



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

From The Archbishop of Southwark, Most Rev John Wilson:

**With immediate effect, without any exceptions,
all our churches and chapels across the Archdiocese
must remain closed to the public until further notice.**

**This is to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 virus
among gatherings of people, and, in particular,
to protect the most vulnerable**

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

Parish & School News

Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate a Live-Streamed
Mass from St George's Cathedral this Sunday.
The Mass will be available from 10am on 17th May and
can be watched by entering this YouTube link:
<https://youtu.be/lmLIFN3u3rc> or by clicking
the above link on our digital newsletter.

Whilst it is not possible to gather together in church, the
prayers and texts for Mass can be found online through
<https://us.magnificat.net/free>: please click on the UK/Eire tab.
Our Headteacher, Mrs Frostick and Fr Adrian sent a letter
home by email to the families of all the children attending
our Parish school this week. Fr Adrian's letter contains
details about some of the resources outlined below and
can be downloaded by any of our Parish families via the
digital version of this newsletter [through this link](#). In
addition to the Magnificat link above (you have to scroll
down the page to where it shows the UK/Eire tab for either
the "[Upcoming Sunday Liturgy of the Word](#)" or "[Magnificat
online edition](#)", there is a separate comic-style magazine
for children that may be of help as well. This is a magazine
for the whole of the month of May but the following link
<https://us.magnificat.net/flipbook/KID/sample/56/> will take
you straight to the pages for this coming Thursday's feast
of the Ascension.

Other resources aimed at older Primary and Secondary
school children have been produced by the Southwark
Catholic Youth Service. The series consists of six two
minute videos, each with questions for reflection and follow
the reflections of Matthew, Fletcher, Martha and Niamh on
Pope Francis' document 'Christus Vivit'. It is an invitation
for young people to focus on staying spiritually healthy and
to ponder some of the big questions about life, through
journaling, reading the Bible, and prayer. The 'Christ is
Alive' link <https://youtu.be/mFVdZNY2DQw> opens up the
YouTube channel and has a link underneath the 'video
window' to the resources which can be found online via
Google Drive and Google Docs. Please take a look.

17th - 24th May 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 10th May

Standing Order **£468**: an average of the whole month

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. If you are
able to make a donation, 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 www.stmarymags.org.uk/community or
by using your bank's App from your phone or online
website. At the Parish Finance meeting last
Wednesday it was decided to print the bank details here
so that you don't need to download these from our
webpage. If you would like to donate to the Parish,
please use your name and Gift Aid number, if you
have one, as a reference, thank you. Our details are:

Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**

Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Staying at Home, Staying Safe and Staying Alert

It is likely to be some time yet before Catholic churches will
be able to open for public Masses, but it is hoped that some
form of opening for private prayer may be phased in over
the month of July. Many adults and children around the
world have found these days a struggle and resources have
been posted in the newsletter over the last few weeks to
help. We may have more 'ups and downs,' as we face a
step by step change to the gradual reopening of the church,
first for private prayer and then, in time, for celebrations in
larger groups. As yet, there is no one 'set path' and we are
waiting to hear from our Bishops, but it is unlikely that our
First Holy Communion Masses will occur as planned in
June. I will email families with any news later this month.

**If you are a Senior and would like support at home
such as food deliveries, please call the FISH
Neighbourhood Care Helpline on 020 8876 3414.**

During this time when it is not possible to physically receive Holy Communion, Catholics are encouraged to pray and make a spiritual communion. Prayers for this can be found online via the link:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/No-Mass-A4.pdf

A visual journey through Ascension and Pentecost. Make your own dove to hang in your window alongside your NHS rainbow <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/focus/>

Masses for front line workers and their families

Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable and in need of treatment at this time. In order to show a spiritual solidarity with front-line workers each week, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral each week which will be live-streamed for people to join. This Thursday, 21st May, Bishop Mark Davies will celebrate Mass at 7pm via the website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/live-masses>

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

17th – 24th May 2020

Sunday 17 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter Yr A	9am The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 18 th (Feria)	9am Thomas Harrington [Foundation Mass]
Tuesday 19 th (Feria)	9am The Mostyn Family [Foundation Mass]
Wednesday 20 th (Feria)	9am Holy Souls
Thursday 21 st (The Ascension of Our Lord)	9am Holy Souls
Friday 22 nd (Feria)	9am Private Intention
Saturday 23 rd (Feria)	9am John Boshier & Evelyn McCabe [Foundation Mass]
Sunday 24 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter Yr A	9am The needs of our Parish Family

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 written on our Parish Prayer Board beside the Baptistery.**

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

Alexander Thomas, Angelo Secchi, Patrick O’Sullivan Ayaka Sato, Louis Felix, Federick Preddle, Anthony Cooke 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 on the Prayer Board and see Fr Adrian if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has responded to the Government’s document ‘Our plan to rebuild ...’ and has issued this statement: “The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government’s document and statements fail to recognise this. The Government’s position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with ‘stakeholders’ in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship. In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship.

St Mary Magdalen’s – the way forward: can you help at a Zoom Mass? Can you be a Steward when we open?

You will have seen from overleaf and above, that it is likely to be some time yet before St Mary Magdalen’s will be able to open up for public Mass. Over the month of July, it is hoped that we may be able to establish some form of opening hours so that individuals and families can come in at set times for private prayer. In addition, when larger gatherings are possible, there need to be plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Fr Adrian has run a trial of recording Mass and is considering all that will be needed for a live-streamed Mass before the phasing in of larger gatherings. Please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk with your views or offers of help to see what steps are needed to ensure we can open up.