



# 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

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered  
Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

**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.**

## Easter Parish & School News 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**On the Sunday after Easter each year we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.** Saint Pope John Paul II instituted this Feast on May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of the Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska, who came to spread the devotion after receiving spiritual visions on the theme of God's mercy. The message of Divine Mercy is threefold. It teaches Catholics to pray for Jesus' mercy, to be merciful, and to completely trust in Jesus. The chaplet of Divine Mercy is traditionally prayed on Fridays at 3 pm, the hour in which Jesus perished on the cross. The Divine Mercy prayers are easy to follow and the Chaplet can be prayed on an ordinary Rosary or on your fingers if you don't have one. They can be found on the website [www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet)

A particular way to listen to or join in the prayers is through a sung version which can be found every day on EWTN.com or via <https://youtu.be/p5TGfisOKMM>  
On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church calls us to celebrate God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins.

However, it is important to remember that, in this time of 'lockdown', **the obligation of our 'Easter duty' to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion is removed this year, in the same way as it is not an obligation on us to attend Mass on Sunday** since the circumstances we are all going through make it impossible to do so. The Church teaches that the Lord, in His mercy, will forgive our sins, even our grievous sins, if we cannot go to Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as long as we make what is termed a Perfect Act of Contrition, and go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we next have the opportunity to do so. **More on the page overleaf.**

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.

### Collection details for last Sunday, 12 April

Collection for Fr Adrian delayed Parish SO's £425

Naturally, in the circumstances we're in, where we're all called to isolate at home in order to minimise the risk of catching and spreading Coronavirus, we are still unable to open the church. **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, but **please consider helping to continue supporting our Parish in its ministry to all those in need by giving your regular Sunday donation, even though you can't come to the church.** This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our website [www.stmarymags.org.uk/community](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community) for regular giving direct from your account or by using the Parish bank details you'll find on that form to donate through your bank's App from your phone or online website.

**Thank you to all our parishioners who up to now had been donating by Gift Aid either by envelope or by standing order.** If you prefer to make your weekly contribution in the Gift Aid envelope, please store these until you are able to return them safely to the church. **If you haven't signed up to Gift Aid yet** and would like to support the scheme, then you can either download a declaration from the community link above or you can email Fr Adrian who can put you in contact with our parish Gift Aid organiser. For those who would like to give regularly but don't pay tax in the UK we will be ordering separate envelopes for the monthly Parish Care Collection which can also be used for Planned Giving by non-tax paying parishioners: more information will follow in due course, thank you.

**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.**

Archbishop John will be celebrating Mass from our Cathedral this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. The Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube <https://youtu.be/DC9wzn4Wu-k> so please follow the link shortly before 10am. 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: <http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/No-Mass-A4.pdf>

We still have at least three weeks of general lockdown and a couple of months for those, like me on the NHS medical isolation, before we can walk around as before, so thank you especially, given the difficulties, for those who sent a card or gift and their prayers this Easter. Parishioners have asked me to arrange the usual Easter Collection for my support, however, I have deferred any idea of holding this until later in the year. I am not employed by either the Parish or the Diocese but many of us are in the same circumstances of having a greatly reduced income, so please contribute instead to the usual Sunday collection through the bank details from our website and remember other charities in need at this time as well. With my thanks & prayers, God bless, *Fr Adrian*.

## MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

### 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Divine Mercy Sunday Yr A</b>	9am The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9am Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am Hugo Clifford-Holmes RIP
(St Anselm)	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am Fr Adrian and our Parish Family
(Feria)	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9am Tish Deacon's Family
(St George)	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am No intention: Fr Adrian to say Mass for NHS staff & all Key Workers
(Feria)	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9am No intention: Fr Adrian to say Mass for all affected by Coronavirus
(St Mark)	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9am The needs of our Parish Family
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Yr A</b>	

#### 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

Evelyn Dorsett, Mary Hughes  
Hugo Clifford-Holmes

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.

**How to Make a Perfect Act of Contrition:** Cardinal Vincent Nichols states that the Church teaches us that God in His mercy, forgives our sins when we are truly sorry for them. And when we turn to Him and express our sorrow in an Act of Contrition, it's called an Act of Perfect Contrition when its focus is on the mercy and the love of God rather than on the burden of our guilt. So to make an act of Perfect Contrition, we simply need to turn to God and be, as it were, overwhelmed by God's mercy, and then express in our own words or in the words of the traditional Act of Contrition, the sorrow we feel for our offences against the goodness of God. When we do that in all sincerity of heart, we may rest assured that God forgives our sins...the only thing we have to remember is, when it is possible to make a Confession again, that we mention the grievous sins which were forgiven by this Perfect Act of Contrition. **You might say, well, why do we have to go to Confession and name our sins?** Part of the reason is often we don't really own them until we name them. And in the act of naming our serious sin, then we take hold of them and hand them over to Jesus on the Cross, because he takes on the burden of our sin. When we have the opportunity to go to Confession, we go to the priest who is there representing the person of Jesus and his mercy. Until then, under these extreme circumstances, we can make use of this great tradition of the Church:

**An Act of Contrition:** *Lord, I am sorry for the times I have sinned against you.*

*I am sorry because I've offended your infinite goodness because I've turned my back on you.*

*I ask your forgiveness now. Embrace me in your mercy. Out of your love that I may pick up again in full joy, the call of discipleship to follow your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.*