



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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Parish School: www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk Head teacher: Mr Martin Brannigan



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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.

Parish Office Open:

Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9 am to 3 pm
365 days a year (except for emergency call outs).

28th December 2025 to 4th January 2026

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am and 11.00 am

Weekday Mass: the church opens at 9 00 am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

Please note the church is closed on Tuesday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9.00 am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays from 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £617 [an average of the last 4 weeks]
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website:** www.stmarymags.org.uk/community

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through www.stmarymags.org.uk or by using **the QR codes in the church.** Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.

OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on

Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and

St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

28th December 2025: Feast of the Holy Family: Mass Book p 106-109

A message from Fr Adrian: Thank you for your kind gifts and cards, especially the children's drawings, homemade treats, whisky and wine, so a big THANK YOU TO ALL. As a Parish we have been through a lot during 2025, most recently, the repairs to the Burton Mausoleum and church ceiling; the pollarding of our trees and more safety repairs to come in 2026 including, hopefully, a big refurbishment of the Hall. THANK YOU for all the ways you served the Lord in 2025 and how we continue to be Stewards of the wonderful buildings, projects and gifts we are as a Parish. I would like to thank Brother Reuben SDB for his support on Fridays and Sunday mornings, to Nicola, the Parish Secretary, our Parish Finance and Building Committee members, and each and every Parish Member for your support and service throughout the year by donating to the Sunday collections and helping in so many ways. It is a blessing to have the continued support of Maya our First Communion Catechist and to families helping with our Children's Liturgy, in the hope we can continue next year. Thank you to Anna who helps to co-ordinate the Extraordinary Ministers and to all in our Sunday teams – to our Readers, Welcomers, Collection helpers and our small Altar Server Team. Thank you to Clare and our Church Cleaning teams, our three Linen Laundry volunteers. Thank you to our Sunday Music Co-ordinator Kate and to all our Musicians and Singers who help every other Sunday and at our special liturgies and to Jennie and the Flower Arrangement helpers who transform the church at Christmas and Easter. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU! May we know the Lord's blessing, comfort and care for ourselves and for our loved ones throughout the New Year and the months ahead. With my prayers, God bless, Fr Adrian.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		29 th December 2025 to 4 th January 2026
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
28th Dec. Sunday	9.30 am	Feast of the Holy Family	The Needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Joseph Hellel RIP
29 th Dec. Monday	9.30 am	St Thomas of Canterbury	Barnard Parker RIP
30 th Dec. Tuesday	CLOSED	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
31 st Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Christmas	For Dominic Bemrose
1 st Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	Mary, The Mother of God	For the Intention of Fr Adrian and his family
2 nd Jan. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Glorious Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen	For the health of Colin Fisher
3 rd Jan. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
4th Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	2nd Sunday of Christmas	For the Holy Souls
	11.00 am		The Needs of our Parish Family

Please note the Parish Office is closed until 7th January 2026 with emergency contact only, thank you.

On 11th January, we will be holding our monthly 'Building Together' collection to help with our Parish Health and Safety costs. If you like to contribute to this collection online, you can do so by clicking [HERE](#) in the online newsletter, thank you.

Fr Adrian has asked that our **Sanctuary Candle Prayer Intention** this week be in **remembrance of "Ashley Bale"**.

Each sanctuary candle costs the Parish £5, but we are grateful to individuals and families who sponsor this, either by donating for any amount, or none if a donation isn't possible. If you would like to sponsor our 7-day candle please see Fr Adrian or complete one of the white Gift Aid envelopes with your contact details and stating the prayer intention you would like at each Mass for a particular week, thank you.

Can you help the Parish to take down our decorations this year? We do need volunteers please ...

If you can volunteer at all, please email mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to help us with the following

After the 11 am Mass this Sunday we need volunteers to move the shepherds and the Magi.

Next Saturday 10th January from 10 to 11 am we need volunteers please to help clean the church and to take down the decorations from our Christmas trees.

After the 11 am Mass next Sunday, 11th Jan., volunteers will be needed to help move the Magi on their return journey and to take down our trees. Thank you to all those who donated poinsettias, if there's any you would like as houseplants, you are welcome to take one after any of our Masses on Sunday, 11th January (don't forget to it only water when the soil is dry).



In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: "The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him". You can watch and read the full message at <https://rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025>



The Archdiocese of Southwark is delighted to announce that Bishop Richard Moth, currently Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, will be the next Archbishop of Westminster and congratulate him most warmly on the appointment. We give thanks for the ministry of Cardinal Vincent Nichols for his faithful service to our Church and pray for him as he begins his retirement. To read more and about this, as well as the announcement of Canon Gerard Bradley's appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, please click onto this [LINK](#) or, go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/new-archbishop-of-westminster/> and follow the links there, thank you.

Online Shopping Donations to Support the Parish at NO EXTRA COST. Thank you to everyone for raising donations for St Mary Magdalen Church - Mortlake with #easyfundraising! If you will be shopping online during the Christmas/January sales please consider doing so using easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 7,400 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenmortlake/>



A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish 'Share & Care' Foodbank. With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables. Also needed is washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord.

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Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:

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 will be offered at every Mass as Fr Adrian keeps the private list of names at the altar.

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Luke 10:20

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the entrance and exit to the church if you would like to request a Mass for a family member or friend, for the Holy Souls or for a particular need.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Alice Tame, Elizabeth Bligh, Albert Rosier,
Sheila Niedenthal, Philippa Hoyland,
Michael Kelly, Jonathan Macguire,
Eileen Burnside, Ann Bilson, Margaret Jordan

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