



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr Peter after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Parish Office Open:

Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm except for emergencies when the Cemetery is closed

8th to 15th January 2023

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

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9.25 am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tue. & Sat.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays

Temporarily suspended.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

After any Mass by request.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 1st January.

Our weekly income was £524 [an average of the 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 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

The Baptism of the Lord : Parish Mass Book p. 118-120

A message from Fr Adrian from last weekend for those who were not able to join us: Thank you for your kind gifts and cards at Christmas and for the ways we have celebrated during the year for our 170th Anniversary. The Parish has been through a lot during those years and we face what lies ahead in 2023 together, allied with the many people in the Parish who are unwell and with those who face many other types of difficulty. Over the last year we have continued to have a number of safety repairs and still have many further planned repairs to come, as shown in the displays in the church. During the Pandemic and afterwards we have not been able to undertake any major fundraising, but our recent BIG BRUNCH was a great addition to our ordinary Sunday giving so, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the ways you enable us all to continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and people of the Parish. **I would like to thank Nicola the Parish Secretary, our Parish Finance and Building Committee members, and each and every Parish Member for your support of the Church throughout the year by donating to the Sunday collections and volunteering in so many ways.**

Although we will be working slightly differently ways and needing to make adjustments during the time I am away in hospital and convalescing, thank you for your support for Fr Peter Andrews, as it is a blessing to have the continued support of our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, Welcomers, catechists, those who've helped with the collection, our flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners, Altar Servers and all those who have played music or sang in the past and those who can help us in the future.

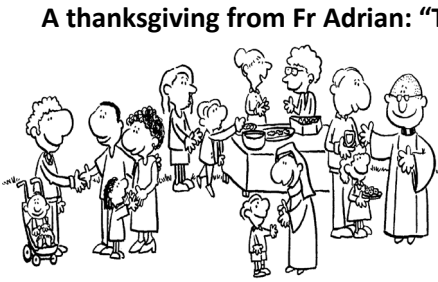
Thank you to you all - may we know the Lord's blessing, comfort and care for ourselves and our loved ones throughout this new year ahead! **God bless, Fr Adrian.**

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.

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		8 th to 15 th January 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
8 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		Our First Holy Communion Induction Mass
	11.00 am	Baptism of the Lord	Our First Holy Communion Induction Mass
	6.30 pm		Judy Ballard RIP
9 th Jan. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	The Intention of the Hluchan Family
10 th Jan. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
11 th Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Mary Fein [Foundation Mass]
12 th Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Aleksandra Parry-Jones RIP
13 th Jan. Friday	9.30 am	Feria	Lawrence Deacon RIP
14 th Jan. Saturday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
15 th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		For our Parish Family
	11.00 am	2nd week in Ordinary Time	For the People of Ukraine and the Holy Souls
	6.30 pm		R Bryan Parry-Jones RIP

News Update from Fr Adrian: This weekend at our Masses you will have the opportunity of meeting with Fr Peter Andrews who will be helping us whilst I am away receiving hospital treatment. Fr Peter has kindly been helping already whilst I have been busy making preparations for when I will be away, so thank you for making him welcome and giving your assistance. As a reminder I am including with this newsletter the letter to the Parish sent during Advent explaining the changes ahead.



A thanksgiving from Fr Adrian: "Thank you for your kind gifts and cards at Christmas and for the blessings of your prayers and 'get well' cards as I prepare for surgery in a couple of weeks and have more treatment at the Royal Marsden in preparation. I will be sad to say farewell, for however short a period of time, but would like to invite any Member of our Parish Family to an 'Open House' in the Hall after we have cleared the sanctuary and put the Magi back on the road to Bethlehem! If you can join me after Mass in the Hall at about 7.30 to 9pm for a small 'get well gathering', then please bring just a small amount of food and drink to share so that we can enjoy a celebration together. Please join me from 7.30 to 9pm in the Parish Hall today to say 'get well soon'. I know that a certain TV programme is on at 9 pm so if you can just come for the first hour you will be very welcome but I will be avoiding the TV! Thank you and God bless."



A small team of people takes down the Parish decorations each year, thank you if you can be part of that team and please join us from 10-11 am this Saturday (7th Jan) if you can volunteer.

Thank you to all those who donated poinsettias, if there's any you would like as houseplants, you are welcome to take one after any of our Masses this Sunday (don't forget to only water when the soil is dry).

As Christmas time ends this Sunday, 8th January, we need a small number of volunteers to help the Magi on their return journey after the 6.30pm Mass on 8th January, please help us if you can.

