



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

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**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.

Parish & School News

Mass for the Feast of Pentecost

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate a Live-Streamed
Mass from St George's Cathedral this Sunday.
The Mass will be available from 10am on 31st May and
can be watched by entering this YouTube link:
<https://youtu.be/L8cYujY5u4M> or by clicking
the above link in our digital newsletter.

A Message from Archbishop John ...

I hope this greeting finds you well as we celebrate the great
feast of Pentecost, the Church's birthday. These past fifty
days since Easter Sunday have certainly brought their
challenges. We remain in a time of uncertainty, not least
regarding when our churches might be opened for
individual visits to pray. I have [written to the Prime Minister](#)
about this and also to every Member of Parliament within
the Archdiocese. Despite a popular misconception, it is the
Government which closed places of worship and the
Government which needs to give permission for them to
open again. I hope and pray this will soon be possible.

In so many ways we perhaps feel something like the first
apostles did, gathered behind closed doors on the eve of
the day of resurrection. Into their isolation and confusion,
the Lord Jesus enters in His risen body. His very presence
would have been enough; but He spoke words of peace
to them, and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. This was
such powerful reassurance. This is the one they had
followed, the one they had hoped in, the one they
had believed was the Messiah, the one who had been
brutally crucified. Now this same Jesus stood in their midst
- alive and victorious.

Many of us will have had the experience of meeting
someone we love after time apart, and feeling the thrill of
joy brought by seeing them again. This is what happened
to the apostles, but in a much more profound way. The one
they loved had not just gone away. He was dead and
buried. Yet, here He is, marked with the wounds of the
cross, but forever risen from the dead. It's no wonder that,
when they saw the Lord, the disciples were filled with joy.

31st May - 7th June 2020

Collection details for last Sunday, 24th May

Standing Order **£468**: weekly average of the whole month
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. No one is
asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on
individual income. This can be done in a couple of
ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to
return to your bank from our Parish website
<https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community> or by using
your bank's phone App or website, quoting your name
(and Gift Aid number if you have one) as a reference.
Our Parish bank details are: NatWest Richmond (A)
Name of Account: RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN
Sort Code: 60-07-20 Account no. 20224311

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I read recently that when some missionaries went to the
vast Yukon Territory in Canada they soon realised that
they needed a translation of the bible in the native
language of the Eskimo - Inuit peoples. One of the
problems they encountered was that in the local language,
there was, remarkably, no word for 'joy.' So, when the
translators came to the Gospel we hear on Sunday they
struggled translating the sentence: 'When the disciples
saw the Lord, they were filled with joy.' They searched for
an equivalent idea in the culture of the people. The closest
they found was the word the people used to describe the
apparent happiness shown by a dog. And so, in their
translation, the Gospel of St John, Chapter 20 verse 20,
reads: '*When the disciples saw the Lord, they wagged
their tails.*'

(United with the joy of the disciples)

I remain united with you, praying for you.

Please pray for me. With every blessing and
the assurance of prayers. Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John

Most Rev John Wilson Archbishop of Southwark

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. In addition to the Magnificat link (you have to scroll down the page to where it shows the UK/Eire tab for either the “[Upcoming Sunday Liturgy of the Word](#)” or “[Magnificat online edition](#)”, there is a separate comic-style magazine for children that may be of help as well. This is a magazine for the whole of the month of May but the following link <https://us.magnificat.net/flipbook/KID/sample/68/> will take you straight to the pages for this Sunday’s feast of Pentecost. Magnificat is ordinarily a subscription magazine but was made available free for the past month. A further week’s trail is available via the [UK link](#) (all links work via the online version of the newsletter).

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

31st May – 7th June 2020

Sunday 31 st The Feast of Pentecost Yr A	9am The needs of our Parish Family
Monday 1 st June (Mary Mother of the Church)	9am Olivia Prentice [30 th birthday]
Tuesday 2 nd (Feria)	9am Private Intention
Wednesday 3 rd (St Charles Lwanga and Companions)	9am Mana Coughtrie RIP
Thursday 4 th (Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest)	9am Private Intention
Friday 5 th (St Boniface)	9am William & Mary Fitzmaurice RIP
Saturday 6 th (Our Lady)	9am Patricia Garrard RIP
Sunday 7 th June The Most Holy Trinity	9am The needs of our Parish Family

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 his daily Mass.

Luke 10:20

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Ann Willoughby, Harry Noonan, Harry McKenna-Whyte, Helena Poulton, Patrick Cahalane, Winifred Nash, Lisa Parker 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.

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has responded to the Government’s document ‘Our plan to rebuild ...’ and has issued this statement: “The timing and the manner of the opening of churches touches profound sensitivities and spiritual needs. The Government’s document and statements fail to recognise this. The Government’s position, established today, includes these steps aimed at opening churches as soon as possible: the establishment of a task force for places of worship, to work closely with ‘stakeholders’ in ensuring that premises are COVID-19 secure; and heeding the experience of other countries in which churches are already open for worship. In dialogue with the Government, the Catholic Church will continue its engagement in this process and has already submitted a detailed plan, in full accordance with public health guidelines, for churches to be opened for private prayer. The Church is ready to play its full part in the task force, understanding that this includes the possible earlier use of churches for private prayer, as a first safe step towards their use for public worship.

St Mary Magdalen’s – the way forward: can you help at a Zoom Mass? Can you be a Steward when we open?

It is likely to be some time yet before St Mary Magdalen’s will be able to open up for public Mass; however, at some point in July, it is hoped that we may be able to establish some form of opening hours so that individuals and families can come in at set times for private prayer. Later on, when larger gatherings are possible, there need to be plans for church funerals and the celebration of Sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Fr Adrian is running a second trial of online Mass this week and is considering all that will be needed for a regular Sunday live-streamed Mass before the phasing in of larger gatherings. Please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk with your views or offers of help to see what steps are needed to ensure we can open up and please email with suggestions of a time for our Sunday Mass, such as 09.30, 11.00, 18.30 or a different time altogether.