



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: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 2.30 pm

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

11th to 18th December 2022

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

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesdays.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays from 10 am and by request.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 4th December.

Our weekly income was £836 [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:

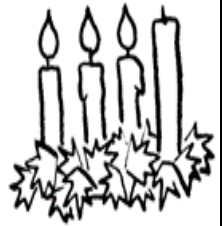
- Download a Standing order form www.stmarymags.org.uk/community
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:
NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch
NAME: RCAS Mortlake
Account number: 20224311
Sort Code: 60-07-20

(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

3rd Sunday of Advent : Parish Mass Book p. 88-90

On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) we particularly remember that Advent prepares us for a time of joy; with the colour rose acting as a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation joined with the white of the expectation and joy of Christmas. Our **Jesse Tree symbols** have continued to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's people: the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us; the **Ten Commandments**, reminding us of ways that bring out the best in us and how we should try to live our lives, in relation to God and those around us. Ultimately, God's greatest Commandment of Love should be written on our hearts, so that we witness, in action, to God's love. Further symbols of action we had this week were the **Trumpet** that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho in response to God's call; the **Pitcher** represents how Gideon became an unlikely leader and judge, helping his people cast aside false gods and obey God's true laws; a **Crown** to represent how Samuel anointed David as the King – a forerunner of Christ, the King of Kings – a **Shepherd's Crook** to remind us how David was to look after his people, but which represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always. The **Altar** this Sunday represented the altar built by Elijah and reminds us of the altar of Christ's sacrifice for us.



JESSE TREE



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 C	Mass Details and Intentions		11 th to 18 th December 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
11 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		Bernard and Bwalya Chomba RIP
	11.00 am	Second Sunday of Advent	For the Wellbeing of the Keeling Family
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
12 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For José in Petition and Beth in Thanksgiving
13 th Dec. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
14 th Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	St John of the Cross	For the Welfare of Ann Moon
15 th Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
16 th Dec. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	For the Welfare of Fr Graziano de Palma
17 th Dec. Saturday	9.30 am	Feria	For Nicola RIP and his widow Bonini and son
18 th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am		Leo Nugent RIP [Birthday]
	11.00 am	Third Sunday of Advent	For the Welfare of the Wood Family
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family

A VERY BIG 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported our Parish at our recent events, because of your efforts we have raised, after expenses, the following amounts ...

If you would like to continue helping us with the special 'World Youth Day' project with the aim of raising funds to help us plan plant-cover to screen the school from the Cemetery, please continue to do so via the online newsletter by clicking on this [LINK](#), thank you.

Donations	Amount
Sunday Big Brunch	£1,648.38
Christmas Tree Day	£ 317.50
Extra Card Sales	£ 40.00
Total	£ 2,005.88

If you're applying to a Catholic Primary School for September 2023, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain the "Parish Reference Request". This form, with family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (if you already have them) must be handed to Fr Adrian at the end of Mass this weekend as it is the last opportunity for you to do so, thank you.

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

Please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk if you can volunteer to help us with the following

- To help our decorations in the Church we need donations of potted poinsettias. We would be grateful if you could bring a gift of your Christmas plant to Mass any day, from this weekend until Fri. 23rd, placing it in the box by the statue of Our Lady, thank you.
- On **Sun 11th Dec. from 10.15am, in the Parish Hall**, as well as on **Mon. 12th-Wed. 14th from 10am**, we need volunteers to help with our initial preparations before we finish decorating the church on Fri. 23rd.
- On Fri. 23rd Dec we need volunteers to help clean and decorate the church and our Christmas trees.



For details of our Advent and Christmaside services please click on this [LINK](#)

On Christmas Eve at the 6pm Mass we invite any children 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.

CentrePoint are asking for our help as a Parish to especially support homeless teenagers.

In the final week of our appeal shoeboxes (or the like) can be left by the Prayer Tree. We have had a wonderful response and we don't need anymore donations of blankets or sleeping bags but other items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body wash and hair care, skincare, toilet roll, feminine care products and anything else listed on the poster via this [LINK](#) in the digital newsletter or posted around the church. Please bring your donations along to Mass each Sunday or until Wednesday 14th December.



First Holy Communion News. Please note that the registration process ended over a month ago, with those who signed-up for the programme now entering the next stage of the process, with parents collecting the actual First Communion Application from Fr Adrian after Mass. We have printed an application form for every family who registered. We have 36 children this year, 13 of whom are at other Schools and 7 of whom attend different Parishes. For children to make their First Holy Communion they should attend Mass each Sunday, and we encourage children to attend our Children's Liturgy at the 9.30 am Mass, though you are welcome to attend any of our Masses. **For the 29 families who attend this Parish either at our School, or another one, the last date to collect the Communion Application from Fr Adrian is after Mass this weekend.** The 7 families at our School seeking Communion here can collect the application from the School, but they must have the permission of both Fr Adrian and their own Parish Priest to celebrate Communion here. **Please note, the forms have to be returned by Friday 16th December. Those at the Parish School can drop their forms there and the School will forward them, if you are one of the 13 families at other Schools, please return your form to Fr Adrian in person after Mass. Don't forget, the forms have to be returned by Friday 16th December, thank you.**



MISSIO NEWS ...THANK YOU to everybody who has taken a Red Box or has one at home. Andrew Law wrote to everyone with a box asking for them to add their name to the label at the bottom so when it is handed-in for emptying we can identify you. If you have email can you please contact the Parish Office with your details to confirm you have a box or, if you don't have email, please call us so that we can have your contact details for reference, thank you.

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

Bernard and Bwalya Chomba who died recently and for Samuel Keefe, Abilio Mandes Ferriera, Bridget Kelleher, Thomas Heggie 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