



# 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.

**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).

## 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Mass Book p 85-87

**Prepare the Way...** As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen (representing the colour of preparation and penance); the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the **Magi** on their journey to Christ, our '**gift of prayer**' labels and **Jesse Tree** on our sanctuary. As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen: **the colour of preparation and penance; the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the prayer-lights, prayer-cards and Jesse Tree symbols on our sanctuary.** Over the course of last week we placed the **first symbols** of our Jesse Tree: a **dove** reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin. **Noah's ark**, reminded us of God's covenant to save his people; then we had the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls each of us, even today. Our next symbol was a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son; then came Joseph's sacks of **grain** to represent God's provision, even in difficult times. On Friday (the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) we placed a **White Lily** to symbolise the purity of Mary, the Handmaid of the Lord, and our hope in the dawn of life eternal. On Sunday we have two icons representing God's Covenant of protection and provision through the **Passover Lamb** (a symbol of the Sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God) at the Family Mass and the 11am Mass our symbol shows how God's people are as countless as the number of **stars** in the sky. **Can you spare some time to help decorate our Church at Christmas?** If so, please come along and join the team from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., and again on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> to help decorate our church and tree. If you can donate a Poinsettia to help decorate the church, please bring them to Mass up to Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup>, thank you.



### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Our weekly income was £706 [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 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.

#### 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 B	Mass Details and Intentions		10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Spirit
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Lucy	Good Estate of Lucy Sadler
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Thursday	9.30 am	St John of the Cross	Thanksgiving to St Francis, St Anne & the Sacred Heart
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Sorrowful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria	Welbeing of Chryssie Lytton-Cobbold
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12pm today</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday</b>	9.30 am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	For the Apangos and Brough Families
	11.00 am		Leo Nugent RIP

With thanks to everyone who donated to our monthly 'Building Together' collection last Sunday.



A very Big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Tree and wreath sale last Saturday. With your help we raised the grand sum of £767 raised ☺



**Can you help the Parish to Celebrate Christmas this year? We need some volunteers to help please ...**

Please email [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) mentioning how you could volunteer if you can help with the following.

- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.**, we need volunteers to help lift down our nativity crib figures and prepare the tableau.
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.**, from 10.40 am in the Parish Hall, and again on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., We need volunteers, from 10 am, to help with our initial preparations before we finish decorating the church. After the 11 am Mass we need volunteers to prepare our nativity crib figure tableau. To help our decorations in the Church we need donations of potted poinsettias.

***We would be grateful if you could bring a gift of your Christmas plant to Mass any day, from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> until Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup>, placing it in the box by the statue of Our Lady, thank you.***

- **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.**, from 10am, we need help to decorate the Christmas Trees. It would be lovely if two Parish families volunteered to decorate a tree each as a Christmas gift to the Lord. Please email Fr Adrian to help.

**Details of our Advent and Christmastide services are available on the purple-coloured flyer in church.**

**On Christmas Eve at the 6pm Mass we invite any children to dress up as their favourite Nativity characters, all would be welcome as many Marys, Josephs, Magi, Shepherds, Angels or Inn-Keepers as we can have -☺.**

### Catholic Primary School applications for 2024

If you're applying to a Catholic Primary School for next year, please see Fr Adrian, after Mass, to obtain a form called the "Parish Reference Request". This form gives details of what information the Parish needs (e.g. baptism details and copy certificate) plus any School forms for Fr Adrian to complete (i.e. the School "SIF"). These forms are to be handed to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms, so that forms handed-in one Sunday, are usually returned the following week. Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions and please make sure that you are aware of each School's cut-off date.

**DON'T FORGET TO APPLY VIA THE COUNCIL AND COMPLETE THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FORM.**



**Missio Red Boxes:** If you are currently holding one of the Missio Red boxes – now is the time to bring it with you to any Mass, please hand it into the sacristy so that the contents can be emptied and counted. Our donations will be forwarded onto Missio on your behalf. If anyone is interested in becoming a Missio Red Box Holder, please see Fr Adrian after any of our Sunday Masses.

### QR CODE for St Mary Magdalen Church – Mortlake.

Especially, just now when you're buying Christmas or birthday presents - please remember to shop using easyfundraising.

You can raise FREE donations for St Mary Magdalen Church - Mortlake at the same time with brands including John Lewis & Partners, Argos, M&S and more!

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes and would be an enormous help to us, at no extra cost to yourself!

They've put together all the latest and best offers in one place here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/offers/trending-offers?utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=backtoschool-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/offers/trending-offers?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=backtoschool-email1)



**Following their move, if anyone would like to send Michael and Christine Brown a Christmas card they would love to hear from you: their new address is: Room 50, Cedar Mews, Birstall, Leicester LE4 3LX.**

**Please see the Caritas Social Action poster 'Hosting with Housing Justice' in the Church porch.** If you would like to open your home to an asylum-seeker, refugee or other migrant and would like to help please see the poster which has information of how you can help, thank you.

**In response to the Israel-Palestinian crisis, CAFOD have launched an appeal to support those affected and get funds to local experts in Gaza and southern Israel to help communities and those who need our help. If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD please either go directly to [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) click [HERE](#) or telephone 0303 303 3030, thank you**

### 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**

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

Ann Ott who died recently and for Thomas McKenna and Tess McKenna-Whyte, Roveanna Lawless, Samuel Keefe, Abilio Ferriera, Bridget Kelleher

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