



# 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.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions. The church is open under Covid-safety restrictions and has 3 Masses on Sunday, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with the times and Mass intentions. We are running a trial period of 3 Sunday Masses until February 2022. For information on Honouring Sunday please see [cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/](http://cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/)

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 16 January

Our weekly income was £784 [an average of the 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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Parish Mass Book p. 129

This Sunday we celebrate the 'Sunday of the Word of God', a day instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture and continues our week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Fr Adrian had mentioned over the last couple of weeks that we have had to spend nearly £200,000 in urgent safety repairs to the Church, Hall and Cemetery over the last few years. Before Christmas we began work on a further £17,000 of repairs that were immediately due and, although remedial repairs to the Hall roof and urgent safety repairs to the flat roof over the garage and cemetery walkway have been completed, we still need to complete the renovation of the 'old shop' so that we can use this for Parish functions in warm weather. Since his appointment in July 2019, Fr Adrian has committed the Parish to ensuring that we adhere to invaluable Health and Safety property survey reports, which show that we have £500,000 of planned repairs to come. Over the Pandemic we were not able to undertake any major fundraising but, as 2022 is our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, we hope to be able to begin to raise funds so that we can continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and people of our Parish.

Fr Adrian is aided in this Stewardship by the Finance and Building Committee which is made up of representative members of the Parish. Next month we will publish reviews of our careful management of our resources and plans for how we can "build together for the future". Changes to the way the Diocese manage our accounts mean that we need to employ a part-time Parish Financial Administrator. First Clare and then Anna came to help in the Parish office over the course of Lockdown and beyond as temporary helpers and Fr Adrian is very grateful for all their help as we seek to establish how we can manage our future admin needs.

### ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish, especially 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 C	Mass Details and Intentions		23 <sup>rd</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		For the promotion of Christian Unity
	11.00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time	Milade Matthews RIP
	6.30 pm		The needs of our Parish Family
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Monday	9.30 am	St Francis de Sales	Ed and Liz Bellasis [Foundation Mass]
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Tuesday	Closed today	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	Please note – the church is closed today
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Timothy & St Titus	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Private Intention
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	The Glorious Mysteries
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St Thomas Aquinas	Private Intention
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Saturday	9.30 am	Our Blessed Mother	Maria Furness [Foundation Mass]
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am		The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
	6.30 pm		Private Intention

**This Sunday, 23 January, is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture.** Pope Francis says "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." Fr Adrian has broadened the Archbishop's gratitude to our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers to all ministries who helped to maintain the Parish during the Pandemic, as mentioned in last week's newsletter and as below, but on the 'Sunday of the Word of God' we pray especially in gratitude for those who serve in the Ministry of Reader, a special form of Lay Ministry open to the women and men of our Parish who both live and follow fully the Scripture and Teaching of the Church and have been appointed in their ministry (as with Extraordinary Ministers) after prayerful discernment, training and the approval of the Bishop.

**At the end of the second full Lockdown, Archbishop John asked Parish Priests to draw together lists of Parish members who had helped as Stewards (Welcomers), Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers throughout the Lockdown period.**

On hearing of this, Fr Adrian wanted to extend the list of helpers as we have had volunteers helping with live-streaming when the church was closed, had cleaners keeping us safe when we could open, and volunteers who helped to ensure the beauty and safety of the cemetery and church grounds. **It may not have been possible to include everyone, but our 'thank you list' was drawn up from the rotas of those who helped from the first Lockdown in March 2020 until the church was able to open up again from Holy Week 2021.** The list below (alphabetically by surname) **gives the names of people who have not yet collected their certificates**, so please see Fr Adrian at the end of Mass to collect yours.

**Naturally, not everyone is in a position to be able to help us and over half the congregation have not yet returned to Mass, but our 'thank you list' symbolises all those who help in any way, even solely by your prayers. Whether your name was listed last week, below or not at all a BIG THANK YOU to all the members of our Parish for your help, advice and support.**

Thank you to Carolina Aghulas, Maggie Barker, Rachele Caltagirone, Charlotte Childs, Joanne Collins & Gerry O'Callaghan, Tracey Cotterill, Kim Fellows, Victoria Ferguson and Ben Harper, Deirdre Gollogly, Judith Jones, Michelle McCarthy, Gerry McHugh, Lucy Muentes, Meredith Plant, Oonagh Rafferty, Ana Robertson, Maureen Tittle and Jennie Unsworth.

**If you think there may have been an administrative error and your name is not mentioned, please see Fr Adrian to let him know.**

*thank you      thank you      thank you      thank you      thank you*

**Fr Adrian has obtained through MasterClass a grant for free Online Learning for over18s – see below for more details**

St Mary Magdalen Parish and [MasterClass](#) are offering a free adult Annual Membership to 100 individuals who have been especially impacted as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic who would not otherwise be able to afford access to the classes. Each annual membership is worth £264 per year BUT all fees are waived as part of this initiative. Individuals with an Annual Membership have access to online classes taught by world-renowned instructors. Founded in 2015, [MasterClass](#) is the streaming platform that makes it possible for anyone to learn from the best. With [MasterClass](#) hundreds of video lessons are available from over 100 of today's most brilliant minds. They are available anytime, anywhere on iOS, Android, desktop computers, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV and Roku devices.

To take up the offer of a year's free online tuition without any implication of joining up or subscribing thereafter please email [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk) with MasterClass in the title, giving your name, address, telephone number and a brief description of how the free grant could help you. Applicants must be over-18 but the accounts can be used to help families in the Parish and local community. **Please apply before 31 January 2022** to be in with the chance of obtaining a free grant.

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022:**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed during the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression.

Please click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter for prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes continue this week. Parish families who attend other schools are asked to meet outside the Parish Hall at 5.25pm for a prompt start at 5.30pm on Sun 23 January for Chapter 2 'Lord Have Mercy'**

#### **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 use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian.

#### **Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

Leo Nugent and Milade Matthews who died recently and for Hannah Curle, Soledad Gomez, Jean-Claud Seraille Hugh Fforde Searight, James Farragher, Ellen Leatherbarrow, Charles Carroll, Etienne Stepanopoci, John Barrington 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. Please also state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to the list above for our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass