



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings are currently postponed
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an
appointment for a preparation course.

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Parish & School News

At 11 am this Sunday Fr Adrian will celebrate a live-streamed Mass from St Mary Magdalen's. A link to join the Mass, with password, is sent by email the day before. To subscribe to receive our digital newsletter with the Mass link details, please sign up with your email via <https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags>

Our last full newsletter was published on 26th July, where we said farewell to a number of people who were retiring or moving on from the school and Parish. Although weekly emails were sent out during August with our news, a lot has happened in just a few short weeks so, as we begin a new school term and prepare for another liturgical year ahead, we remember especially in our prayers our new Primary School Headteacher Mrs Catherine Hughes; all those who had Public Exam results this summer, and all those who will be starting in a new School Year, College or University. Change at any time is difficult, but having to manage the effects of the Covid Lockdown as well has taken its toll.

My thoughts and prayers reach out to all who have been affected in any way, including our **First Holy Communion** Candidates who have had their Mass postponed, although emails will be sent out this weekend to our Communion families detailing how our **Masses will now be celebrated on Saturday 3rd October**. Ordinarily, we would soon begin applications for our next Communion and Confirmation programme, but please bear with me as news will be sent out at the end of the month.

Many families will be anxious about applying for Nursery or Reception places, Secondary School Transfers and 6th Form Applications. If this applies to you, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with School Application in the subject title as more information as to what it required will be emailed out to you.

Last week's email news mentioned how **we open for Mass with a congregation next Sunday at 11 am**, with individuals or families reserving a seat by email through

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details

It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. St Mary Magdalen's church will be able to open when there are enough volunteers to produce a Stewards' rota, however, **at present the church remains closed to the public.** From 13th September 2020 the church will open from 10am to 12pm on Sundays, including livestreamed Mass from 11-11.30am for up to 90 people.

The cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm.

6th – 13th September 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 30 August

Standing Order **£660**: weekly 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. No one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income. This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our Parish website <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community> or by using your bank's phone App or website, quoting your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) as a reference. Our Parish bank details are: **NatWest Richmond (A)**
Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**
Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

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MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk. Please remember, under Government regulations, we now have to adhere to a safe limit on the number of people coming to Mass. **The easiest way to do this is by email, but if a person does not have email, they can phone and speak to Fr Adrian or leave a voicemail. A few places will be available if a person simply turns up but, by UK law, their contact details need to be recorded for the Track & Trace system.**

Please remember, while the repairs to the ceiling go on (**details overleaf**), besides from a non-public daily Mass, we have **one Mass on a Sunday at 11am** which will remain via Zoom until we can return to our usual three Sunday Masses. Please remember, **the Sunday obligation has not yet returned** as our Bishops are keen to ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and are allowing for a gradual return to the Eucharist for people. To be able to open for Mass we have quite a number of limitations, sadly, one of which means our **Altar Server Teams** are currently suspended, so thank you to all those who Served over the last year – please look out here for news of when Serving can return.

A message from Fr Adrian: I am happy to say that, with the scaffolding up in the Central Nave as protection, the Insurance company and the Diocese have confirmed that we can reopen to an 11am Sunday Mass next week, 13th September. Only 27 out of 126 panels have major repairs to them, but it is assumed that a similar proportion in the side aisles (about 20%) may need work to be completed. Consequently, although the Insurance company and the Diocese have confirmed that we can reopen with the scaffolding centrally and then do each aisles separately afterwards, we aim to complete the work as part of one big project, including repairs to cracked in the West Window which have been spotted. The start of work and the exact date we can open will be confirmed once the repair schedule is agreed, but it is likely that we will have scaffolding in the church for the rest of the year. Nevertheless, we are able to work around it and know that it is a small price to pay to enable the work to be completed.

This is a project that we have to totally fund ourselves: there is no grant from the Diocese, from the Vatican or from any charities we could apply to. I have deliberately not chosen to fundraise for the project yet until we can be clear on what the way forward and the total cost will be, but thank you for your concern and patience as we prepare to meet the costs of safely opening up our church again.



So you can see what the ceiling project involves, we have prepared a video you can view online

https://youtu.be/vRC7rVI7_RQ My thanks go to Francis and to all the members of our Parish Finance

Committee for their help in preparing for our ceiling work. As soon as I have news I will email out to all the Parish members who have registered their email with us via the link <https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags>.

Naturally, my aim is to be able to return to our normal public schedule of Masses as soon as possible, but this can only be when the church is safe both in terms of the ceiling and with the special preparation and cleanliness needed to tackle Covid-19. If you are seeking for your child to be baptised, please see the note at the bottom of the page as these are currently being arranged.

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

6th – 13th September 2020

Sunday 6th September 11am The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
23rd Sunday Yr A Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email

Monday 7th 9am For children starting at a new school this term
 (Feria)

Tuesday 8th 9am For those children who are returning to school
 (Nativity of Our Lady)

Wednesday 9th 9am For all those experiencing anxiety and/or depression
 (Feria)

Thursday 10th 9am Bryan Parry-Jones [Foundation Mass]
 (Feria)

Friday 11th 9am Mary & Conal Mannion
 (Feria)

Saturday 12th 9am The Voller Family [Foundation Mass]
 (Our Lady)

Sunday 13th September 11am The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
24th Sunday Yr A Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email

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 the daily Mass.

Luke 10:20
“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mona Miller, John O’Sullivan, Ann Waters, Roberto Gorini, John Turner Alexander Dobbie, Lawrence Jago, Herbert Channel, Arnold Ferrari, James Brown, Luigi Camillo Previdi and for 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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

Please note: when it is possible for us to open, we will make plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Until that point Fr Adrian will continue to celebrate funerals at the crematorium or at the graveside with the small number of close family and friends allowed by UK Government regulations. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Over the next couple of weeks, Fr Adrian will email all those who have requested baptism or confirmation so as to begin to make plans for the celebration. It is hoped that our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated once the new school term has begun, but further details will be sent out once we know the ceiling repair plans and a schedule of works. As soon as Fr Adrian has any news he will email the families concerned.