



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.

Parish Office Open:

Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9 am to 3 pm
 365 days a year (except for emergency call outs).

29th October to 5th November 2023

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am and 11.00 am

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9.00 am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9.00 am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays from 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 22nd October.
 Our weekly income was £628 [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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29th October 2023

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PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY SOULS

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philipians 4:8

In this quote St. Paul writes to the Church of his day to encourage them in their Christian life. At this time of year, when much of the world begins to turn to more secular thoughts of Halloween, the Church has a positive way to celebrate and remember our past, in line with St. Paul's encouragement! Each November the Church takes time to remember those who have died and makes the positive step of praying and offering Mass for the repose of their souls. Following this tradition, as each year, we will have the opportunity to request Masses for the Holy Souls and write lists of remembrance with the names of our dear departed friends and family. **As the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Wednesday this year, we will have an additional Mass at 7pm Mass.** November Lists of Remembrance can be placed in the basket by the Altar at any time or emailed to Fr Adrian at the Parish Office: Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk To request a Mass for the Holy Souls please scan the QR code above or drop a Mass intention envelope into the Parish Office. *To commemorate All Saints and All Souls, please see the Mass details below as, in addition to our usual Mass at 9.30am, we have an additional Mass at 7pm on 1st November to especially remember all our dead.*



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		29 th October to 5 th November 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
29 th Oct. Sunday	9.30 am	30 th Week in Ordinary Time	Raymond Unsworth RIP & Jerome Sequeira RIP
	11.00 am		J Hellel RIP
30 th Oct. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the O'Kelly Family
31 st Oct. Tuesday	CLOSED	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
1 st Nov. Wednesday	9.30 am	Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	The Rodrigues Family RIP
	7.00 pm		For the Holy Souls
2 nd Nov. Thursday	9.30 am	All Souls	Richard and Margaret Whitty [Foundation Mass]
3 rd Nov. Friday	9-10.30am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
4 th Nov. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
5 th Nov. Sunday	9.30 am	31 st Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Joan Heliline Dineen RIP [Anniversary]

The parents' and PTA have invited the Parish to join them after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 5th November as part of this School event to help to raise funds for the Parish. To help this, Fr Adrian is hoping that the Parish can run a few stalls, including a "Bottle Tombola" but, **cannot do this without your help.** We kindly ask that you bring to our Sunday and weekday Masses this week and on 5th November itself, donations of BOTTLES OF BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS, CANS etc. We also need help with running stalls, so if you can spare some time on the day after the 9.30 or 11am Mass, please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to let us know how you can help! Please do come along and give your support on Sunday 5th November, thank you ☺

Cemetery Project News: You may remember that a few months ago Fr Adrian mentioned two cemetery projects, a grant application to restore the Burton Mausoleum and a project to create a new memorial garden. We are still waiting on news about the Heritage Grant for the Burton Mausoleum but will be working with the Grant partner, Habitats and Heritage, to improve the biodiversity of the Cemetery, as we have a number of diseased trees which will need to be removed. Plans for the new memorial garden are ongoing, as we need to establish the best place for it, since there are quite a number of areas where new Cremation burials can occur. The day-to-day care of the cemetery gardens and front bedding relies on a small team of volunteers, so a big THANK YOU for all their help. We do need more volunteers, especially with the front bedding, so please email Fr Adrian if you can help by sparing up to an hour once a month, thank you.

Two of our Parish members, Jane Harrisson and Clare Foster, have asked for the newsletter to include this message: Fr Adrian has a small garden space which his personal funds paid to be renovated and we have received several enquiries from fellow Parishioners as to how they can contribute to the cost. We have arranged to hold a 2nd collection on 6 November to help with this and to use a JustGiving page for any online donations via this [LINK](#). We want the garden to give Fr Adrian a place to recuperate from his cancer treatment as he is so blessed to be here and is most grateful for the support of all the Parish. Fr Adrian has said that he would like any funds raised to help with the Cemetery Memorial Garden as well, so thank you for any contributions that you can make, marking the start of the 5th year of Fr Adrian's arrival and his being with us for many more years to come.

St Mary Magdalen School News ..."If you have a desire to serve our Catholic community, we are looking a Foundation Governor for St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary school". This is a voluntary position which would entail giving a few hours of your time each month. For more information of how you could become a Foundation Governor, please contact Anna Brown on 07950 021 042

Thank you to all those who sought a Parish reference from Fr Adrian for Secondary or 6th form places for September 2024. Please remember each School's application deadline as some have already passed. If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to collect any references requested after Mass this Sunday, 29th October.

Catholic Primary School Applications for 2024
If you're applying to a Catholic Primary School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the "Parish Reference Request". This form gives details of what information the Parish needs (e.g. baptism details and copy certificate) plus any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (i.e. the school "SIF"). **These forms are to be handed to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms, so that forms handed in one Sunday, are usually returned the following week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions and please make sure that you are aware of each School's cut-off date, thank you.**

A note from our Sunday 9.30 am Mass Children's Liturgy ... Dear Parents, The Children's Liturgy has been run for many years in our parish, welcoming hundreds of children (pre Holy Communion age), helping them understand the Gospel/Word of God in a fun, friendly, age-relevant way. Parents of children this age have all taken part to ensure we have had a volunteer leader and helper each Sunday, running interactive short sessions in the Church Hall. Unfortunately Covid stopped this, and we have as a result lost the number of volunteers we need to make sure our children can continue to enjoy the Liturgy. So we need your help! We are parents who have run and been going to the Liturgy for some time. It's important to say that it's really straightforward, and not difficult to do. The Church provides simple instructions, printed off each week and left for you to pick up, including a simple story for you to tell and variety of creative ideas/materials so you can simply print off pictures to colour in if you want, or do something a little more creative if that appeals to you. It's also a great way to meet other parents and for your children to form friendships, many of whom will then go on to the same school(s), making that first school attendance less scary, and helping you feel part of our community. A couple of small extra admin things - as with any Church-run group we do need to record who's there on the day, just for health and safety reasons, but we're simplifying this, so there will be a blank piece of paper on the day for parents to sign, disposed of afterwards. Also, any leader does need to undertake a DBS check. There are a few of us who have been leaders/helpers previously so we're happy to chat to anyone who has any questions about the process or attending. We are a parish of some xxx families. Currently we only have about 5-6 volunteers to do this - we would previously had about 20-40. This sadly means that it isn't possible to run the Liturgy until we do have more of you signing up. Please join us! With many thanks, Claire, Laura, Gemma and Natalie. If you can help then please click onto this [LINK](#) alternatively it can be found in our Parish website under the heading of "Community and Downloads", thank you.

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**
Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian

Please pray for the repose of the soul of;
We pray for Maria Willett,
Sonya O'Sullivan, Nora Walsh, Harriet Leary,
Raymond Unsworth, Jerome Sequeira
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