



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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER

Standing Orders: £864 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.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS AND INFORMATION

On the strict first Lockdown period we weren't even allowed to gather in church for Mass and we missed all the annual collections, including the annual collection for the care of the Poor known as 'Peter's Pence'. If you are able to donate to this second collection, please use our Parish link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/5342189f-3b41-4e24-b535-e1acb471f6c8> as we will forward this to Pope Francis.

13th to 20th December

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 continues to remain suspended.

The church remains closed for repairs Monday to Friday but is open from 10.30am for an 11am Mass on Sundays.

You can just turn up for the Mass and register at the door, but **PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES.**

Following his stay in hospital, Fr Adrian would like to thank everyone for their prayers, emails and 'get well' messages. They were a great comfort and he especially asks that parents pass his thanks on to the children who drew such wonderful cards and pictures.

On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

we particularly remember that Advent prepares us for a time of joy; with the colour rose acting as a symbol of the mix of the purple of penance and preparation joined with the white of the expectation and joy of Christmas. Our **Jesse Tree symbols** have continued to remind us of the Old Testament stories of salvation in the history of God's people: the **Passover Lamb**, pointing us again to God's care and the sacrifice that Jesus made for us; the **Ten Commandments**, reminding us of ways that bring out the best in us and how we should try to live our lives, in relation to God and those around us. Ultimately, God's greatest Commandment of Love should be written on our hearts, so that we witness, in action, to God's love. Further symbols of action we had this week were the **Trumpet** that Joshua used to bring down the walls of Jericho in response to God's call; a **Crown** to represent how Samuel anointed David as the King – a forerunner of Christ, the King of Kings – a **Shepherd's Crook** to remind us how David was to look after his people, but which represents Jesus as the true Shepherd who seeks and cares for us always. The **Altar** on Saturday represented the altar built by Elijah and reminds us of the altar of Christ's sacrifice for us and this Sunday, **Hezekiah's Tent** remind us of God's presence, even in difficult times, through the very sacrifice of Christ.



Advent Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		13 th to 20 th December
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
13 th Dec. Sunday	11.00	3 rd Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We open this Sunday</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
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14 th Dec. Monday	09.00	St. John of the Cross	Holy Souls RIP
15 th Dec. Tuesday	09.00	Feria	Private Intention
16 th Dec. Wednesday	09.00	Feria	Lisa Cubillos and Angela Sanchez
17 th Dec. Thursday	09.00	Feria	Holy Souls RIP
18 th Dec. Friday	09.00	Feria	In Thanksgiving (Fr Adrian)
19 th Dec. Saturday	09.00	Feria	Holy Souls RIP
20 th Dec. Sunday	11.00	4 th Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
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Please read below for information on how to reserve a free seat at one of our Christmas Masses

Please note: the church can have a maximum of 90 seats available online for each of our Masses. As a result, Parish members are requested to choose **one** Christmas Mass to attend over the Christmas period from 24 to 27 December and even 3 January so that we can spread the congregation over this entire period, as every Mass celebrated on those days is a Mass of Christmas. **Please note: as the Sunday Obligation remains suspended at the moment, whilst it is still encouraged that people can attend Mass (when public services are possible), the very young and those vulnerable or shielding are encouraged to remain at home.** Please see our webpage for details on how to sign up to our online Mass: <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/> **Seats for Mass cannot be reserved by emailing the Parish, please follow the links below:**

- 24th December 6pm Christmas Eve <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-mass-of-christmas-tickets-130100950445>
- 25th December 11am Christmas Day <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-christmas-day-tickets-130409850373>
- 26th December 11am Christmas Mass <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-26-dec-tickets-130410993793>
- 27th December 11am Christmas Mass <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-27-dec-tickets-130411372927>

West Window Christmas Tree Sale

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was able to help us raise funds last Sunday towards the restoration of our 170-year-old West Window. The sale of Christmas trees and raffle tickets helped to raise nearly £500. If you have been notified as a raffle winner please collect your prize from the Server's Sacristy after Mass.

Yesterday we celebrated **the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the unborn.** We ask for her guidance and inspiration as we the church seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that we would become models of support to all in society.

Home Mission Sunday

On this Gaudete Sunday, we are in the unusual position of also celebrating Home Mission Sunday. We are therefore invited to experience the joy of being a disciple of Christ by inviting those we know and love to meet Him for themselves. Whether a last-minute shopper or someone who already has your gifts wrapped and labelled, there is still time to offer something special this Christmas. By inviting people to meet Jesus and accept this salvation we are offering them 'the joy of being set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness' (Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel).

Let's begin by praying for those we know and love to recognise Jesus as their friend. Then, as prompted by the Holy Spirit, **take a step of faith by sharing your faith in some way. Whether through a card, gift or conversation this bold step, when shared in love, could be just the blessing your loved ones need this Christmas.** Sharing our faith isn't always easy but it is possible and worth it. If you are struggling to know where to begin or would like some tools to help you along the way please visit www.homemission.org.uk/home-mission-sunday.

Can you help our Parish School? A letter to all Parish members from our Headteacher, Mrs Catherine Hughes

As I am sure you are well aware schools will not be receiving any additional funding for the COVID expenses they are incurring. We will receive £80 per pupil to support any COVID deficits that exist - which we already know are substantial and varied. The cost of the additional resources, staffing etc. will fall to the school. This is particularly challenging for schools as opportunities to generate income via clubs and lettings are also reduced due to the current restrictions. If you can, please take a moment to sign the petition for full funding of schools and please forward to anyone else who might be interested in signing. Thank you.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/555718> Catherine Hughes - Headteacher St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

JOINT SCHOOL NEWS AND PARISH INFORMATION

In a joint venture with our Parish School, we have been asking for donations of tinned and non-perishable goods to give to our local FoodBank and vulnerable families in the Parish. Thank you to all those who have supported the venture so far; gifts can be brought to the 11am Mass this Sunday and on Sunday 20th. **Please see the list opposite:**

The list of items most urgently needed are ...

- toilet rolls ☞ long life fruit juice ☞ pasta sauces
- tinned vegetables ☞ tinned fruit/puddings (400gms)
- tinned meat ☞ coffee ☞ tinned fish
- tinned potatoes ☞ instant mash.

Thank you for whatever you are able to donate.

Please place your donations in the box at the Lady Altar.

During the second period of national lockdown, the photographer of the Catholic Bishops' Conference has been visiting parishes in London throughout this period to create a unique photographic project which conveys the celebration of Mass in closed churches. These striking daily black and white photos, demonstrate the emptiness of our parishes without the people - the body of Christ - present to join in collective worship. The images also show us the faithfulness of our priests in continuing to celebrate Mass each day during this period. Although parishioners have not been able to attend services, they have been continually held in prayer, and our clergy have strived to bring God's Light into the world through the celebration of Mass at all times. [Click this link to view the online project.](#)

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

Hugh Thomas and Betty Smith who died recently Samuel Keefe, Abilio Mandes Ferreira, Bridget Kelleher, Thomas Heggie, Josephine Horrocks, Hanora Kent 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.