First Holy Communion News. Thank you to all parents who returned the First Communion Application for their child, these children were formally Inducted as candidates for First Holy Communion this year during Mass today (8th Jan.). **For those attending St Mary Magdalen school our classes begin this week, and on Sunday 15th Parish families who attend other schools are asked to meet outside the Parish Hall at 5.25pm for a prompt start at 5.30pm, thank you.**



On Thursday at the School and Parish Mass we especially remembered the funeral of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI where Fr Adrian read the following: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Lk 23:46). These were the final words spoken by the Lord on the cross; his last breath, as it were, which summed up what had been his entire life: a ceaseless self-entrustment into the hands of his Father. His were hands of forgiveness and compassion, healing and mercy, anointing and blessing, which led him also to entrust himself into the hands of his brothers and sisters. The Lord, open to the individuals and their stories that he encountered along the way, allowed himself to be shaped by the Father's will. He shouldered all the consequences and hardships entailed by the Gospel, even to seeing his hands pierced for love. "See my hands", he says to Thomas (Jn 20:27), and to each of us: "See my hands". Pierced hands that constantly reach out to us, inviting us to recognize the love that God has for us and to believe in it (cf. 1 Jn 4:16). [1]

MISSIO NEWS ...THANK YOU to everybody who has taken a Red Box. Can all those with a Red Box please email the Parish Office at Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with your details to confirm that you have one of the boxes and for those who don't have email please write to the Parish Office to let us know that you have one. If anyone is interested in donating to Missio via the Red Boxes and doesn't have one please see Fr Adrian after Mass.

Please see the Caritas Social Action poster 'SJOG Homes for Ukraine' in the Church porch. We have had a number of families volunteer to help open their homes to Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to help please see the poster.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine:

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord.

Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:

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 will be offered at every Mass as Fr Adrian keeps the private list of names at the altar.

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Luke 10:20

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, for the Holy Souls or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

We pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who died recently and for Patrick Brown, Gordon Irvine, Roland Foulon, Flora Reid Felton, Eileen McLean, Henri Jaume, Maria Fernandes, Janine Leyder, Kathleen Flood, John Goggin, Ann Opie, Maurice Wade, Kathryn Strohe, Henry Healey, Renato Zammit 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



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A message from Fr Adrian:

"We are very blessed to have Fr Peter Andrews helping us whilst I have to be in hospital and convalesce a few months. Naturally, I hope to be back with you as soon as possible, but I can't honestly say when that will be, as it depends on how well the surgery goes. Fr Peter has already begun to celebrate Mass with me in the Parish so that he can become familiar with the Parish routine but, whilst all the sacramental work will continue as much as normal, there have to be a few changes and a call for extra volunteers to help Fr Peter and myself".

The first major change is that my last Sunday in the Parish for a number of weeks will be 8th January, with Fr Peter by himself at Mass from then on, as I will have to isolate and be at various appointments until the surgery the following week (God willing).

From 9 January, the weekly schedule will look like this:

- Monday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 10:30. **The office is closed all day.**
- **Tuesday: the church and office are closed all day.**
- Wednesday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Thursday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Friday: church open at 9:20, Mass at 9:30, church closed at 13:00, office open from 10:30 to 15:30.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be temporarily suspended.
- **Saturday: the church and office are closed all day.**
- Sunday: church and hall open at 9am - volunteers are needed to help with this. Mass as usual at 9:30, 11:00 and 18:30.

The church is closed from 12:30 to 18:00 and after the 18:30 Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be available after any Mass by specific arrangement with Fr Peter. Fr Peter is a retired Ordinariate Priest with a family. It's a great blessing that he is here to be such a help, but he is not a full-time replacement, so all the things I used to do such as opening the church and cemetery, cleaning the hall, emptying all the bins, putting out the recycling, and many other jobs, will all require help now.

We don't have a housekeeper, cook or a cleaner in the parish but we are blessed to have a part-time Parish Secretary, Nicola, but she only works mid-morning to mid-afternoon on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Nicola will continue all her present roles but please note the office hours above.

If you have requested a baptism already then Fr Adrian and Nicola will be in touch to determine dates. There will be no change to the baptisms up to and including 7th January, but Fr Peter will celebrate future baptisms on a Sunday. Fr Adrian is in contact with the couples who have requested marriage as future appointments not already made will need to be arranged with Fr Peter.

One Parish member has volunteered to help with cleaning the hall, but we do need more people to help after Mass on a Sunday with the recycling and refuse and with returning the bins to storage on a Monday morning. If you can help in anyway, please volunteer, as I will still need volunteer help when I return, as I will need more treatment and many months to convalesce even when I am back in the Parish. If we cannot get any volunteers, we may have to employ a 'caretaker' style post but it seems very unlikely that we could get anyone who would want to work a few days each day with only Tuesday and Saturday off each week. If you can volunteer, or may be interested in a paid caretaker post then please email me in the Parish Office at Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with details of how you can help as well as seeing me after Mass.

Please note: the cemetery is opened and closed during term time by the school but at weekends and all other times, so far by Fr Adrian. Fr Peter is not able to do this so, in addition to various volunteering roles for the church, it is hoped that volunteers will be able to open the cemetery at a weekend and during school holidays otherwise the cemetery will sadly have to close. I certainly hope that it does not come to this as we have a great team that look after the cemetery grounds but they are not at the cemetery every Saturday as in poor weather they cannot garden. I will email the cemetery team separately but hope that the cemetery will be able to remain accessible.

Fr Adrian McKenna