



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.

17th to 24th January 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 10th JANUARY

Standing Orders: £1483 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.

An Update on our Parish News and the Covid Vaccine

Fr Adrian has written to all the Parish members who have signed up to receive the weekly newsletter by email on the temporary cessation of public Masses in St Mary Magdalen's church following the Government's decision in the latest lockdown for all people to stay at home whenever possible. In line with the Government and UK Bishops' guidance, all places of worship can be open when deemed safe. The current lockdown regulations are in place until 21st February however, **Fr Adrian is hoping that, by drawing on our volunteers to be able to continue a strict cleaning regime, the church will be able to open for Mass on Ash Wednesday, 17th February**, just a few days before the planned end of the current lockdown. In his letter Fr Adrian thanked all our volunteers and in particular the cleaners and stewards who help to ensure our church is safe to open and it will be a great blessing if we can build up our volunteer resources to be able to open on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, so please email Clare if you can help prepare on Saturday 13th and be a steward at a 7pm Mass on 21st February MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk

One of the reasons Fr Adrian hopes to be able to open a few days earlier is that he received his Covid vaccination last week and encourages all Parish members to be able to do so whenever possible. Archbishop John Wilson emailed the Diocese this week following a further statement from our Bishops' Conference, as certain Catholic groups are not representing Catholic teaching faithfully on the matter of the Covid vaccination. If you are concerned to know more about the Church's Teaching on the Covid vaccine, please see the emailed version or online version of our newsletter and click on the following links for ...

- [The Vatican statement on anti-Covid vaccines](#) and our
- [Bishops' Conference Update on Covid-19 and vaccination](#)

Further details are continued overleaf, beginning at the top of the page.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish 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		17 th to 24 th January (Ordinary Time before Lent)
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
17th Jan. Sunday	11 am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	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	
18 th Jan. Monday	9 am	Feria	Rev Charles Hogan & Family (Foundation Mass)
19 th Jan. Tuesday	9 am	Feria	Philippa Hoyland RIP (NB her funeral is in Putney at 11am)
20 th Jan. Wednesday	9 am	Feria	The welfare of the Smart family
21 st Jan. Thursday	9 am	St Agnes	The welfare of Clare Johnston
22 nd Jan. Friday	9 am	Feria	The welfare of Leila Wood
23 rd Jan. Saturday	9 am	Votive Mass of Our Lady	Sir Richard & Lady Isabel Burton (Foundation Mass)
24th Jan. Sunday	11 am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	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	

National Lockdown Update: A Message from our Bishops on Vaccines and their roll-out in the Community

1. All faith communities were asked to encourage and support the roll-out of the vaccines.
2. Both the Vatican and the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have issued guidance about this (see the links overleaf).
3. There should be explicit encouragement of community members to take up the offer of vaccines whenever it is offered to an individual. Evidence across the country is showing that there is "vaccination hesitancy" amongst certain groups of people, in particular the Black and Ethnic Minority communities, because of misinformation on social media. There was strong encouragement from Her Majesty's Government (HMG) to counteract this strongly.
4. In our case, the fact that Pope Francis has been vaccinated should be stressed along with his own personal endorsement for vaccination. See www.rt.com/news/512030-pope-francis-covid19-vaccine/ by typing the text or by clicking on the link in our online newsletter.
5. There was a request for volunteer support in areas with vaccination hubs/centres and this should be done through the local health commissioning groups. There are lots of different roles that are necessary such as stewarding, as well as a request for former healthcare workers to assist in the inoculation programme. [Our thanks go to the Barnes Community Association who are a great help locally]
6. HMG has published a Vaccination roll-out plan. It can be found by clicking on the link in our online newsletter or by typing this text: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951284/UK_COVID-19_vaccines_delivery_plan.pdf
7. The Bishops of England and Wales have raised the issue of vaccination for hospital chaplains and care home chaplains, as well as clergy in general, and this will be followed up by the Bishops in writing to the Government. [As overleaf, Fr Adrian has had the vaccine]

A Summary of the Bishops' Statement on Catholic Teaching Regarding the Vaccine

- The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.
- Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.
- Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.
- Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but [one] continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

Update from the Government's Coronavirus Places of Worship Task Force on the safety and opening of churches

1. Health professional research to date indicates that the **new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old**. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. HMG stressed that there would be no blanket closure of places of worship. **They asked that each Place of Worship should re-evaluate their own local situation** and examine all factors that could affect the good Covid security demonstrated by places of worship so far. This is to include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Sufficient stewarding and management of the venue
 - b. Sufficient cleaning after acts of communal worship
 - c. Maintaining good social distancing in the space available along with good ventilation
 - d. Factors affecting travel to and from the place of worship, such as public transport
 - e. The length of exposure time for an act of worship is critical and should be minimised – anything unnecessary should be omitted.
 - f. Those who have gathered for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the church. It is important that they should disperse immediately.
 - g. All non-essential worship should be postponed or cancelled.
3. The officials noted that keeping Covid secure places of worship open for public worship **adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community**.
4. The task force expressed with great clarity that the role of the Local Authority is one of enforcement of closure in particular circumstances on the basis of evidence of lack of COVID security.
5. The Public Health department will conduct an exercise in mapping exposure risks from different venues across the country.

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

Tadeusz Kawa, Baby Tommy Murphy, Philippa Hoyland, Michael Kelly and Renato Zammitt who died recently; and for Carol Spurling, Margaret Johnstone, Bridget Fetterston Mary Reid, John MacGabhann, Dora Smith, Winifred North, Violet Thomas, Hannah Curle 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.