



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.

Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

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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>

Please note: information specific to when we will be able to open our doors for Mass is listed overleaf.

As Lockdown is lifted in many places across the country next week, and Parish Family members begin to go on holidays or 'staycations', the work of the Parish continues apace as we say a fond farewell to our Year Six School Leavers, to Mrs Frostick and to other staff members and pupils moving on this summer.



None of us expected to say farewell at the end of term in quite the way we had to, yet the joy of our Parish children being able to say goodbye to their teachers, their classmates and their school friends, has been managed in the safest and best way possible. Sadly, there was no

big Year Six Leavers' Show, but we did have the joy of celebrating Mass for our Leavers on the Feast of St Mary Magdalen, as we sent them off to schools and pastures new. When I first arrived in the Parish last August I had the surprise of having to deal with a major water leak in the Hall kitchen and the maintenance issues have never stopped! Yet, when I first visited the school in September, it was wonderful to have such a warm welcome from Mrs Frostick and Year Six especially, as they helped to introduce me to all the year groups on a tour around the school. So, it is with special thanks in my heart that I say 'farewell' and 'Godspeed' to them and to all who will be moving on this year. ...

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.**

When announced the church will open from 10am to 12pm on Sundays, including livestreamed Mass from 11-11.30am for up to 60 people.

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

26th July – 2nd August 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 19th July

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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Please be assured of my thoughts and prayers as we all enter a new 'chapter' in our lives and that hopefully you will have the chance for at least a little break over the summer. I will be here, celebrating Mass each day, looking after the Parish and praying that, wherever God takes you, whether that's just over the summer or over the new school year ahead, that you will always feel at home in and a part of St Mary Magdalen's Parish, even though we may be physically apart. With my continued prayers for all the family, God bless, Fr Adrian.

Please remember, while the repair works go on, besides from a non-public daily Mass, there will be one Mass on a Sunday at 11am which will continue to be livestreamed via Zoom. **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. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we move forward together. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk.



A message from Fr Adrian: with the help of members of the Parish Finance Committee and the Diocesan Property Department, our proposal for the ceiling repair received the approval of the Diocesan Trustees. From this coming Monday, the central Nave of the church will be shrouded by scaffolding to enable the inspection and report of an independent Buildings' Surveyor. We hope and pray that the damage to the ceiling is limited so that the repair works can be under our projected budget of £40,000. **Do please keep this work in your prayers as the safety of everyone who comes through our church buildings is paramount;** but there is a danger that, if more extensive damage is discovered, we will have to return to the Diocese to seek the approval of the Art and Architecture Committee in how best to preserve the ceiling. 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. 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> **Although this will be the last formal newsletter until the end of August, I will email each week with the Mass schedule and with any urgent news such as the ceiling update.** 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 will begin again before public Mass.

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

26th July – 2nd August 2020

Sunday 26 th July 17 th Sunday Ordinary Time	11am The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email
Monday 27 th (Feria)	9am Maureen Fisher
Tuesday 28 th (Feria)	9am Private Intention
Wednesday 29 th (St Martha)	9am Mass intention available
Thursday 30 th (Feria)	9am Mass intention available
Friday 31 st (St Ignatius of Loyola)	9am Mass intention available
Saturday 1 st August (St Alphonsus Liguori)	9am Mass intention available
Sunday 2 nd August 18 th Sunday Ordinary Time	11am The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom 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

George Jackman, Michele Fraser,
Christopher Phipps, Joan Hill

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.

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.