



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.

Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and

Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

24th to 31st January 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions.

It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended.

The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions during the week. We are also temporarily closed at the weekend for Covid-safety reasons so our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 17th JANUARY

Standing Orders: £1508 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.

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 St Mary Magdalen 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.

An Update on our Parish News and the Covid Vaccine

Harold Wilson is supposed to have coined the famous phrase, 'A week is a long time in politics', meaning that a lot can happen in a short time. **Sadly, in just a week, England's lockdown laws have changed again and now end on 31 March, but Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said it is "too early" to know whether it will be possible to lift restrictions in the spring.**

As a result, we have to face the reality that, with Parish members rightly choosing to stay safe at home, **we can only open the church for specific occasions, most especially funerals**, when we are able to draw on volunteers who are not shielding and can help with the strict cleaning regime.

The safety of our volunteers and all our Parish members is paramount, which is why, given limited numbers available to help, we have to plan very carefully when we can open. **Given this, our Mass for Ash Wednesday, 17 February, will be online only at 7pm.** However, Fr Adrian will lead a Holy Hour of prayer and music before the Blessed Sacrament from 9am to 10am on 17 February, ending with the imposition of Ash at 9.55am, sprinkled on the crown of the head as per Vatican instruction.

Fr Adrian will make all the preparations as there may be no Stewards but, as per Government regulations, the doors of the church have to be left wide open. If you would like to attend at any point during the hour, please just turn up and sign in. Please consider bringing antiviral/antibacterial wipes with you so that you can wipe down anywhere you may have touched.

An important repeat of information from last week's newsletter: Archbishop John Wilson emailed the Diocese last week following a further statement from our Bishops' Conference, as certain Catholic groups are not representing Catholic teaching faithfully on the matter of the Covid vaccination. If you are concerned to know more about the Church's Teaching on the Covid vaccine, please see the emailed version or online version of our newsletter and click on the following links for ...

- [The Vatican statement on anti-Covid vaccines](#) and our
- [Bishops' Conference Update on Covid-19 and vaccination](#)

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish 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 B	Mass Details and Intentions		24 th to 31 st January (Ordinary Time before Lent)
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
24th Jan. Sunday	11 am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	James Farragher RIP (anniv.): live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
25 th Jan. Monday	9 am	The Conversion of St Paul	Ed and Liz Bellasis (Foundation Mass)
26 th Jan. Tuesday	9 am	St Timothy & ST Titus	Anne Doyle (Foundation Mass)
27 th Jan. Wednesday	9 am	Feria	The needs of our Parish Family
28 th Jan. Thursday	9 am	St Thomas Aquinas	The welfare of the Turkheim Family
29 th Jan. Friday	9 am	Feria	Maria Furness (Foundation Mass)
30 th Jan. Saturday	9 am	Votive Mass of Our Lady	The welfare of the Bolton Family
31st Jan. Sunday	11 am	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

This Sunday is 'The Sunday of the Word of God'

In his Apostolic Letter, "Aperuit illis" issued on 30 September 2019, Pope Francis established that 'The Sunday of the Word of God' is to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This focus is intended to reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture in our lives.

"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." - Pope Francis. 'Aperuit illis'

This Sunday's focus on the Word of God provides us with the opportunity to reflect deeper on scripture by following a seven-week series of reflections by David McLoughlin, the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham. Starting next weekend, the online version of the newsletter will have links to PDF sheets for the series "**Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God**".

The aim of this series is to help us get a sense of the Scriptures as a whole. To see the unfolding of God's liberating and creative love in the history of Israel and in the Church. Each week we will take a fundamental core teaching of Scripture, for example, the revelation of the name of God in Exodus, and explore how God's people began to look backward to understand their past, and forward to imagine their future life.

We will read of periods of loss and denial, of prophetic re-envisioning reminding the people of their unique call and their unique sense of God. Each week we will take a significant passage of Scripture and explore its influence in the faith journey of God's people. We will consider the word of God in Scripture and its continuing power and influence in our own faith. Over the weeks, as we journey in scripture together towards Easter, let us pray that we will grow in our capacity to respond to God's word, to interpret God's word, and perhaps to have the courage to be challenged by God's word in our lives.

A new document by the Pontifical Academy for Life stresses the importance of overcoming "vaccine nationalism" so that everyone can have the opportunity of being vaccinated and nobody is left behind in the fight against Covid-19. One of the aspects stressed in the document is to "overcome the logic of 'vaccine nationalism'", in which states attempt to gain the vaccine faster than others and with the idea of "obtaining the necessary quantity for their inhabitants first". The Pontifical Academy for Life statement goes on to explain that "International agreements must be promoted and supported to manage patents in order to facilitate everyone's access to the product and avoid possible 'commercial short circuits'". It is also necessary in order to "keep the price controlled in the future as well", it adds, stressing that "industrial production of the vaccine should become a collaborative operation between states, pharmaceutical companies and other organizations so that it can be carried out simultaneously in different areas of the world". Finally, the statement stresses that "this is an extraordinary opportunity for a new, more supportive future". A series of tools must be specified and implemented "in order to achieve the agreed goals in terms of universal accessibility". In this way, concludes the statement, "the Pope's appeal can be made concrete: 'everyone, brothers and sisters!'"

"Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God"

The PDF sheets covering these themes will be available on ...

30-Jan	Introduction to Echoes of God
06-Feb	Week 1 Exodus
13-Feb	Week 2 Genesis
20-Feb	Week 3 Prophets
27-Feb	Week 4 Wisdom
06-Mar	Week 5 Psalms
13-Mar	Week 6 Gospels
20-Mar	Week 7 Paul and the Letters
27-Mar	Postscript

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online you could be raising free donations for the Parish?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, Boots and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenchurchmortlake/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Mary Magdalen Church at no extra cost to you.

There are no catches or hidden charges. It would be marvellous to have your support, so please consider signing up online through the link above, your free contributions will make a great difference, thank you.

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 Mass.

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

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

Please consider scanning the QR code to request Mass for the Holy Souls. Please post other Mass intention requests to Fr Adrian. Thank you.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Michael Kelly and Renato Zammitt who died recently; and for Soledad Gomez, Jean-Claud Seraille, James Farragher, Hugh Fforde Searight, Ellen Leatherbarrow, Charles Caroll, Etienne Stepanopoci, John Barrington, 'Malu' Gonzy 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 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.