

	Happy Christmas	26 th December 2021-2 nd January 2022	Happy New Year
26th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	Feast of the Holy Family	Sam Walker RIP
	6.30 pm		Holy Souls
27 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	St John Evangelist	Anna Bolton RIP
28 th Dec. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
29 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Thomas Becket	O'Brian and Mannion Families
30 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	The Welfare of Paula Tolhurst
31 st Dec. Friday	9.30 am	St Sylvester	The Welfare of Caroline Minto
1 st January 2022	9.30 am	Mary, Mother of God	The Welfare of Marry Mannion
2nd Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		Elizabeth and Patrick Barry RIP
	11.00 am	Epiphany of the Lord	Bridie Barry RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family

Can you help the Parish to Celebrate Christmas this year? We need some volunteers to help please ...

Please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following ...

- On Thr. 23 Dec. we need volunteers to help clean and decorate the church and our Christmas trees
- On **Christmas Eve we will have two early children's Masses.** If you can volunteer to help with singing Carols or play an instrument please email us above to let us know. Please see the Christmas sheet for our Mass times.
- **We invite any children attending with us over our Christmas Masses to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Inn-Keepers, however many we have ☺**

A message from Fr Adrian: This coming year will see our 170th Anniversary and though during the three and a half years I have been with the Parish we have had many months when we had to close for the Pandemic, it is wonderful that we can safely open and gather for Mass. Although we still have to keep safe and take care, when we are able to be together, it is the reality of such communion together, in our own and wider families, that gives us strength to draw on and, most especially, the strength God gives us in our lives from our spiritual and physical reception of his Blessing and Holy Communion.

Through 2020 and 2021 we have had to spend nearly £200,000 in urgent safety repairs in the Church, Hall and Cemetery and have a further £15,000 of repairs immediately in the new Year, with £500,000 of further planned repairs to come. Over the Pandemic we have not being able to undertake any major fundraising and we will need to do so during our Anniversary Year so we can continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and people of the Parish. **I would like to thank our Parish Finance and Building Committee members who have helped with this work and first Clare and then Anna who came to help in the Parish office over the course of Lockdown and beyond. We are indebted and give thanks to all those who support the Parish throughout the year by donating and volunteering in so many ways.** Although we've had to work very differently together for many months, it is a blessing to have the support of those who have been able to help as Readers, Extraordinary ministers, Welcomers, catechists, musicians and singers; those who've helped with the collection, our flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners and lately our Altar Servers. Thank you to you all - may we know the Lord's Blessing throughout the year ahead.

Primary School Applications for 2022

Please note that all parents applying for a school reference should have seen Fr Adrian to obtain and complete a Parish request for each child seeking a place. This is a Parish form, not the school one and is called the **"Parish Request Form."** This form can be collected from Fr Adrian after every Sunday Mass. **Please be aware of application closure dates** and that references can only be handed in or collected after Mass on Sunday. **If you have any questions about the applications, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to book an appointment to discuss the process, thank you.**

Thank you to the families who have returned their **First Holy Communion and Confirmation Forms for 2022.**

If you have not done this please see Fr Adrian as a matter of urgency

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 Laurie Lewis,

Elizabeth Barry and Jackie Gibelli who died recently and for Ella Bridget Mole, The Kreft Family, Aleksejus Rukevicius, Pranas Skaburskas, Josephine Horrocks, Hanora Kent, Alice Warne, Ellen Hickey, Christopher Holland, Marguerite McKee, Helena Towey, Tadeusz Kawa, Carol Hearn, Bertram Arbuthnot, George Allen, Vera Goldskhlager, Alice Devaney, Nicholas Hogan, Roy Knight, James Henna, Pauline Bugela, Baby Tommy Murphy 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



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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: 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.

19 Dec. 2021 to 2 Jan. 2022

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions.

The positive obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass returned on 28th November 2021. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions has 3 Masses on Sunday, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with the times and Mass intentions. We are running a trial period of 3 Sunday Masses until February 2022.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 12 December

Our total income was £967 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AT CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish. Christmas and Easter are the only times when your donation goes directly to Fr Adrian. He is not employed by the Parish or the Diocese, so your support helps him for the whole year. Please donate either at Mass or 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 Fr Adrian for the year.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Parish Mass Book p. 90

Our Jesse Tree symbols this week began with Hezekiah's **Tent** to remind us of God's presence in difficult times, and the **Ember and Tongs** to represent how we too, like Isaiah, can be cleansed of our sins by the Lord and speak out



his word to others. The **Tears** of Jeremiah, represented his grief at how God's people had turned from the Lord; Habakkuk's **Watchtower**, symbolised his waiting in watchfulness upon the day of the Lord's coming; with Nehemiah's **Wall** around Jerusalem standing for how it should be kept a holy place (a sad reference to the division in the Holy Land today and how the current wall around Jerusalem keeps people out). Next we have our first reference to the New Testament, with a **Scallop Shell** symbolising John's baptism and our own Christian journey of pilgrimage as we await the Lord's return. this Sunday's symbol of the White **Lily** symbolises the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal.

The **Carpenter's Hammer** represents Joseph's profession and his unique role in the story of our salvation; followed by a symbol representing the **Motherhood** of Mary and her cousin Elizabeth. The next symbol represents how Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah, used a **Writing Tablet**, to proclaim the name of John the Baptist, followed by the **White Candle**, symbolizing Christ; the light of the world and reminding us of the white candle of our Advent wreath which will be lit at the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. The Nativity is represented on our Jesse Tree by the **Manger** that cradled the infant Jesus and on Christmas Day we place the last of our symbols, the **Chi-Rho** monogram, a combination of the first two letters for the Greek word of Christos, Christ – the true Light that came into the world on the first Christmas Day. **As we draw nearer to Christmas let us remember in prayer all those who find this a time of difficulty and hardship, God bless, Fr Adrian.**

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		12 December to 19 December 2021
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
19 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		Ida & Marisa Maccaferri RIP
	11.00 am	Fourth Sunday Of Advent	Augusta & Luisa Secchi RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
20 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
21 st Dec. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed today
22 nd Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
23 rd Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Aleksejus Rukevicius RIP 6 th Anniversary
24 th Dec. Friday	4.30pm	NB church closed 'til 4pm	First Mass of Christmas: Robert Burke [Foundation Mass]
	6.30 pm	Carols 30 min before Mass	Mass of the Nativity: Eric and Ella Bridget Mole RIP
25 th Dec. Saturday	11.30 pm	NB church closed 'til 11pm	Mass at Midnight: Private Intention
	9.30 am	Nativity of the Lord	Joseph Nemeth and Maria Hluchhan
	11.00 am	Nativity of the Lord	Deceased Members of the Kreft Family
	No Mass	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed this evening