



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CIO REGISTERED
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 March to 5th April 2026

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION

Our weekly income was £574 [an average of the last 4 weeks] Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website: www.stmarymags.org.uk/community**

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or by using **the QR codes in the church.** Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

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Walk of Witness and Prayers for Peace

We have quite a few changes this Sunday, as our Ecumenical Procession replaces our usual Children's Mass for Palm Sunday. We will have set off from the church to the East Sheen War Memorial for a Gospel service and return, carrying palms and walking alongside the Easter donkey, before our later Mass at 10 am. We know that a number of families are away for the Easter holidays but thank you to those members of our Parish Family who have been able to volunteer with the various ministries and 'behind-the-scenes-work' which are vital in helping with our celebrations for Holy Week and Easter. Details of all our services are listed overleaf and in the Easter Card that is available by the hymn books near the West Door at the back of the church.



Hosanna to the Son of David! (Matthew 21:9)

On Holy Thursday we remember how Our Lord washed the feet of his disciples, and Fr Adrian is asking if any volunteers are available who would like to have their feet washed during the Service on Holy Thursday. If you would like to volunteer for this, please speak, in person to Fr Adrian to let him know, so that if enough people volunteer he would like to go ahead.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		29 th March to 5 th April 2026
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
29 th Mar. Sunday	10.00 am	Palm Sunday	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Tess McCarthy RIP [Anniversary]
30 th Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Sir Edward Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
31 st Mar. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
1 st Apr. Wednesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	NB: Chrism Mass today so the church is closed
2 nd Apr. Thursday	7.30 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Welfare of Robyn Deacon and her family
3 rd Apr. Friday	3.00 pm	The Solemn Liturgy	Good Friday service with Prayers for Ukraine
4 th Apr. Saturday	7.30 pm	The Easter Vigil	Thanksgiving for St Mary Magdalen church
5 th Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	Easter Sunday	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Joseph Hellel RIP and Family

Today we have the annual collection for the poor parishes in our 'Mother Church'. Please give what you can to enable poorer Parishes to receive help from the Diocese and please pray that we will raise enough funds annually to manage our own needs.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our appeal to help meet the cost of making our church beautiful at Easter ☺ With thanks to everyone who bought bacon rolls or cakes after our Masses last Sunday. Your continued support helps us to continue with the annual costs of the Health and Safety work which the Parish has to meet.

Overview of Holy Week

On Holy Thursday, we will gather as a community of believers to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper and start the Triduum - three days of services in commemoration of Christ's Passion, which form one liturgy as a whole. Whereas we normally have the one day, Tuesday, where there is no Mass in the church, this week we will close the church on Wednesday to allow Fr Adrian to attend the Chrism Mass. During that service, Archbishop John will bless and consecrate oils that will be used for anointing during the administration of sacraments - outward signs of inward grace - throughout the Diocese and Parish during the coming year. At the start of our Mass of the Lord's Supper the sacred oils blessed at the Chrism Mass will be placed on the altar. These oils (of Catechumens, of the Sick and of Chrism) will be used throughout the coming year, in baptism, anointing the infirm and in confirmation. After the close of Mass, the Altar is stripped bare to symbolise the starkness of the garden of Gethsemane and the Lord's imprisonment. We will "Watch with the Lord" before the Altar of Repose in the Holy Family chapel (to the left of the Sanctuary). The church will be closed at 10 pm and will reopen at 2.30 pm on Good Friday in readiness for the Solemn Liturgy at 3 pm. This Mass begins in silence and our kneeling before the empty tabernacle as today is not a celebration of Mass but a communion service to



St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Mortlake Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services 2026

Please note the changes to our usual service times.

Palm Sunday - if you cannot join us for the Walk of Witness please wait at the church

09.10 Gather at St Mary Mags to walk to East Sheen War Memorial

09.30 Walk of Witness with Donkey Procession back to Mortlake

10.00 The 9.30 Mass has shifted to 10am for the Donkey procession

11.00 Our usual 11am Mass with blessed Palms for distribution

Monday 09.30 Mass followed by the opportunity for Reconciliation until 10.30am

Tuesday The church and office are closed as usual today

Wednesday The church is closed for the Diocesan Chrism Mass at St George's

Holy Thursday 19.30 The Mass of the Lord's Supper, then 'Watch' service until 22.00

Good Friday 15.00 The Solemn Liturgy: with Veneration

Holy Saturday 19.30 Parish Easter Vigil NB starts outside the church

Easter Sunday 09.30 Family Mass

Easter Sunday 11.00 Parish Mass NB the church is closed after Mass



represent how the Lord is taken from us and rests in the tomb until we celebrate the joy of the resurrection at our Easter Vigil with the celebration of the Mass. The Easter Vigil begins at 7.30 pm with the symbolism of the evening's twilight showing how the light of the Lord will overcome the darkness of night. Please note on Easter Sunday, we have two Masses at 9.30 and 11 am and the church will be closed afterwards. Please join us for our Holy Week and Easter services. God bless, *Fr Adrian*

"Ambassadors for Christ" is a video series aimed at helping us live our Christian faith or indeed become Christians.

Each Monday a new video is posted on YouTube, and **on the 2nd Sunday of each month we will meet after the 11am**

Mass from 12 to 12.30 for a chat about the videos over a light lunch of bread, cheese and

wine, so please join us on Sunday 12th April when we meet next. To view the videos and

take part in this new project, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAV2vfSPuxc>

and for the worksheets visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/worksheets> Thank you.



We're fundraising to restore our beautiful Gray & Davison pipe organ that dates from the 1750s and is badly in need of repair. Thanks to an anonymous donor we have raised £15,000 already but need to raise a total of £65,000 to complete all the repairs necessary. Once repaired, it will allow us to support a Parish choir and allow us to host concerts and recitals that can strengthen community through the shared joy of music. Please consider supporting this important project by taking one of the Pipe Organ Pledge Forms from the back of church which will provide more information. Whether you can make a sizeable donation or a small one, please sign up to Gift Aid your donation if you can. Thank you for your support which will make such a difference to the musical life of our Parish.



We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:
Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, 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.
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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

Irena Milkowska, Michael O'Keefe and Veronica Inman who died recently, for Mary Kendrell, Barbara Porter, Bridget O'Keefe Alegant, Victor Sobral Medeiros, Tess McCarthy, William Saunders, Theresa Wyett

**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