Further information, including an outline of the books of the Bible and other resources can be found online:

[www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/)

### Our annual Gift Aid appeal is held this Sunday:

**A BIG THANK YOU** To all our parishioners who have generously supported the Gift Aid scheme in the past year which will have raised close to £11,000 so far for our parish. For any new parishioners who would like to sign up or discover more information, please see Steve Smith outside after Mass as it is a quick and easy process to complete the Gift Aid application. For our existing Gift Aid parishioners who use the boxes rather than just by Standing Order alone, please collect your new box from the tables outside the church. Thank you.

**Devotions During Lent:** To encourage the opportunity of Lenten Devotions before Mass, a shorter form of the Stations of the Cross, suitable also for children, will be celebrated on the five Sundays leading up to Palm Sunday at 6pm. When the church is open, individuals are welcome to pray longer versions of the Stations privately and families may like to pray together at home via <https://media.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-eng/stations-eng.html>

**Altar Servers rota**  
 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Team 1 Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> Mar. Team 2  
 Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> Mar. Team 1 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar. Team 2  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. Team 1 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. Team 2  
 Volunteers are needed for Palm Sunday 5 April and Easter Sunday 5 April from both teams please.  
**Servers are asked to practice before each Mass so please ensure that you turn up in BLACK SHOES at least twenty minutes before Mass begins, thank you.**

## MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

### 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30am	Eileen RIP
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A</b>	11.00am	Tish Deacon
(p. 151-154)	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (Shorter Form)
	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Rose Dewar [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>The church and Parish Office are closed today</b>
(Feria)		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mary & Conal Mannion
(Feria)		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Jean Wells
(Feria)		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	John Wenham [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	William & Mary Hogan [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ed & Claire Bellasis [Foundation Mass]
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Yr A</b>	11.00am	Catherine O'Brien RIP
(p. 155-157)	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (Shorter Form)
	6.30pm	The needs of our Parish Family

#### 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

Jean Whyte who died recently and for Barbara Kawa, Anita Osgood, Vencentia Stafford, Joan Thomas, Edith O'Brien

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.

Archbishop John Wilson is encouraging schools, parishes and youth organisations across Southwark Diocese to become involved with the **Million Minutes siLENT** Campaign during Lent this Year. The basic understanding of this Campaign is that by taking time to give up the things that fill life with noise and restlessness, young people will not only allow time for healthy silence, but they can also raise sponsorship which can make a real difference to other young people without a voice, for whom silence isn't a choice. Instead of cutting out sugar or some other treat, we would like to challenge individuals and communities of young people to cut out the noise in their lives this Lent: for example, you might go without your smart phone and stay silent for a day, or you might give up using social media for the whole of Lent! Please help Southwark and Million Minutes to do something amazing for young people. All of the money raised from siLENT goes directly into their Grants fund which gives money to youth led social action projects across the country, helping young people change their life and their world!

**For more information you can visit the website <https://millionminutes.org/silent>**

#### Get started with siLENT

1. Sign up to siLENT via [millionminutes.org/stay-silent](https://millionminutes.org/stay-silent) and let Million Minutes know how you plan to take part.
2. You'll then be invited to set up your online fundraising or you can...
3. raise money by downloading the [siLENT sponsor form](#) via this newsletter online.