



# 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.

## 27<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January

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 to attend Sunday**

**Mass continues to remain suspended.**

**The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions but plans to open from 10.30am for an 11am Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January.** Up to and beyond that date our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Standing Orders: £780 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](http://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](http://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.

**A message from Fr Adrian:** "Thank you for the kind words, Christmas cards and gifts that were received over the last few days, they are much appreciated, especially given the fact that, this year, Christmas has been unlike any other. and, like many of us in our Parish Family, I've had to rely on phone and online calls so we can be together 'virtually'. **There is no such thing as a virtual family though - we are all in this together and, as we may have faced hardships in life, work or finances, in the past, we still have a new and unknown year ahead of us.**

However, it is the reality of our communion together in our own and wider families that can give us strength and draw, most especially, from the strength of our spiritual and physical reception of Holy Communion when that can be possible. **This new year heralds the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our Parish Church and we will soon again, with the work on the safety of the ceiling and the West Window, be able to open our doors again.**

I would especially like to thank our Parish Finance and Building Committee who have overseen this work, Clare and Loretta who help to coordinate our rotas and to all those, whether on a rota or not, who support the Parish throughout the year by volunteering in so many ways. Although we've had to work very differently together for most of last year, it will be a blessing to again have the support of our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, sacristy helpers, catechists, musicians and singers, our helpers with Children's Liturgy, our collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners and our altar servers as we establish how we can serve the Lord together having made the church safe again.

With my continued prayers and thanksgiving that you and your family will have had a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings, Fr. Adrian."

**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. Each Christmas and Easter are the only two occasions when the collection is a gift to Fr Adrian. We were unable to hold a collection at Easter but hope this Christmas you can make a gift to Fr Adrian online by [clicking on this link](#) which features in our online newsletter, up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Thank you for giving what you can, it will be a great blessing.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		27 <sup>th</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>The Holy Family</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today is only via</i>	<i>livestream</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	9 am	Holy Innocents	Clare Johnston on her 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	9 am	St Thomas of Canterbury	Private Intention
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9 am	Nativity Octave day 6	Helen Van Steen RIP
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. Thursday	9 am	Nativity Octave day 7	The welfare of David and Liz
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. Friday	9 am	Mary, Holy Mother of God	Ann Heaton RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan. Saturday	9 am	St Basil & St Gregory	Hugh Maguire RIP
<i>After the call to stay at home, we hope to reopen for Mass on 10<sup>th</sup> January but details will be given next week.</i>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Nativity</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
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**Archbishop John Wilson has written his second Christmas Pastoral Letter as Archbishop of Southwark, to be read and made available at our Mass today, the Feast of the Holy Family**

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

After a celebration of Christmas Day in restricted circumstances, due to Covid 19, we come to this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The home life of the Lord Jesus, of His mother, the Virgin Mary, and of His foster father, St Joseph, teaches us the importance of 'compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.' We want to love as they love, to sit in the classroom of the Gospel and learn from Christ, inspired by the fidelity of Mary and Joseph. These qualities are the sure coordinates to guide us forward.

The images we sometimes see of the Holy Family make everything look so perfect, as if there were never any problems, or moments of anxiety, and not that much joy and laughter either. How can any family flourish without joy? How can any family blossom without laughter? No, the Holy Family was a real family. 'Tears and smiles, like us,' they knew, each in their own way. All our experiences of family, and of our relationships within them, form a school where our understanding of holiness can deepen, where, modelled on Christ, we are trained how to love evermore generously.

Of course, we know family life is not always easy. Every family needs help, especially when its members face difficulties and struggles. Above all, each of us, no matter what our age or circumstances, needs to know that we are loved and that we belong. This is why the Church matters, as a family for everyone, a place to find and know God's love, a place to discover our true home in Christ and with each other. *[The full text of the letter can be found [via this link on our online newsletter.](#)]*

**If you are applying for a place at a Catholic Primary School for September 2021 please read this information very carefully** as some forms can be sent and completed digitally via email and can avoid the need to print out paper copies. Fr Adrian can complete either digital or paper copies but **ALL FAMILIES requesting a reference are asked to email Fr Adrian to obtain a form called the "Parish Reference Request"**. Whenever possible, Fr Adrian prefers to receive a digital version of the Parish form, photo and baptism certificate sent by email to the Parish Office (details below), but paper copies can be sent as well. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the family information and when receiving a school reference, he refers back to the Catholic baptism certificate of the child as well as the biographical data.

**Please note: The Parish form is NOT the school reference or Supplementary Information form, but the data Fr Adrian requires in order to provide the reference. Please do not confuse this form with the forms required by schools.**

Once completed, PAPER COPIES of school references handed in the weekend before are to be collected from 11.30am to 12pm the following Sunday. This process allows for papers/plastic covers to be quarantined and completed after 48-72 hours, and left for a further 48-72 hours to be collected. Please note: Papers cannot be dropped off or collected outside these times. Under current Tier Restrictions we are able to open for Mass, but not everyone is able to attend Mass, so the collection of any paper copies of school references on Sundays is deliberately outside of Mass. Since our Sunday Obligation continues to be suspended, no one is penalised for not being able to be at Mass on a Sunday as our 11am Zoom Mass continues to be Livestreamed.

Upon receipt of the "Parish Reference Request" Fr Adrian may contact you by phone or Zoom if he has any queries. Please remember it can take a minimum of 7 to 10 days to complete the reference and quarantine process, so please return your forms promptly. Any reference request that is received less than two weekends before the school's final date of receipt cannot be processed as there will not be enough time for the completion and quarantine process. For example, **if the Primary School Reference has to be back by Friday 15 January, the last date to drop the form into the Parish Office is Saturday 2 January** to allow for a quarantine of 72 hours before and after completion, **so that the reference(s) can be collected from Fr Adrian at Noon on Sunday 10 January.** Please note: Fr Adrian can only provide references for members of the Parish and cannot provide a reference without a completed "Parish Reference Request" with a copy of the child's baptism certificate attached. Please follow the instructions on the Parish form regarding all the documents Fr Adrian needs, thank you.

**Fr Adrian would like to extend a special thank you to Clare and Loretta who help to coordinate our volunteer rotas and to all the volunteers who help to ensure that our Parish church can open and minister safely under the Covid restrictions. May 2021 continue to be a year of blessings through your help and support, 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 pray for the repose of the souls of**

Baby Tommy Murphy, Mary 'May' Gill, Michael Smyth, Ann Heaton, Helen Van Steen, Gerry Fitzmaurice and Hugh Maguire who died recently;

for Pauline Bugela, Alice Tame, Albert Rosier, Sheila Niedenthal, Eileen Burnside, Margaret Jordan 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.